

# The Ward 17 Dispatch

Councilman Charles J. Slife | Spring 2022



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**CHARLES J. SLIFE**



## A Message from Councilman Charles Slife

### Hi neighbors!

Spring has arrived in West Park and I am eager to see neighbors back outside and our neighborhood in full bloom. **Between Mayor Bibb taking office and Council passing the budget, it has been a busy couple of months at Cleveland City Hall.** I am optimistic that new leadership at City Hall will help move our city and ward forward.

As always, it is an honor to serve as your representative and I remain committed to being a vocal advocate for our neighborhood. This includes creating new home repair and development programs that fit the needs of neighborhoods like West Park, where existing resources struggle to help repair older buildings and grow our community. Our neighborhood parks are loved and widely used. Parks planning has helped secure new tennis courts and a brand new playground in 2022. Lastly,

a neighborhood is not complete without events big and small. I cannot wait to see everyone at The Hooley! And please contact my office if you are interested in having a block party this year!

**Ward 17 continues to attract residents, businesses, and development.** As construction season gets underway, expect to see the former K-Mart plaza come to life as the new and improved **West Park Shopping Center.** Other visible projects include the construction of two new animal hospitals, the reopening of the West Park Library, and home improvement projects across the ward.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter! Thanks for reading!

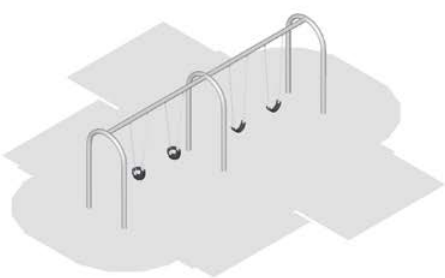
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## New Playground for Drakefield Park



An all-new playset is coming to Drakefield Park (between Greenhill Rd. and Silsby Rd.) this year! The new equipment will replace the existing playset and will be an exciting addition to the park and Ward 17.

The **new playset will be one-of-a-kind in Cleveland and will feature a firefighter theme.**

Older kids will have an ADA-accessible fire tower that features three slides, monkey bars, and other climbing features. For the younger kids, a smaller playset designed to resemble a fire engine will also feature a slide and climbing opportunities.

In addition to providing kids with a new playground amenity, **the playset is also a nod to Lt. Richard Petras, a Cleveland firefighter and Silsby Road resident**



**who passed away from COVID in August 2020.**

Shortly before his passing, Lt. Petras contacted Council inquiring about potential improvements at Drakefield Park, where he often took his daughters when they were young.

The new playset at Drakefield Park will be a fun and exciting amenity for our neighborhood kids. It will also recognize the service of our firefighters and the memory of Lt. Petras.

## Kudos in KAMMS

**Do you think you have the nicest neighbor in the Ward?**

Is there someone that dug you out the snow this past winter? Is there someone that always has a cup of sugar to borrow? Do you have a neighbor that's always looking out for everyone?

**Nominate them for Kudos in Kamms so they can get a shout out in our next newsletter!**

Email submissions to Mary at [mbreitweg@clevelandcitycouncil.org](mailto:mbreitweg@clevelandcitycouncil.org) with the subject line "Kudos in Kamms"



# FIRST DISTRICT

## Community Relations Meeting



Come and hear safety updates from the Division of Police, the Division of Fire, and the County Prosecutor's Office.

Hear public safety information directly from Commander Butler and learn how to help make our neighborhoods safer.

### WHEN:

First Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m.

### WHERE:

St. Ignatius of Antioch School,  
Lorain Avenue & West Boulevard

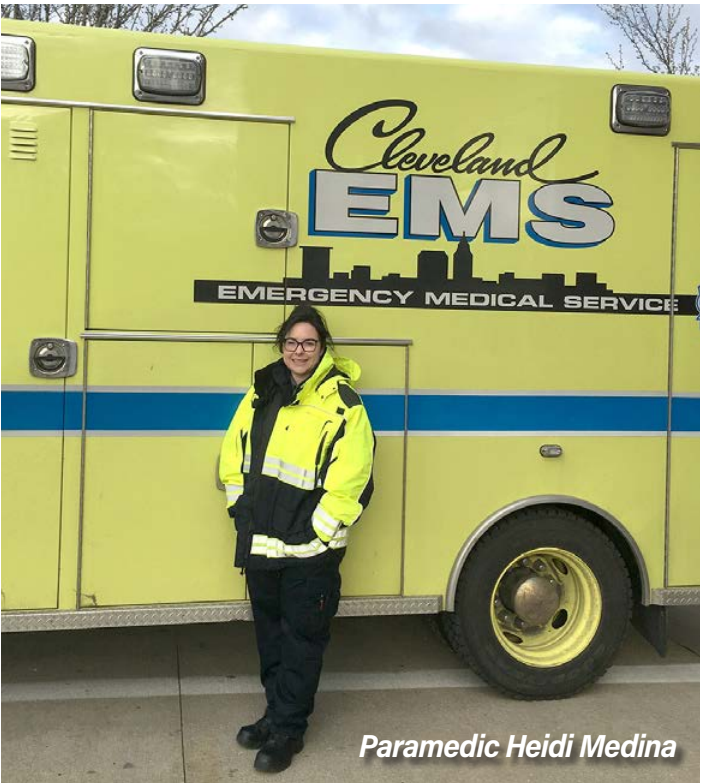
# Our First Responders

**Rank/Name:**  
**Heidi Medina, Paramedic**

**Year you joined:** 2006,  
paramedic since 1999

**Why did you become a paramedic?:** *I needed something that would provide job security while pursuing vocal studies. While working my first job as an EKG Tech/ Nurse Aide I discovered the field of Emergency Medical Service through coworkers who also worked as paramedics. It sounded exciting and offered the type of job security I was looking for. It quickly became my new passion and I realized I'd stumbled upon my niche in life.*

