

Ward 4 News

Councilwoman Deborah A. Gray / Summer 2022



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A MESSAGE FROM

Councilwoman Deborah A. Gray

Dear Neighbor,

I am proud to announce that legislation I sponsored, giving Black women much needed dignity and respect, has been unanimously approved by City Council.

The legislation establishes the **Cleveland Commission on Black Women and Girls**, a 15-member body that will recommend programs, policies and legislation aimed at improving the quality of life for Black women and girls.

Creating this commission is in response to a **2020 Bloomberg report** showing Black women living in Cleveland ranked last in the nation regarding equity access to social, health, economic and education

opportunities. But even without the study, we felt this.

This is a national embarrassment and we cannot tolerate this glaring inequity. The commission creates a venue where Black women may express their concerns, experiences and challenges and where recommendations will be developed for programs that will improve their lives.

When Black women flourish, families and communities flourish.

Commission appointees will come from different backgrounds and experiences, representing faith,

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Supporters – including Mayor Justin Bibb and Council President Blaine A. Griffin – of the newly created Cleveland Commission on Black Women and Girls gathered at a City Council meeting June 6 to celebrate passage of legislation approving the commission. PHOTO CREDIT: Louie Moore

Ludlow Water Main Project Underway



The Ludlow Road water main project is in two parts – from South Woodland Blvd. to the city limits, the project involves digging up and replacing 859 feet of water main.

And on Ludlow Road from South Moreland to South Woodland, the project involves replacing 1,413 feet of water main.

Temporary water service will be connected to residents' homes.

The **\$7.8 million project** was scheduled to begin this month and end in September.

For more information, call the project's manager Whitney Madlock at 216-563-7856.



Cleveland Care Calls: Lifelines for Seniors



Cleveland Care Calls is an automated telephone reassurance system offered to Cleveland senior citizens by the Department of Aging and the Department of Public Safety.

Through this computerized system, seniors will receive calls on the days they request to check on their well-beings. **The service is ideal for seniors living alone.**

They can select a time to receive the call between 7 am-11 am. If the senior does not respond, the system will make several additional attempts in a thirty minute period.

If there is no response within the thirty minute period, the system will contact the person that the senior has designated as an emergency contact.

If the senior or emergency contact cannot be reached, the Department of Public Safety may be asked to make a home check on the senior.

For more information on how to sign up for the service, call 216-664-6316 or 216-664-2833.

Buckeye Home Repair and Rehabilitation Initiative

Cleveland was one of nine cities across the country to receive a Fifth Third grant of \$20 million for neighborhood programs to accelerate revitalization. Fifth Third is collaborating with Enterprise Community Partners.

In Cleveland, the plan targets the area south of Buckeye Road. Neighborhoods that have seen a sustained period of disinvestment were chosen. Cleveland Neighborhood Progress will manage the effort in partnership with Burten, Bell, Carr Development, CHN Housing Partners and other neighborhood groups.

A pilot program is planned to help residents purchase and rehabilitate single-family homes and Cleveland Doubles (two-story two-family homes). Fifth Third's investment will help manage the appraisal gap in the neighborhood.

It also calls for:

- New loans and grants to maximize investment from existing weatherization, home repair and lead-safe programs
- Pre- and post-counseling support for new homeowners

New owners will be able to live in one unit while providing a quality affordable home to another family. They'll have access to landlord and small business training over the first 18 months.

The additional source of income will help new homeowners thrive and promote wealth building, and prevent displacement of Black residents.

The neighborhood's declining value has made it difficult for homeowners and landlords to access home-repair and renovation loans. Homeownership has dropped significantly. Over half of residents live below the federal poverty line.

Community leaders believe a resurgence is possible. Buckeye is part of the Mayor's Neighborhood Transformation Initiative. And it recently received a Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant from US Department of Housing and Urban Development to tear down old housing estates and replace them with new construction that includes all income levels.

Buckeye is also one of the Cleveland neighborhoods expected to benefit from the now open Opportunity Corridor.

Call Burten, Bell, Carr for more information or program questions at 216-341-1455.

PLAN TO ATTEND!

Ward 4 Summer Community Meetings

Join Councilwoman Gray and guests for these outdoor, picnic-style community meetings this summer:

SAT., JULY 9 - 11 AM - 4 PM

@ Helen Simpson Park

(At intersection of Buckeye/ So Moreland/Hampton Dr, 2899 S. Moreland)
In partnership with Moreland Group

SAT., JULY 23 - 11 AM - 4 PM

@ Triangle Park

(At the intersection of Drexmore & Chadbourne)
In partnership with Drexmore Rd and Chadbourne Rd Residents

SAT., AUGUST 6 - 11 AM - 4 PM

@ Henry's Pocket Park

(At 11601 Kinsman Ave)
In partnership with Henry's Cleaners

SAT., AUGUST 20 - 11 AM - 4 PM

@ East 131st & Oakfield Ave

(Across the street from Fire Station)

SEPTEMBER 2022
Ward 4 Community Festival
DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED!

