

Ward 2 Informer

Councilman Kevin L. Bishop / Winter 2022-2023



Engage with Councilman
Kevin L. Bishop



A MESSAGE FROM Councilman Kevin L. Bishop

Greetings Ward 2 constituents,

Winter, and the dreaded snow, comes early to Cleveland. But I hope your summer and autumn were memorable and safe and you got to spend fun times with your loved ones. The holiday season is upon us, and as someone said it "is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek out ways to make life better for those around us."

As Chairman of the Municipal Services and Property Committee, I called a hearing to review the city's winter storm preparedness in anticipation of upcoming inclement weather. Public Works Director Frank Williams reported that the following projects are currently underway:

- Hiring 26 more drivers - training began in October
- Purchasing two additional salt trucks, with more on the way, bringing the total to 60 trucks, with another 20 on

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standby from other city divisions in heavy snow storms.

- Implementing specialized crews to service narrow streets, alleyways, and subdivisions.

City Council also approved the expansion of ShotSpotter, a gun detection system that alerts police when shots are fired and provides an exact location as well as the

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The Union-Miles Learning Center is Open!

"The Union-Miles Learning Center, opened by JumpStart and Verizon, is fully open," says Councilman Bishop, "and I hope residents will take advantage of it."

It's for all community members—from youth to adults. The center, managed by Jumpstart, is within the Earle B. Turner Recreation Center at 11300 Miles Ave.

The goals of the center:

- ▶ Bridge the digital divide so all residents have access to computers, as well as newer and emerging technology including 3D Printers, Laser Cutter, Audio Equipment, Background Screen, DSLR Camera, Lighting, Microphone, Podcast Equipment, Smartphone Recording, Stop Motion Kit, VR System and more.
- ▶ Institute digital skills-based courses and trainings for both youth and adults of the various equipment.
- ▶ Advance residents, small businesses and others

through access to the new and emerging technologies and—resulting in outcomes such as business/job growth, reemployment, upskilling (higher wages), and more students/adults advancing education related to STEM to participate in the innovation economy.

The Learning Center has "maker spaces," classrooms as well as a recording studio and both an augmented reality and virtual reality stations.

Residents have access to computers, high-speed internet, maker and design software, as well as training on Maker technology (3-D printer, for example), recording studio access and support, as well as workforce development for youth and adults. And for those that need it, basic computer training, so they can advance to the newer technologies. There will also be field trips, afterschool programs and clubs.



Councilman Bishop encourages residents of all ages to check out the great programs at the Union-Miles Learning Center at Earle B. Turner Recreation Center, 11300 Miles Ave. Stop by to get the full listing of activities or visit communityforwardcle.com to sign up for more information. Some of the programs include:

- **Cyber Students:** Tech Fun and Digital Skills; (Ages 8-13)
- **Tech Teens:** Tech Fun and Digital Skills; (Ages 14-18)
- **Drop-In Computer Support;** (All Ages)
- **Adult Computer Basics**
- **Hip-hop Songwriting + Recording;** (Ages 12-15)
- **Anime Club;** (Ages 12-15)
- **Expert Maker Lab;** (Adult)
- **Cricut Customs Lab;** (Adult)



Naila's Nook

News you can use from **Naila R. Deskins**
Executive Assistant to Councilman Bishop

Affordable Connectivity Program

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more.



The benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

This program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

Who Is Eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program?

A household is eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program if the household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or if a member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below (visit www.fcc.gov/acp for the complete list):

- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income internet program;
- Participates in one of these assistance programs:
 - » *Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program, including at U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Eligibility Provision schools;*
 - » *SNAP;*
 - » *Medicaid;*
 - » *Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program (Section 8 Vouchers);*
 - » *Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA)/202/811;*
 - » *Public Housing;*
 - » *Supplemental Security Income (SSI);*
 - » *WIC;*
 - » *Veterans Pension or Survivor Benefits;*
 - » *or Lifeline*

Two Steps to Enroll

1. Go to AffordableConnectivity.gov to submit an application or print out a mail-in application.
2. Contact your preferred participating provider to select a plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete. Eligible households must both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.



CITY OF CLEVELAND DIVISION OF WASTE

Waste & Recycling Guidelines and Services



Equipment & Setout Guidelines

The City of Cleveland provides black, 96-gallon trash carts, and (upon request) blue, 64-gallon recycling carts, for weekly trash and recycling collection from all single-family homes, and multi-family homes up to four (4) units. All waste is collected at the "curbside" area, between the curb and the sidewalk, or the property line.

