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# The Ward 8 Citizen

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



## 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. To be elected by such a wide margin was a humbling experience. No councilman 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 adults to the Dave's Store in Euclid at Shore Center.** This service is in effect

**"I continue to call upon all of our citizens to spread the word, whether it be within their families or neighbors, how important it is to fill the ranks..."**



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216-623-5135 or  
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216-664-2047

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 undergoing 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

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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

**For more information, please contact:**

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# UPDATE: The Longfellow Senior Housing Project



**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**

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### Collinwood SNR Summer Program

Free recreation and community programs and free meeting space for your block club, extracurricular program, book club, etc.

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Site Coordinator: Kevin Bates 216-835-4730



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### 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 Older** 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.

## 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.

#### RESOURCE CONTACT INFORMATION

**Cuyahoga County  
Witness/Victim  
Service Center**  
(216) 443-7325

**Domestic Relations  
Court Domestic  
Violence Department**  
(216) 698-8529

**Legal Aid Society  
of Cleveland**  
(216) 687-1900

**Al-Anon/Alateen  
Cleveland**  
(216) 621-1381

**Asian Inc.**  
(216) 881-0330

**Journey Center  
for Safety And Healing  
(formerly DVCAC)**  
(216) 391-4357 (HELP)

**Recovery Resources**  
(216) 431-4131

**Frontline Services**  
(216) 623-6555

**Cleveland Rape Crisis  
Center**  
(216) 619-6194

**United Way**  
2-1-1

**Catholic Charities**  
(216) 334-2900

#### 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





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Sunday, June 12th, 12:00-3:00pm  
@ LaSalle Theatre - 823 East 185th

IF YOUR ORGANIZATION WOULD LIKE TO PARTICPATE BY HOSTING A BOOTH AT  
THIS EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT: CJPEAK@YAHOO.COM | 216-346-2371

## 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.clerecycles.com](http://www.clerecycles.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](http://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.



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appointing key members of his Administration. I do have to say, that I am impressed by his appointment of Ms. Sally Martin as the new Director of Building & Housing. She brings a refreshing professionalism to a department that has drifted for years. As I reported in the past, the number one complaint into my office daily, revolves around Building & Housing and Health. I, along with all our neighborhood groups and organizations, hope to see some real improvements in these areas of enforcement.

Speaking of enforcement, we are all keenly aware of the situation we find ourselves in with the sheer number of police officers who have left the Cleveland Police Department this year. As of this writing, we are now down 258 officers from the number called for in the budget just passed in April. This has affected not only the staffing of the “basic car plan” in each district but also the staffing in the specialized units (i.e. Homicide, Sex Crimes, Domestic Violence and Traffic, etc.). As a result, I continue to call upon all of our citizens to spread the word, whether it be within their families or neighbors, how important it is to fill the ranks of the Division of Cleveland Police so we can have a department which is reflective of our neighborhoods. Anyone interested in becoming a CPD Officer should call the City at 216-623-5233.

In addition, the Division of EMS continues to have a problem as well with staffing and recruitment. I don’t have to tell anyone how important EMS is to our families and residents. Anyone interested in becoming an EMS Technician, and for that matter, working in Radio Dispatch, can call the City at 216-664-2047.

Getting back to neighborhood projects, the long awaited East 185th Street beautification project began on May 16th. Perk Construction/CATTS

will be the contractors for the project administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in connection with the City of Cleveland and the City of Euclid. This project, estimated at \$12 million, is designed to re-imagine the East 185th Street commercial corridor. There will be two phases, the first being from Abby north to the Lake simultaneously with the roadway between Villaview and south to Nottingham Rd and next year Phase Two will be the core of the street between Abby and Villaview.

The resurfacing of Ivanhoe Road from St. Clair Avenue to Euclid Avenue, a joint project between the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County, will start this summer. Furthermore, legislation authorizing the rebuilding of East 140th Street from Lakeshore Boulevard to St Clair Avenue was approved. This project will begin in the Spring of 2023. In 2024, East 200th Street will be resurfaced which is a joint venture, once again, between the Cities of Cleveland and Euclid, as well as Cuyahoga County.

