

Ward 2 Informer

Councilman Kevin L. Bishop / Spring 2023



Engage with Councilman
Kevin L. Bishop



A MESSAGE FROM Councilman Kevin L. Bishop

Happy spring residents!

I'm excited for the upcoming spring and summer weather because it gets residents out of the house and onto their front porches or yards and into parks and playgrounds. (Spring is a great time to check out Mill Creek Falls, the county's highest waterfall.)

There are exciting things happening in Ward 2 and in the neighboring communities. **Legislation will soon be coming to council that will inject at least \$15 million into projects throughout the southeast side of Cleveland.**

The money will go for storefront renovations, prepping empty commercial space for new tenants, demolitions, as well as acquiring empty commercial properties to turn around for future companies and improving the appearance of streets and public spaces.

Deferred and low-interest loans will be available for home repair projects, public art will be added to the neighborhoods, and down payment assistance for residents to purchase homes will be available.

The mayor's plan is to target **five "micro-geographies"** – areas along East 93rd, 116th

and 130th streets, down a portion of Kinsman Avenue, and around the intersection of Lee and Harvard avenues – for intensive improvements and rejuvenation.

This all sounds great, and it is but it will be several months until the legislation is passed and then work begins. I'm as impatient for improvement in this community as you are. So in the meantime, be on the lookout for the future "No Litter" campaign that will start in a few months.

Again, I ask residents if they see something, say something. So if you see dumping, try to get the license plate. Don't litter and call out friends and neighbors that do.

Don't hesitate to contact my office.

Best,

Kevin L. Bishop
Cleveland City Councilman, Ward 2

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Homes for Veterans in the Ward



Councilman Kevin Bishop has worked over the past several years on a project with Union Miles Development Corporation to establish housing for veterans in the community.

The 11 housing units will be for veterans who are either at risk of experiencing actual or chronic homelessness.

Council recently introduced legislation to provide **\$750,000 for the project**, which Councilman Bishop

advocated for through federal American Rescue Plan Act funding. Council is working to ensure that the ARPA funding goes to projects in the community that residents

actually see improving neighborhoods.

Union Miles will partner with other organizations to bring the project, to be called **the Walter Collins Veteran Housing & Services Facility**, to fruition. The location is on vacant land on



Harvard Avenue, east of E. 93rd Street.

"I'm excited that this project will finally get off the ground," said Councilman Bishop. "This is an important initiative that will help veterans in the community."

The facility will provide affordable housing options for male and female veterans, many of whom have unmet housing needs in southeast Cleveland. Rid-All Green Partnership, an urban agriculture organization, will engage the veterans through interactive programming onsite, teaching best practices for successful urban agriculture – promoting healthy living and providing actionable stability for our veterans.



Naila's Nook

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

FYI...

City of Cleveland Division of Waste will be collecting **blue city issued garbage carts** during the summer from homes who have not opted-in for recycling. If you would like to sign up for recycling please contact: 664-3030





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Cleveland is tackling the Digital Divide

In the coming weeks you may notice our friendly Neighbor to Neighbor ambassadors out in the community. **The Neighbor to Neighbor program is a door-to-door canvassing effort that helps deepen connections between local Community Development Corporations (CDCs) like Union-Miles Development, their neighbors and the residents they serve.** Canvassers from neighborhood CDCs educate residents on programs they may be eligible for, as well as ask questions about the experience residents have trying to access quality internet and devices.

As the third worst connected city in the U.S., it is critical that Cleveland learn more about our digital divide and invests in the infrastructure, devices, and digital education to get our communities comfortably online. Based on these conversations, Neighbor to Neighbor partners can educate residents about existing programs and lay the groundwork for CDCs and residents to work together toward co-developing lasting, sustainable programs

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Help your local Neighbor to Neighbor Ambassadors get the info they need to strengthen the CLE.



that provide long-term solutions to intractable issues.

To get more information about digital resources that may be available to you or to find out more about Neighbor to Neighbor at Union-Miles contact Jesse Dismukes at 216-341-0757 or Jessed@unionmiles.org.



Department of Public Works
DIVISION OF WASTE

Upcoming Holiday and Bulk Week Collections



B Bulk Week **H** One Day Delayed Collection **H** Holiday with Regular Pickup

MAY							JUNE						
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	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		11	12	13	14	15
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		18	H	20	21	22
	28	H	30	31					25	26	27	28	29
May 29 th - Memorial Day 1 day delay all week							Jun 19 th - Juneteenth Nat'l Independence Day No delay in collection						
JULY							AUGUST						
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July 4 th - Independence Day 1 day delay all week													

For more information on set out services for large volumes and general waste pick up questions, call 216-664-3711.

www.clevelandohio.gov

Set Out Guidelines

- WEEKLY WASTE**
- ▶ Please contain all waste in the carts provided by the city:
 - Use black/gray city issued cart for household trash and bagged yard waste.
 - NO trash should be placed outside of the black/gray cart.
 - ▶ Place carts out no earlier than noon the day before your regular pick up day. Remove carts by noon the following day.

- BULK DISPOSAL**
- ▶ You may set out a limit of 3 bulk items.
 - Such as tables and chairs, mattresses and box springs, couches, furniture.
 - All mattresses, box springs, leather and cloth furniture must be wrapped in plastic.
 - The city does not accept construction material.
 - Boxes and bags are not bulk items.
 - ▶ You may set out up to 4 tires (passenger tires only). Tires must be off the rim. Please call 216-664-3711 to schedule a 4 tire pick up.