Set-Out Guidelines

- Place carts curbside the night before collection, or no later than 7:00 am on collection day.
- All waste must be inside the cart.
- Do not place items in carts that exceed the height of the cart.
- Place carts at least 3 feet apart to allow room for the truck's arm to grip them.
- Place carts so the opening faces the street.
- Do not lean items against carts, or place them in front of the carts.
- Yard Waste and Bulk waste should not lean against or block access to trash and recycling carts.
- Each week, residents may set out:
 - Up to 20 bundles of brush/tree branches;
 - 20 bags of yard waste;
 - 4 tires without rims;
 - 3 bulk items (during bulk week), and all City-issued carts. Larger, uncontained set outs could result in fines.
- Please use off street parking on collection day, if possible.

Residential Drop-Off Locations & Disability Services

Residential Drop-off locations

Residents of the City of Cleveland can drop off certain wastes at the locations listed below:

Carr Center: 5600 Carnegie Ave.

- Documents to shred; recycling; computers; household hazardous waste (1st Fridays)
- Open Mon-Sat, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Ridge Road Transfer Station: 3727 Ridge Rd

- Recycling; bulk waste; yard waste; tires (without wheels/rims), household hazardous waste (1st Fridays)

- Open Mon-Sat, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Residential Drop-off locations

Smaller-sized, 48-gallon trash and recycling carts, and valet cart collection are available for people with physical disabilities. Contact the City's Call Center at 3-1-1 (216-664-3711) to enroll.

Missed Pick-ups

Smaller-sized, 48-gallon trash and recycling carts, and valet cart collection are available for people with physical disabilities. Contact the City's Call Center at 3-1-1 (216-664-3711) to enroll.

Disposal Tips

Household Hazardous Waste

Oil, cleaners, solvents, pesticides, and other household chemicals can be flammable, toxic, or corrosive. The Division of Waste accepts household hazardous wastes like these on the first Friday of the month, at two locations: Carr Center (5600 Carnegie Ave.) and the Ridge Road Transfer Station (3727 Ridge Road).

Construction & Demolition Debris

The Division of Waste does not collect, for trash or recycling, any waste resulting from the construction, renovation, or demolition of a building. This includes concrete, wood, brick, dirt, drywall, shingles, siding, toilets and sinks. Residents should contact a private

waste hauler for this debris, or they can contact the City about renting a dumpster.

Dumpster Services

Dumpster services are available to City of Cleveland residents for neighborhood events, home renovations, other residential needs, and ongoing services for multi-unit rental properties. To get available sizes and current fees, or to request a dumpster, call 216-664-3162.

Dead Animals

The Division of Waste removes dead animals from public areas (not private yards). To report a dead animal, call 3-1-1 (216-664-3711).

Winter 2022-2023 Waste Collection Calendar

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FEBRUARY 2023						
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CONTACT THE DIVISION OF WASTE:

5600 Carnegie Ave.,
Cleveland, OH 44103
216-664-3711
clevelandohio.gov/waste

KEY: Bulk Pickup Week Holiday - NO DELAY in Collection Holiday - ONE DAY DELAY in Collection All Week

IMPORTANT DATES: 12/26: Christmas (observed) 1/2: New Year's Day (observed) 1/16: Martin Luther King Jr. Day 2/20: Presidents' Day

2022 Senior of the Year: Charles Brown

Charles Brown was born in Cleveland Ohio to Mary and Jimmy Brown. He was the youngest of 15 children. His parents were born in Sunflower Mississippi. Charles attended Wade Park Elementary, Addison Junior High and East High School. As a young person he enjoyed going to the Main Theatre, Carter Theatre and working in the Central Market. He grew up in Shiloh Baptist Church.

Mr. Brown took some classes at Fenn College before beginning an apprenticeship with the iron workers. After a 3 year apprenticeship, he joined Local Union 17 and was the third Black iron worker in the union. As an iron worker, he worked on many different jobs including Glenville Recreation Center, John F. Kennedy Recreation Center and the shopping plaza at East 93rd and Wade Park Avenue. For more than 40 years he has also worked in the funeral home business.

Mr. Brown is the proud father of Charles Brown, Jr.

You can often find Mr. Brown on his street helping to cut grass for older residents. He has been dubbed the "Mayor of Dove Avenue". He is very passionate about taking care of Dove Park at the corner of East 102 and Dove Avenue. He enjoys working with his hands. He communicates often with the Ward 2 office and Councilman Bishop, reporting various issues that need to be addressed.

He enjoys singing, attending fish fries and gathering groups of people. For his most recent birthday, more than 300 people attended. He is looking forward to the next one.



ABOVE: At the 32nd Annual Senior Day Event held on September 15th at Cleveland Public Hall, Charles Brown was recognized as our ward's outstanding senior by Councilman Kevin Bishop, Sonya Pryor-Jones, City of Cleveland Chief of Youth & Family Success, and Council President Blaine A. Griffin.

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number of shots fired. With the passage of this legislation, most of the ward will be wired, reducing response times and possibly collecting evidence that could aid in solving future crimes and ultimately saving lives. We are optimistic for the future and that this technology will make our communities safer.