However, one of the most pressing issues we face in the city is dealing with the large number of residential and secondary streets that require resurfacing. Mayor Bibb and Council leadership is attempting to come up with a better plan for resurfacing the streets, which do not qualify for County and /or Federal dollars.

The Longfellow Senior Project on East 140th Street is well under way along with the Greater Cleveland FoodBank distribution center on Coit Road. We continue to appeal to the state for funding for brownfield clean up and to assist in demolishing four large abandoned industrial buildings in the East Glenville/Eddy Road Industrial Park area. This is a massive financial undertaking. However, it must be completed if we are to place these properties back into productive use.

My colleagues in Ward 9 and Ward 10, along

with myself, continue to talk to the Administration regarding a St. Clair Avenue redevelopment plan, which must include site clearance of long abandoned homes and commercial structures. We look forward to working with the new Directors of City Planning and Community Development on this critical endeavor.

Furthermore, we are in serious discussions with the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, City Planning, State officials, ODNr, and the MetroParks regarding the expansion of public access and erosion control along the lakefront, west of Euclid Beach Park. Community meetings have commenced with more planning to follow. The estimated cost of this project is around \$11 million and we are seeking State Capital funds as I write this article. I am committed to protecting and expanding access to our lakefront.

I look forward to seeing you around the community this summer. There are concerts, events and special activities. The three big events planned so far are for Sunday, June 12 for a “One Collinwood” event at the LaSalle Theatre; a MetroParks Summer Concert at Wildwood Park on Friday, June 24; the annual Walk & Roll community showcase on Saturday, July 16; and, the Waterloo Arts Festival planned for Saturday, August 27; as well as a Glenville Festiva, date to be announced. For continued updates please see the Collinwood Observer ([www.collinwoodobserver.com](http://www.collinwoodobserver.com)) and the Scoop on Summer ([www.collinwoodscoop.org](http://www.collinwoodscoop.org)).

As always, I may be reached at my office at 216-664-4236 or via email at [mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org](mailto:mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org).

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Emergency (Police, Fire, EMS) .....	911
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5th District Police (881 E. 152nd St.) .....	623-5500
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EMS (non-emergency) .....	623-4545
CityHall(alldepartments) .....	664-2000
Mayor's Action Center .....	664-2900
Animal Control (dogs, etc) .....	664-3069
Building/Housing Complaints .....	664-2007
ClevelandPublicPower .....	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 (dogged) .....	664-2513
Street Light Outages (CIP) .....	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  
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# UPCOMING Community Meetings



### Collinwood Homeowners Meeting

1st Wednesday of the Month\*, 7:00 PM  
St Mary Church at 15519 Holmes Ave  
*(\*Months: March, April, May, June, Sept., Oct., Nov., and Dec.)*

### East 185th Street Neighborhood Association

2nd Tuesday of the Month\*, 6:00 pm  
Lithuanian Village Hall, 877 East 185th St  
*(\*Every month except January; June meeting at Wildwood Park Pavilion)*

### Ward Club

2nd Wednesday of the Month\*, 6:00 pm  
Collinwood Recreation Center, 16300 Lakeshore Blvd  
*(\*Months: Feb., March, Apr., May, June, Sept., Oct., Nov. and Dec.)*

### East 156th Street Neighborhood Association

3rd Thursday of the Month\*, 6:00 pm  
Collinwood Recreation Center at 16300 Lakeshore Blvd  
*(\*Every month except January; Call to be connected to Chairperson)*

### East 140th Street Neighborhood Association

4th Wednesday of the Month\*, 6:00 pm  
Collinwood Five Pointe Community Center, East 152 St  
*(\*Months: March, Apr, May, June, Sept., Oct., and Nov.)*

Any questions about these meetings please feel free to  
contact Mary Louise Jesek Daley, in Councilman Polensek's office at  
216-664-4236 or via email at [mdaley@clevelandcitycouncil.org](mailto:mdaley@clevelandcitycouncil.org).

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**The Division of Recreation at (216) 664-2325**