- YARD WASTE**
- ▶ Branches must be cut and bundled. (Each bundle cannot exceed 3 ft. in length and 2 ft. in diameter.)
 - All leaves and grass clippings must be contained, up to 20 bags per week.



Cleveland Transformation Alliance

Quality Schools for All Children

The Cleveland Transformation Alliance (CTA) is a trusted community partner working to ensure every student is engaged in a high-quality, equitable education. The CTA gives families and students the information they need to commit to their best-fit public school.

Below is a listing of schools in Ward 2. With your mobile device, scan the QR codes for each school to view their educational achievements, progress, and rankings.

Warner Girls Leadership Academy



Miles Park School



Miles School



John Adams College & Career Academy



Nathan Hale School



Andrew J. Rickoff School



COUNCILMAN KEVIN BISHOP IN SERVICE

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.

Ward 2 Councilman Kevin Bishop serves on the following committees:
Chair – Municipal Services & Properties
Member – Finance, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
Member – Transportation & Mobility
Member – Utilities *Member* – Operations



Ward 2 Councilman Bishop Working on Neighborhood Change

Councilman Kevin Bishop recently spent five days at a Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative program talking with peer cities about the problems facing Cleveland's southeastern neighborhoods, including Ward 2, and solutions for the crisis.

The Ward 2 Councilman joined others from around the country and from Cleveland for the collaboration that was held in New York City.

The southeast neighborhoods and wards in Cleveland, one of which Councilman Bishop represents, have not recovered from the Great Recession. The area was hard hit by foreclosure and abandonment and was hampered by a lack of local anchor institutions or job centers that could have helped stabilize the community and then worked toward its revitalization.

The community is faced with population loss, vacant lots, homes and buildings, which creates loss of community confidence with those residents who remain. The pandemic

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Leadership
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only exacerbated the issues.

During the Bloomberg Harvard program, Councilman Bishop defined the problem in the neighborhoods as a “cycle of disinvestment” that is prevalent throughout that result in a “spiral of concentrated poverty, vacancy and blight.”

“I’m committed to working on these issues, and I know that Mayor Bibb and his administration is also focused on reviving the southeast side of Cleveland,” said Councilman Bishop.

Mayor Justin Bibb has emphasized the southeast side as an area for increased attention both from the city, but is also calling on foundations, nonprofits, banks and others to work together to renovate and restore homes, support new businesses and

build new infill housing. Council has passed legislation that may give homeowners some relief, with low or no interest rehab loans and down payment assistance.

Which is where the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative comes in. In July, Cleveland Mayor Justin Bibb and Cleveland was one of one of 40 mayors and cities selected to participate in the initiative – which is a “collaboration between Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard Business School, and Bloomberg Philanthropies to equip mayors and senior city officials to tackle complex challenges in their cities and improve the quality of life of their residents.”

Councilman Bishop and two members of the mayor’s cabinet attended the February program specifically to work on a plan forward for the southeast neighborhoods.

“Residents and businesses have been patient, waiting to see change,” said Councilman Bishop. “I am working to make the change visible.”

A HEALTHY COMMUNITY FOR ALL



Apply for a Community Grant of up to \$6,000 from the Saint Luke's Foundation and help to make our community healthier.

Apply for a Grant for:

- Safe Housing & Neighborhood Improvements
- Healthy Behaviors (Diet & Exercise)
- Education, Job Status & Income
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- Advocacy/Policy

If your project is in Buckeye-Shaker, Mt. Pleasant, or Woodland Hills, submit your project or idea and help to create a healthier community. Send an email to ibishop@stlukesfdn.org today!

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More information:

 saintlukesfoundation.org



Upcoming 2023 Grant Deadlines:

July 3
September 4

CLEAN & BEAUTIFUL CLEVELAND

BLOCK 2 BLOCK

A LITTER REDUCTION & BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Neighbor Up Action Grant/ Accelerate Cleveland Quality of Life

 **Award Winning Project** 

When: Clean up Day: Saturday, April 29, 2023 8 am - 4pm

Planting Day: Saturday, June 3, 2023 8 am - 4pm

Rain dates: Clean Up Day: May 6 & Planting Day: June 10, 8am - 4pm

***Meet at AJ Rickoff School: 3500 E 147th Street, Cleveland, OH**

Where: Cleaning up Litter along 154th & Kinsman Avenue to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. intersection (ALDI)

Planting Plants and Flowers along Kinsman Ave.

Planter Boxes

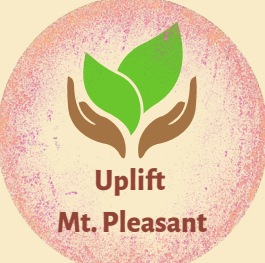
Donation Items Needed:

- *perennials *mulch *decorative grass
- *garden tools *gloves, *trash bags *litter grabbers

We Need YOUR Support

Volunteers Needed:

- *clean up crew
- *planting crew





Who: For more information contact Nancy Jones 216 533-1234 nrjones@ameritech.net. To signup to volunteer visit website

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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.

The Cleveland Department of Aging
Presents the 33rd Annual

SENIOR DAY

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Cleveland Public Hall
500 Lakeside Avenue

10 a.m. – Information Fair
11 a.m. – Program
Noon – Lunch
12:30 p.m. – Entertainment

ALL seniors invited to attend this **FREE event.**

The 2023 Senior Day event will be both in person and livestreamed on TV 20. For more information call 216-664-2833 or visit clevelandohio.gov/aging



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8th Annual Family Fun Day & 2nd Memorial Day Parade
The HarVard Square Center
Saturday May 27th 2023



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Please contact the office at (216) 438-0893
With additional questions or if you would like to participate