A MESSAGE from your Councilman Michael D. Polensek

The end of spring marks the beginning of dealing with the leftovers of winter, such as potholes and debris.

However, before I address these issues, I wish to thank everyone, once again, for the support that I received in the General Election last year. Since this is the first ward wide newsletter of the new year, I just wanted to say what an experience it was to receive 77% of the vote. The beauty of such a wide margin was a humbling experience. No one in the history of Cleveland City Council has ever received the support that I have over the years. THANKS, ONCE AGAIN!

As we move forward, there will be many challenges and many opportunities. One of the great challenges recently has been the closure of the Dave’s Euclid Beach Market located on Lakeshore Boulevard. After 34 years, they called it quits. On March 21st the owners of Dave’s met with Mayor Bibb and myself and outlined their rationale for closing the store. The Mayor offered financial assistance which they declined. They further cited their reasons for closing at a public meeting held at the Collinwood Recreation Center on April 21st. As a result of the closing the Mayor and I asked them to implement a transportation service to get those seniors and handicapped to the Dave’s Store in Euclid at Shore Center. This service is in effect and we are monitoring to see how many are actual using it.

The Western Reserve Land Conservancy, the organization that recently acquired the Euclid Beach Mobile Home Park, in partnership with the City, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress and my office will be undertaking a land use development plan for the entire area in which Dave’s, the MetroParks and the Mobile Home Park lies within. This will be the first such detailed look at the potential opportunities of this area of our community. We look forward to engaging the community in this process as well as we move forward. A neighborhood meeting is planned for June 16th at 6:00 pm to be held at the Collinwood Recreation Center.

The broader concern is how to attract, grow, and keep quality retail establishments, particularly full-service grocery shops, from East 30th Street and Payne Avenue east to the corporate line at East 200th Street. It is clear to me that if the city and the county can subsidize the Cleveland Browns, the Cavaliers and the Guardians to the tune of tens of millions of dollars each year, then we should be able to subsidize quality retail establishments as needed to grow and sustain our neighborhoods. Mayor Bibb and his team are looking at avenues they can pursue to accomplish just this.

The Mayor is still in the process of

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UPDATE: Ward 8 Water Main Replacement Projects

Darley Avenue | 2022 PROJECT TIMELINE: MAY • JUNE • JULY

WHAT WE ARE DOING
The Darley Ave. Water main Renewal Project involves removal of an existing 6-inch watermain and replacement with 1,319 feet of new 8-Inch watermain. This project also includes replacement of valves, fire hydrants and service connections. Once all work is completed, the pavement will be restored.

WHAT RESIDENTS CAN EXPECT
While construction is underway traffic will be maintained. Every effort will be made for residents to have access to their driveways, but there will be periods of time during construction hours when residents may be required to temporarily move their cars until the end of the construction day. Affected residents will be informed well in advance. A temporary service connection will be connected to the outside of your house or to your service line.

Water service and fire protection will be maintained throughout the project.

Total project cost: $3,299,771.75

PROJECT TIMELINE* Start Date: May 2022 Anticipated End Date: July 2022
*Timeline end date is subject to change.

For more information, please contact:
Cleveland Water Project Manager Whitney Madlock CWD Engineering 216-664-2444, ext. 37856

Jenne Avenue | 2022 PROJECT TIMELINE: JAN • FEB • MARCH

WHAT WAS DONE
The Jenne Ave. Watermain Renewal Project involved removal of an existing 6-inch watermain and replacement with 1,311 feet of new 8-Inch watermain between East 140th St. and East 146th St. This project also included replacement of valves, fire hydrants, and service connections. The pavement will be restored, upon completion.

EXPECTATIONS MET
Traffic was maintained during construction. Efforts were made for residents to have access to their driveways, but there were periods of time during construction hours when residents temporarily needed to move their cars until the end of the construction day. Affected residents were informed well in advance. A temporary service connection was connected to the outside of the houses or to service lines of residents. Water service and fire protection was maintained throughout the project.

