A Word from Councilwoman Stephanie D. Howse

Greetings Ward 7 Residents:

Happy New Year! Spring is on the horizon and it is important to give thanks to our family members, friends, coworkers and neighbors, who have cared and supported us throughout the year. On behalf of our Ward 7 Office, I personally would like to thank each and every resident of Ward 7 who has volunteered and demonstrated care and love to our neighbors and residents who attended community events and meetings to receive updates and offer constructive feedback to strengthen our partnership in our community. I would also like to thank each of our community development corporations, presenters and speakers for working together with our office to provide our community with needed resources, opportunities and activities to participate in.

I continue to look forward to our continued partnership in 2023 and beyond.

Yours Truly,

Stephanie D. Howse

Utility Resource Fair and Career Fair and Expungement Clinic a Success

On February 4th, Ward 7 Councilwoman Stephanie Howse and Ward 10 Councilman Anthony T. Hairston co-hosted two great events at East Professional Center – a Utility Resource Assistance Fair and the Midwest CannaWomen Career Fair & Expungement Clinic. Hundreds of residents were able to get crucial aid, including support with utilities, homeownership, and rental assistance at the utility fair. And at the expungement clinic, those in need received help with getting a case sealed or removed from public record.

Those in attendance were also linked with employment opportunities. If you need help with your utilities, here is a list of our event partners:

- Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District
  Phone: 216-881-8247
  Website: neorid.org

- Midwest CannaWomen
  Email: ally@midwestcannawomen.com
  Website: midwestcannawomen.com

- City of Cleveland Prosecutor’s Office
  Phone: 216-664-4850

- CINH Housing Partners
  Phone: 216-574-7100
  Email: help@chinhousingpartners.org
  Website: chinhousingpartners.org

- Cleveland City Council
  Phone: 216-664-2908
  Email: showse@clevelandcitycouncil.org
  Website: clevelandcitycouncil.org/ward-7

- Cleveland Division of Water
  Phone: 216-664-3130
  Email: websiteinquiries@clevelandwater.com
  Website: clevelandwater.com

- Cleveland Metropolitan School District
  Phone: 216-838-0000
  Website: clevelandmetroschools.org

- Cleveland Public Power
  Phone: 216-664-4600
  Website: cpp.org

- Community Housing Solutions
  Phone: 216-231-5815
  Email: lindag@yourchs.org
  Website: yourchs.org

- Cuyahoga Job and Family Services
  Phone: 1-844-640-0180 (6446)
  Website: benefits.ohio.gov

- Division of Water Pollution Control
  Phone: 216-664-2513
  Website: clevelandwpc.com

- Dominion Energy
  Phone: 1 800-362-7557
  Website: dominionenergy.com/ohio

- First Energy
  Phone: 800-686-990
  Website: firstenergycorp.com

- Greater Cleveland Foodbank
  Phone: 216-738-2265
  Website: greaterclevelandfoodbank.org

- Legal Aid Society of Cleveland
  Phone: 888-817-3777
  Website: lascleve.org

- Legal Works
  Phone: 216-791-6477 ext. 271
  Email: info@legalworksohio.org
  Website: legalworksohio.org

- Norman S. Minor Bar Association
  Phone: 216-266-7102
  Email: info@nsmba.org
  Website: nsmba.org

- Step Forward
  Phone: 216-696-9077
  Website: stepforwardtoday.org

- Towards Employment
  Phone: 216-696-5709
  Email: Info@towardsemployment.org
  Website: towardsemployment.org
**2022 WARD 7 HIGHLIGHTS**

**Ward 7 Partnership Collaboration Meeting**
June 14th - We gathered all businesses and agencies serving Ward 7 to tell us about their organization and seek ways to support one another.

**City of Cleveland Department of Aging Senior Walks**
July 20th - On this day Councilwoman Howse visited and walked with the seniors at League Park as they exercised, stretched, and were given refreshments. This was a great time to connect with residents and express the importance of health in our community.

**Famicos Resource Fair at McDonald’s**
July 21st - Famicos Foundation & McDonald’s hosted a resource fair for the community and Ward 7 office represented by distributing resource materials to community members.

**The City Club of Cleveland Juvenile Criminal Justice Reform**
August 26th - Councilwoman Howse was a speaker in a panel conversation about how states can boost preventative efforts, transform juvenile justice, and help children access the support they need to meet their full potential.

**Eliza Bryant Village Fall Festival**
October 7th - Councilwoman Howse made an appearance with donations and hosted a resource table at Eliza Bryant Village for the resident's Fall Festival.

**Environmental Justice Meeting**
October 27th - Ward 7 office reached out to different organizations and stakeholders within the community as we discussed the drafting of language to create the definition for environmental justice in the City of Cleveland. In May 2022, the Cleveland Division of Air Quality hosted its first community program entitled: “Change is in the Air: A Community Conversation.” The discussion topics included: Air Quality; Asthma; Environmental Justice & Your Health; and Community Air Monitoring. The conversation was rich and my office was motivated to build on the momentum that began that day. While we are starting our collective work on creating a definition, please know our long-term goal is to build a long-term working partnership to create policies that will restore our environment and reinvest in our communities that have historically been neglected.