**Favorite part of the job:** *The interesting people I get the privilege of interacting with and caring for. I find it very fulfilling. I've tried pursuing other things but always find myself unhappy, and end up coming back; it seems to be my calling in life.*



Paramedic Heidi Medina

### Favorite places in Ward 17/West

**Park:** 5 Points Cafe is a wonderful neighborhood gem I can't get enough of. In the summer I enjoy taking my son to Kamm's Corners Ice Cream Company.

**Fun fact about you:** *My father is a Swiss immigrant and I hold dual citizenship. I'm very proud of my Swiss heritage. I lived in Zurich, Switzerland for a few years as a young adult where I learned enough German to hold a job at the University Hospital in Zurich.*



## The City of Cleveland is Hiring for Job Openings in Public Safety

The City of Cleveland is looking for recruits to fill vacancies in its public safety departments – police, fire and emergency medical service. Below is the contact information for all three divisions:



**DIVISION OF POLICE -**  
**Contact for Questions:**  
216-623-5233 or 216-623-5135 or [cpdrecruitment@city.cleveland.oh.us](mailto:cpdrecruitment@city.cleveland.oh.us)



**DIVISION OF EMS -**  
**Contact for Questions:**  
216-664-2047



**DIVISION OF FIRE -**  
**Contact for Questions:**  
216-664-6388 or  
[firejobs@city.cleveland.oh.us](mailto:firejobs@city.cleveland.oh.us)



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**For quick and easy enrollment** in the EasyPay program and details, please visit our website:  
[www.treasurer.cuyahogacounty.us](http://www.treasurer.cuyahogacounty.us)

**Questions?** Call 216-443-7400 for assistance.

Cuyahoga County Treasury  
Department  
2079 East Ninth Street, First Floor  
Cleveland, OH 44115

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[Treascomment@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:Treascomment@cuyahogacounty.us)

W. Christopher Murray II, Treasurer





WARD 17 COUNCILMAN  
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Residents and Stakeholders are  
Invited to Join Councilman Charles Slife for the

# WARD 17 Community Meeting

WEDNESDAY  
**MAY 18, 2022**

**6:00 pm at Gunning Recreation Center**

*(16700 Puritas Ave, Cleveland, OH 44135)*



## 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.

### 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 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.

### 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](http://www.interestfree.org)**



## FREE SUNDAY ADMISSION

for RESIDENTS OF CLEVELAND  
AND EAST CLEVELAND



Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel  
**COMMUNITY DAYS**



## A WORLD OF DISCOVERY AWAITS.

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Please reserve your free tickets in advance at:  
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## Gunning Recreation Center SPRING SCHEDULE - DAILY ACTIVITIES



### EARLY OPEN FOR SENIORS

Monday - Friday; 8:30 am

### ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Kickboxing Aerobics (Adults) • Water Aerobics (Adults)  
Youth Swim (Ages 8 - 17)  
Basketball Skills & Drills (Ages 8 - 17)

**VISIT OR CALL FOR COMPLETE HOURS AND SCHEDULE**

**Location:** 16700 Puritas Ave **Phone:** 420-7900  
[www.clevelandohio.gov/NRRCActivities](http://www.clevelandohio.gov/NRRCActivities)



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# the hooley

KAMM'S CORNERS  
RETURNS ON  
**JUNE 18, 2022 • NOON - 8 PM**

Lorain Ave from Rocky River Dr to W 165th

**Live Music, Family Fun & Games, Artisan & Craft Vendors, and MORE!**

*Get all the updates!*

[westparkkammms.org/hoooley](http://westparkkammms.org/hoooley)

[@thehoooley](https://www.facebook.com/thehoooley)

WEST PARK KAMM'S  
NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

HEALTHY LIVING • LIVE MUSIC • FAMILY FUN • ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY



*Mark your calendars!*

**the Market returns:**  
**Jun 12 - Oct 16**  
Sundays 10am - 1pm

*Special Events at the Market*

**FOLLOW US FOR UPDATES!**



**@kammsmarket**

**August 7th | Celebrate KCFM's Sweet 16 with us!**  
CLE Market & Back to School Festivities

**September 18th | St. Paddy's Day in September**  
Irish Music, Food, and Fun

**October 16th | Halloween at KCFM**  
Trick or Treating and Costumes Galore

# 2022

CITY OF CLEVELAND  
Mayor Justin M. Bibb

Department of Public Works  
Division of Waste Collection

**B** Bulk Week

**H** One Day Delayed Collection

**H** Holiday with Regular Pickup

**JUNE**

**JULY**

**AUGUST**

**B** = BULK WEEK (3 items only)

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**5600 Carnegie Ave**  
**216-664-3711**  
**[www.clevelandohio.gov](http://www.clevelandohio.gov)**

**Jun 20<sup>th</sup> - Juneteenth Nat'l**  
Independence Day  
No delay in collection

**July 4<sup>th</sup> - Independence Day**  
1 day delay all week