Total project cost: $3,299,771.75

PROJECT TIMELINE Start/End Dates: January 2022/ March 2022

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The Ward 8 Citizen

Michael D. Polensek • Councilman, Ward 8 | Spring 2022

Keeping you informed about our neighborhood!
Construction on the Longfellow – new senior housing project that repurposes the landmarked Henry W. Longfellow School in the Collinwood community – is underway and is expected to be completed by early summer 2023. The entire project cost is estimated at $24 million. Vesta Corporation, a leading real estate firm specializing in the acquisition, development and management of multi-family affordable housing communities, is doing the redevelopment and construction with partner Marous Brothers Construction. The plan is to preserve the school building by adapting the classrooms into 30 apartments and refurbishing the auditorium and other prominent features as common space for residents and staff. The redevelopment plan also includes a new building on site with an additional 50 apartments and a connecting walkway providing residents easy access to features in both buildings without exposure to inclement weather and slippery sidewalks. The end result will preserve The Longfellow’s unique architectural features, which are noteworthy, and repurpose the property into a long-lasting source of high-quality affordable senior housing for decades to come.

FREE COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING
Collinwood H.S., 15210 St. Clair Ave.
JUNE 16 - JULY 31
Days/Times: Mon. - Fri., 12 - 4 pm
Please respect social distancing and face mask rules.
Collinwood SNR Summer Program
Free recreation and community programs and free meeting space for your block club, extracurricular program, book club, etc. Contact Tasha Fairley at 216-658-1360 to enroll or reserve space for your activity. Site Coordinator: Kevin Bates 216-635-4730

FREE SUNDAY ADMISSION
for RESIDENTS OF CLEVELAND AND EAST CLEVELAND
COMMUNITY DAYS
A WORLD OF DISCOVERY AWAITS.
Enjoy time with family and friends and create memories that will last a lifetime.
Please reserve your free tickets in advance at: cmnh.org/tickets
Free admission applies to residents of Cleveland and East Cleveland only. Proof of residency will be required upon arrival. For the safety of our youngest visitors, we require masks between 10 a.m. - Noon daily.

CITY OF CLEVELAND PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT
The City of Cleveland Domestic Violence Unit prosecutes misdemeanor crimes including domestic violence, assault, menacing by stalking and violation of protection order among other charges. Prosecutors review police reports involving both misdemeanors and felonies. Matters charged as a felony or referred to the Grand Jury are handled by the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor’s Office.

IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF ABUSE
1. You are not alone there is help available. Counseling services, transitional housing, shelter, etc. Advocacy services can also assist victims.
2. If you are in immediate danger please call 911.
3. Your safety is important. There are organizations that can assist you into shelter (SEE RESOURCE CONTACT LIST).
4. Victims are at a greater risk of violence when they try to leave their offender.
5. Advocates; Law Enforcement, and other organizations are here to help victims break the cycle of violence. Do not suffer in silence.

Domestic Violence Unit - PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE:
1200 Ontario Street, 8th Floor
Justice Center, 8th Floor
216-664-4850 • Fax: 216-664-4399

City of Cleveland Police - Fifth District:
881 East 152nd Street • 216-623-5500
Domestic Violence Unit - Police Headquarters:
1200 Ontario Street, 8th Floor
216-623-5828 / 216-623-5866

RESOURCE CONTACT INFORMATION
Cuyahoga County Witness/Victim Service Center (216) 443-7325
Domestic Relations Court Domestic Violence Department (216) 696-8520
Legal Aid Society of Cleveland (216) 657-1000
Al-Anon/Alateen Cleveland (216) 623-1381
Asian Inc. (216) 887-0130

Journey Center for Safety & Healing (formerly DVCC) (216) 397-4357 (HELP)
Recovery Resources (216) 431-4111
Frontline Services (216) 623-6555
Cleveland Rape Crisis Center (216) 879-3674
United Way 2-1-1
Catholic Charities (216) 334-2900