Ward 2 has once again benefited this paving season, with the highest street resurfacing budget in the city at over 1.9 million dollars.

Finally, Cleveland City Council is still accessing and finalizing the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) projects that will have the greatest impact on our neighborhood now and in the future.

As Councilman, I will continue to make decisions for positive, long-term impacts on our ward. As residents of this community, we have a responsibility to take pride in our city and invest in our neighborhoods, our children, but most importantly, ourselves.

Council has more decisions to make on ARPA funding and is committed that the money will go to help the residents, the families, the children of Cleveland, as well as local businesses.

As always, if you have questions, concerns or ideas on how to improve our community, please don't hesitate to contact me or send me an email. My office phone is 216-664-4945. My email address is kbishop@clevelandcitycouncil.org.

Regards,

Kevin L. Bishop
Cleveland City Councilman, Ward 2

HEAP Winter Crisis Program

The Winter Crisis Program will take applications until March 2023. The Winter Crisis Program is an energy assistance program, aimed at helping Greater Cleveland residents who have been "threatened with disconnection, have been disconnected, or have less than a 25 percent supply of bulk fuel in their tank to maintain their utility service.

Eligible residents can receive up to \$800 depending on their financial situation.

To qualify, individuals will need to have a gross income at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. For a single person, that is \$23,783; the level for a couple is \$32,043.

To apply, residents must schedule an appointment at 216-350-8008 or online at stepforward.itfrontdesk.com. Appointments will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. To apply, residents must schedule an appointment at 216-350-8008 or online at stepforward.itfrontdesk.com.

Walk-ins will not be accepted. Here is a list of the required documents for applicants to bring to their appointment:

- Copies of most recent energy bills; utility bills (gas and/or electric), regardless of account status.
- A list of all household members and proof of income for the last 30 days or 12 months for each member.
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members.
- Proof of disability (if applicable).
- Birth Dates and Social Security numbers for all household members.



It's recommended that applicants submit documentation at least three days in advance to receive assistance.

Documentation can be submitted in several ways: via the Step Forward drop box at 2203 Superior Avenue, through the online scheduler linked above, emailed to Heapdocuments@stepforwardtoday.org, or submitted online at energyhelp.ohio.gov.



Young Adult Opportunities Program

Are you 18-24 years of age? A resident of Cuyahoga County? Not currently in high school or college?

Y.O.U. provides you with the skills, training, and support you need to launch a new career, all at no cost to you.



Learn More and Apply Online

All programs offer:

- Direct supportive services during and one year after completing the program
- Job coaching and retention services
- Monetary incentives for completion of programs

Job Readiness Training

- 3 week training to get you ready for your next job, including resume writing, mock interviews, skills to be successful in the workplace, and financial literacy
- Opportunity to earn credential from National Retail Federation

Work Experience

- 4 week paid work experience
- 96 hours at \$13/hour

Credential Training

- Train and earn a credential for free in one of the following in-demand industries:
- Customer Care: 4-week program
- IT: up to 16 weeks (IC3 up to 8 weeks, CompTIA up to 8 weeks)
- State-Tested Nurse Aid (STNA): Up to 8 weeks (includes sitting for the state license)
- Construction: 9 weeks (this includes OSHA 10 and NCCER)

www.youthopportunities.org/young-adult-opportunities-program

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The Ward 2 Residents

Email List

Residents on the list will receive information on what's happening in our ward, plus press releases from Cleveland City Council and the City of Cleveland.



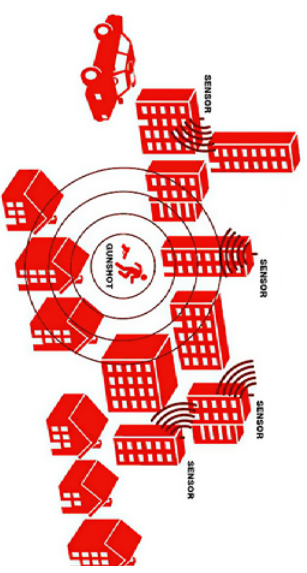
TO BE INCLUDED, SEND AN EMAIL TO: kbishop@clevelandcitycouncil.org
Be sure to include the following in the body of the email: your name; physical mailing address; phone number.

SHOTSPOTTER gunshot detection system will be expanded from 3-square-miles to 13-square-miles in Cleveland after council approved the legislation.

Currently ShotSpotter is only in a 3-square-mile pilot section in the 4th Police District that was paid for by a grant to the city. **The pilot area now touches Wards 1, 2, 4 and 6.**

Funding of the expansion is close to \$2.8 million from the city's American Rescue Plan Act dollars. Cleveland is also spending \$150,000 on an independent consultant that will review ShotSpotter's effectiveness.