**Food Bank Collaboration Meeting**
November 9th - Our office collaborated with other food distributors to discuss ways their organization, along with other organizations, and our Ward 7 office can partner and support one another in our efforts to provide food for Ward 7 residents.

**Violence Prevention Meeting**
November 7th - Councilwoman Howse listened to community members express their crime concerns at Daniel E. Morgan School. A week later on November 14th she joined Councilman Starr, Councilwoman Gray, and violence prevention stakeholders to discuss violence prevention strategies in the City of Cleveland.

**Interview with Spectrum News 1**
October 31st - Councilwoman Howse was interviewed by Spectrum News 1 to discuss her opinion on ShotSpotter, which is a gunshot detection technology that uses sophisticated acoustic sensors to detect, locate and alert law enforcement agencies and security personnel about illegal gunfire incidents in real-time.

**Thanksgiving Highlight**
November 21st - Councilwoman Howse and Famicos hosted their food distribution and turkey and ham giveaway for Thanksgiving.
In 2022, Councilwoman Stephanie Howse:

- Addressed over 1,500 constituent cases
- Hosted 40 Community Neighborhood Office Hours/ Drop-In Hours/ Walk & Talks for personalized and direct contact for Ward 7 residents
- Participated in resident-led meetings at Hough Heritage, Eliza Bryant Village, Addison Square, Rainbow Apartments, Bohn Tower, Kingsbury Apartments and Lawview Street Club
- Passed legislation to create the Cleveland Black Women and Girls Commission
- Passed legislation to provide over $4.4 million dollars to support Cleveland families in affording childcare and to support Early Childhood Education professionals
- Passed legislation to create $30 million dollars for the renovation/construction of 3,000 affordable and market rate housing units
- Passed legislation to provide $2.5 million dollars to support victims of sexual violence
- Advocated for the City of Cleveland to commit a minimum of $4 million dollars for community centered violence prevention
- Established a partnership with the Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence at Case Western Reserve University to provide two summer fellows to support residents and businesses in Ward 7

Councilwoman Stephanie D. Howse serves on the following committees:
- Vice Chair – Workforce, Education, Training & Youth Development
- Member – Development, Planning & Sustainability
- Member – Health, Human Services & the Arts
- Member – Safety

Council is the City of Cleveland’s legislative branch of government and is responsible for writing and enacting city laws, known as ordinances. Council has 11 standing committees that meet publicly to write and pass ordinances that impact Clevelanders – housing, safety, public services, employment, the city budget and economic development.

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December 2022 Councilwoman Howse in partnerships with Famicos Foundation hosted the Ward 7 Annual Holiday Party where over 300 residents enjoyed food, fun, entertainment and

2023

Community Drop-In Hours

MARCH
Thursday, March 16 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center 8611 Hough Ave, Cleveland, OH 44106
Wednesday March 22 - 3:00 - 5:00 pm Mango Mango 3133 Payne Ave, Cleveland, OH 44114
Thursday, March 23 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Hough Library Branch 6530 Lexington Ave, Cleveland, OH 44103

APRIL
Wednesday, April 12 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm Kovacic Recreation Center 6250 St Clair Ave, Cleveland, OH 44103
Wednesday, April 19 - 2:00 - 4:00 pm Cafe Phir 6815 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, OH 44103
Thursday, April 20 - 9:00 - 11:00 am The Bake Shop (located in Tyler Village) 615 Superior Ave, Cleveland, OH 44114

MAY
Wednesday, May 17 - 2:00 - 4:00 pm Green Goat Cafe Bar 2125 Superior Ave, Cleveland, OH 44114
Thursday, May 18 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm Sterling Recreation Center 1380 E 32nd St, Cleveland, OH 44114
Wednesday, May 24 - 2:00 - 4:00 pm McDonald’s 1540 E 55th St, Cleveland, OH 44103
Thursday, May 25 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Addison Library Branch 6901 Superior Ave, Cleveland, OH 44103

Food assistance is just a call away.
APPLY FOR SNAP AND OTHER PUBLIC BENEFITS OVER THE PHONE!

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Serving Avondale, Ashtabula, Bay View, Chardon Square, Cleveland Heights, Euclid Heights, Garfield Heights, Garfield West, Hough, Lakewood, Little Italy, Madison Park, North Pointe, Old Brooklyn, Overtown, University Heights, University Circle, Woodland Heights, West Side, and Woodland West.

Food Bank of Greater Cleveland

For information regarding SNAP (food stamps) applications, food pantries, free produce and hot meals. Call 216-738-2067 or text "FOOD" to 63566

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• YouTube: youtube.com/user/ClevelandCityCouncil
• TV 20 (Spectrum Cable - Cleveland) Channel 1020
• TV 20 Livestream: tv20cleveland.com/watch-now/

Council welcomes Public Comment!
To register to speak at the next regular Monday council meeting, please visit: clevelandcitycouncil.org/resources/public-comment

APPLICATION WORK SHOP
Every Thursday
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Administration Bldg
2200 Orange Ave
Cleveland OH 44101
Find out more & register:
www.youthopportunities.org/youth-adult-opportunities-program
216-972-0027