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Collinwood RECREATION CENTER (NRRC)
16300 Lakeshore Blvd. • 216-420-8323 • www.clevelandohio.gov/NRRCActivities
SUMMER ACTIVITIES
OPERATIONAL SUMMER HOURS: 11:30 am - 8:00 pm Monday - Friday; Saturdays 9:30 am - 6:00 pm
Summer Lunch
Lunch will be served daily from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, beginning June 6 through August 19.
America SCORES Soccer and Service (America SCORES Cleveland)
Mondays & Wednesdays, 4:30 - 5:30 pm • For Grades 1-8 • Youth will learn and play the game of soccer, while at the same time engaging in activities that will strengthen their writing and speaking skills. Participants will complete a service-learning project.
IConnect (Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association)
Mondays, 10:00 - 11:00 am • For Ages 55 and Over
Older adults (55+) who would like to reduce social isolation and better understand the growing tech and digital device world are encouraged to enroll in this exciting class. Adults will learn to connect with an array of content that includes health related topics, education, cultural experiences, exercise, music and games.
Exploring Nature (Nature Center at Shaker Lakes)
Thursdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm • Nature Center at Shaker Lakes • For Grades 4-6 • Join the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes as we explore the living things right outside your local recreation center. This 10 session program will be a mix of observing nature outdoors and completing indoor challenges like creating your own bird feeder or designing a new kind of seed.
Chess (Progress with Chess)
Mondays & Wednesdays 4:00 - 5:30 pm • For Youth Age 5 and Older • participate in chess instruction and then move to competitive chess play.

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CITY OF CLEVELAND

Recycle Cleveland Program Restarting Guidelines:

- Your address must be enrolled in the City of Cleveland’s recycling program to participate.
- If you’re already enrolled, don’t worry. If you haven’t, please go to www.clevrecycles.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 the day before collection and 8:00 am on collection day.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: www.sustainablecleveland.org/recycling

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DIAL-A-NUMBER

Emergency (Police, Fire, EMS)
………………………… 911

Police (non-emergency)
………………………… 621-1234

5th District Police (881 E. 152nd St.)
……………… 623-5500

Fire (non-emergency)
…………………………… 621-1212

EMS (non-emergency)
…………………………… 623-4545

City Hall (all departments)
………………………… 664-2000

Mayor’ s Action Center
…………………………… 664-2900

Animal Control (dogs, etc)
………………………… 664-3069

Building/Housing Complaints
…………………… 664-2007

Cleveland Public Power
…………………………… 664-3156

Collinwood Recreation Center
…………………… 420-8323

Department of Aging
…………………………… 664-2833

Dominion East Ohio Gas
………………………… 361-2345

Health Department Complaints
………………… 664-2300

Illuminating Company
…………………… 1-800-589-3101

Potholes/Snow Removal
………………………… 664-2510

Sewers/Catch Basins (clogged)
…………………… 664-2513

Street Light Outages
…………………… 621-5483

Traffic Signs Down & Missing
…………………… 420-8282

Tree Trimming/Removal
………………………… 664-3104

Waste Collection Issues
………………………… 664-2397

Water Department (leaks, hydrants)
……………… 664-3060

FOR COMPLAINTS OR PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENTS
CALL 3-1-1

MICHAEL D. POLENSEK
COUNCILMAN

The Ward 8 Citizen

Collinwood Homeowners Meeting
1st Wednesday of the Month*, 7:00 PM
St Mary Church at 15519 Holmes Ave

East 185th Street Neighborhood Association
2nd Tuesday of the Month*, 6:00 pm
Lithuanian Village Hall, 1577 East 185th St

Ward Club
2nd Wednesday of the Month*, 7:00 pm
Collinwood Recreation Center, East 152 St

East 185th Street Neighborhood Association
3rd Thursday of the Month*, 6:00 pm
Collinwood Recreation Center, East 185th St

East 156th Street Neighborhood Association
4th Wednesday of the Month*, 6:00 pm
Collinwood Five Pointe Community Center, East 152 St

Any questions about these meetings please feel free to contact Mayor kerrie b. Playl in Cleveland Park 8’s office at 216-664-4236 or via email at KerriePlayl@clevelandcitycouncil.org.