"I was in favor of expanding ShotSpotter in Cleveland," said Councilman Kevin Bishop. "Too many people are numb or afraid to call the police when gun shots ring out. "The independent review will let us know



if it works. I hope it does, and curbs the gun violence."

According to police numbers, nine lives have been saved following a ShotSpotter alert, along with 44 arrests and 52 guns seized, directly tied to use of the technology. And average police response time in the area with the technology is more than two minutes shorter than in the rest of the 4th District. The police found that so far this year, only 9% of shootings in the city have produced a call to 911.

Cleveland Residents...

Does Your Home Have Smoke Alarms?

If not, call the Operation Save-A-Life 24-hour hotline at **216-361-5535** to apply for **FREE** smoke alarms

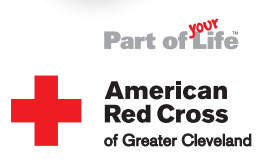
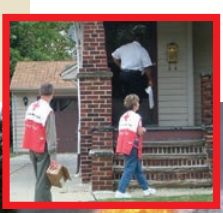
Operation Save-A-Life, a program of the American Red Cross and the Cleveland Fire Department, provides FREE smoke alarms and batteries to Cleveland residents. Smoke alarms are installed by Cleveland firefighters at no cost to residents. Please note that application and installation process may take up to 90 days.

Why do I need smoke alarms?

Smoke alarms provide an early warning of fire and can increase the chances of a safe escape. According to the Cleveland Fire Department, nearly 75% of deaths in house fires are caused by smoke rather than burns. Children and senior citizens are at greatest risk.

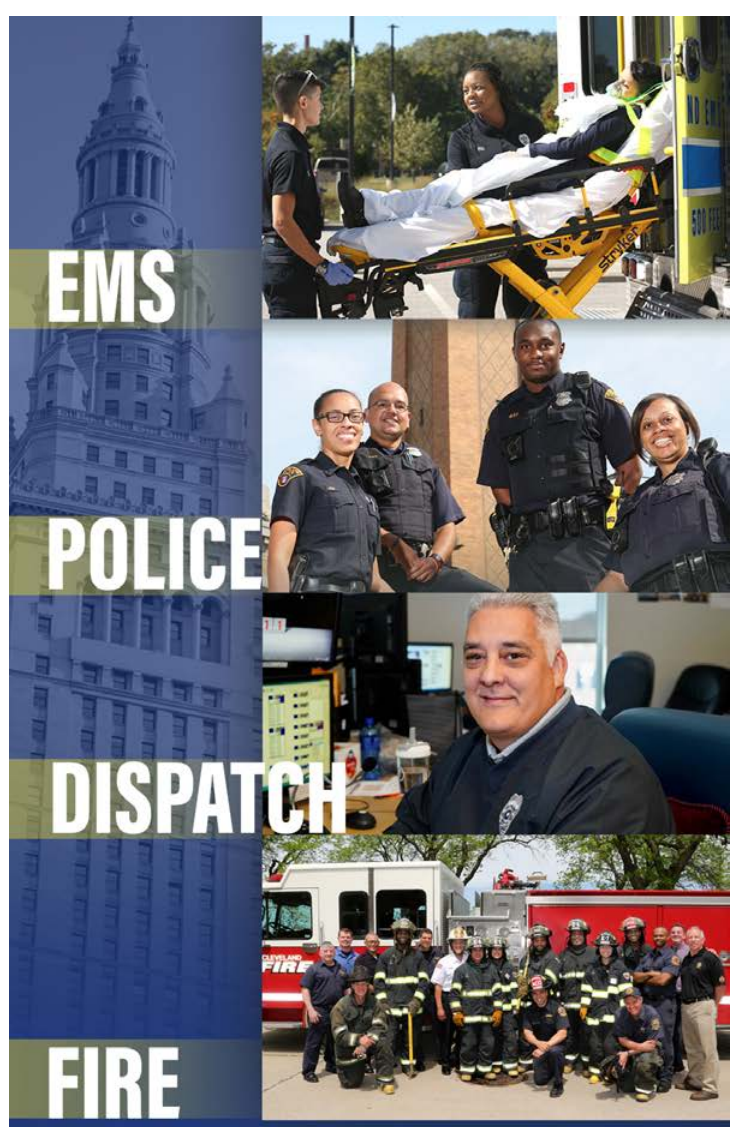
- » Install smoke alarms on every level of your home.
- » Test the batteries once a month. Change them twice a year.
- » Develop a home escape plan in case of fire. Have at least two exits from every room and designate an outside meeting spot.
- » Keep matches and lighters away from children. Put them in high places well out of reach.
- » Keep anything that can catch fire away from space heaters. Unplug them when not in use.

IT'S **FREE!**



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