Community Development Corporation Helps Homeowners

Burten, Bell, Carr Development Corp. refers residents to a wide array of housing programs for both homebuyers as well as homeowners and tenants interested in repairing and improving their homes.

SOME FREE PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Emergency Furnace Repair Program

BBC provides furnace checks and cleanings to low-income residents of our service area, the Central and Kinsman neighborhoods, free of charge from October through March depending on the availability of funding. The objective of the program is to ensure that their heating systems operated safely and efficiently. Repairs are made when deemed necessary by experts. For more

information, please contact BBC at 216- 341-1455.

Home Repair Assistance Program (HRAP)

BBC performs critical health and safety repairs for a limited number of low-income households each year, depending on the availability of funding. Applicants must live in our service area and meet income guidelines. For more information, please contact BBC at 216-41-1455.

For more information about those programs and services listed as well as others that may be available to residents of Central and Kinsman, please call BBC at 216-341-1455 or email us at laprade@bbcdevelopment.org. Staff can also help identify programs and services best for residents.



**Please note that each of these programs may require applicants to qualify based on income, age, occupancy, and/or other criteria. Information in this listing is not guaranteed to be accurate, as programs oftentimes change in availability and eligibility criteria.*

PLAN TO ATTEND!

Outdoor Picnic Community Meeting

Saturday, June 25th

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

At the Garden of 11 Angels
(12205 Imperial Avenue)

Bring your own lawn chair or blanket!

Join Councilwoman Deborah A. Gray and guests from the Western Reserve Land Conservancy for **neighborhood updates** and to **learn how restoring natural assets produces a healthier community.**

Food and refreshments will be provided at this meeting.



Western Reserve Land Conservancy
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ABOUT The Garden of Eleven Angels

Western Reserve Land Conservancy, Burton, Bell, Carr Development, Inc. LAND Studio and a host of other local organizations led the years-long effort to acquire and demolish the site of where the lives of 11 women were taken by a convicted serial killer. **The purpose of the this garden is to offer healing and closure for the residents of Imperial Avenue and the families of the 11 women.** The transformation of eight vacant residential parcels where blighted and abandoned homes once stood into a vibrant urban green space will not only improve the aesthetic quality of the block, but also provides nearby residents with direct access to a publicly accessible natural area.

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education, organized labor, health care, social work and more. Now that the legislation has passed, the mayor's office and council will begin the process of selecting the commission members.

The commission will conduct research and public hearings and issue reports on the status of Black women and girls. It will serve as an advisor to the mayor and city council.

The commission will also establish a girls' subcommittee to identify, explore and recommend solutions to obstacles that Black girls are facing, primarily in the schools.

This is real progress toward freeing Black women from so many dead-ends in their lives. I see this commission as a monumental step toward empowering



Legislation creating the Commission on Black Women and Girls was sponsored by Councilwoman Stephanie Howse and Councilwoman Deborah Gray.. PHOTO CREDIT: Louie Moore

Black women and girls who for so long have been denied so much.

I want to thank Mayor Justin Bibb and my council colleague Stephanie Howse who co-sponsored the legislation.

Thank you,

Deborah A. Gray
Cleveland City Councilwoman, Ward 4

City of Cleveland

Senior Day 2022

SAVE THE DATE: Sept. 15th
This year, participants will be asked to register.
Details on how to sign up will be available soon!



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Summer Dumpster Days FOR WARD 4

THIS SUMMER, dumpsters will be placed in Ward 4 neighborhoods for residents to discard trash from their yards, garages and street!

More Dates & Locations To Be Announced Soon!

NEXT DUMPSTER DAY:
JUNE 29

3295 East 105th St.
A dumpster will be at this location
from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm:

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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.**
- 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



Enjoy

Recreation Centers in Ward 4

Ward 4 has three city recreation centers – Alexander Hamilton, 13200 Kinsman Ave; Zelma George, 3155 MLK Jr. Blvd; and Woodland Rec, 9206 Woodland Ave.

Hamilton recently underwent some capital improvements, including exhaust and heating repairs at the pool and a new roof.

All three are open, fully operating and ready for kids.

Here are contact numbers:

- Hamilton – 664-4121
- Zelma George – 420-8800
- Woodland – 664-4124



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

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.**



North Union Farmers Market

North Union Farmers Market at Shaker Square is open (East and West Bound Shaker Blvd.). Farms and food producers come weekly with fresh produce, meats, dairy, baked goods and more from **8 am - 12 pm, every Saturday.** Stay up-to-date by visiting: facebook.com/NorthUnionFarmersMarket

