

THE GRIFFIN REPORT

Serving the Buckeye, East 93rd, Fairfax, Larchmere, Little Italy, Slavic Village, & Woodland Hills Neighborhoods



Ward 6

New Year

2024

Celebration

January 9 at 6 P.M.

KARAMU HOUSE

2355 E. 89TH ST, CLEVELAND, OH 44106

Hosted by:

Griff **BLAINE A. GRIFFIN**
Council President
Ward 6 Councilman

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A Message From Councilman Griffin

Dear Residents,

Happy Holidays to you and your family! I hope, during this special season, you have the time to slow down and spend quality time with family and friends. Often, people reflect at the end of the year on what happened good and bad. Remember, you live life looking forward, you understand life looking backward.

Please check in on neighbors and friends during this time who might need extra help, when hardships can become more keen, including dropping temperatures and snow.

Council had a very productive year that included providing funding for services and programs that will help Clevelanders. That was my goal, that the federal money the city received from the American Rescue Plan Act actually touches and improves residents' lives. In the New Year, look for new resources for homeowners rolled out by the city that Council authorized.

Several national chains have moved branches out of the city. That's why I always urge residents to try to shop at local stores. Huntington Bank recently announced they may close their Buckeye Road branch. They came to discuss the issue at my recent Ward 6 community meeting. No definitive decision has been made, and they will be reaching out to the community to hear their thoughts and concerns on the issue. However, they will likely close in 2024. I'll know more in the New Year and will keep residents updated.

As always, feel free to reach out to my office with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Blaine A. Griffin

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City Council President
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Meijer Grand Opening Coming Soon

Good news, neighbors. The Meijer supermarket will soon have a grand opening. Stay tuned for the date early next year.

In the meantime, residents are moving into the 196 market-rate apartments above the supermarket. This is a great collaboration of Fairfax Renaissance Development Corp. and Cleveland Clinic.

In November, Council President Blaine A. Griffin and Cleveland Clinic CEO & President Dr. Tom Mihaljevic hosted a community conversation with residents and leaders to better understand their needs and how Cleveland Clinic could contribute.

“We also walked the neighborhood and discussed the needs of the residents,” said Council President Griffin.

It brings a great grocery store to a neighborhood that needs it – often called a food desert – and it brings apartments that many Clinic workers might be interested in because of the walkable distance to work.

The residential component of the new project features a parking structure, a direct connection to Fairfax Market, and walkable access to the Cleveland Clinic campus. This project is a \$53 million investment in the neighborhood.



Upcoming Waste Collection Schedule

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

JANUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	H	2	3	4	5	6
B	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	H	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31					

Jan. 1st - New Year's Day

Jan. 15th - MLK Day

Waste Collection; 1 day delay all week

FEBRUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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B	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	H	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29				

Feb. 19th - President's Day

No delay in collection

MARCH

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
B	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	H	30	31	

Mar. 29th - Good Friday

No delay in collection

WHAT'S HAPPENING WARD 6




Council President Blaine A. Griffin led a Community Conversation on November 28, at The Health Education Campus of Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland Clinic. The Cleveland Clinic invited Fairfax residents, faith leaders, nonprofit leaders and business owners to hear about the needs and desires from the neighborhood and discuss their future plans.


Council President Griffin attended “The Killa K Classic Boxing Tournament” at Fairfax Recreation Center. He presented boxers and coaches from the Cleveland Inner City Boxing Club/TEAM 216 with congratulatory resolutions.




GRIFFIN'S **Legislative Notes**


NEW AND REHABILITATED HOMES:

I sponsored and Council approved providing \$5 million in revenue recovery funds the city received from the American Rescue Plan Act to Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity. The money will be used to increase homeownership in underserved Cleveland neighborhoods. Some 400 homes will be impacted with 100 homes being new-builds for low-to-moderate income homebuyers, 50 existing homes being rehabilitated, and the remaining 250 homes receiving critically needed repairs, such as new roofs, sliding windows, or porches. This work will take place in Ward 6 - and in four other wards across the city.



CONSTRUCTION REFORM:

I introduced a construction reform to specify types of alternative construction delivery methods available to the City for public improvements and give developers more tools. Community benefits – tangible benefits to communities in exchange for city incentives - will be included in determining the best proposal. This works with the Community Benefits ordinance passed in June. Together these will maximize benefits to our neighborhoods and residents, and build capacity and meaningful opportunities for minority, female and small business contractors in development projects. Construction reform should pass in early 2024.



MEDICAL DEBT ERASED:

It is NOT a scam. This initiative is REAL.

Residents will soon be getting letters that their old medical debt is erased. Council approved spending \$1.9 million in revenue recovery funding to erase about \$181 million in old medical debt hospitals are holding this year and in 2024. No need to apply.


FAIR WAGES:

I introduced with other members and Council approved increasing the city's Fair Employment Wage rate, that also applies to employees of covered employers contracting with or receiving financial assistance from the City, to \$15.33 an hour to start.


UTILITY RELIEF:

I co-sponsored and Council approved helping Cleveland residents who were on payment plans with Cleveland Public Power or Cleveland Water. Council approved using \$2 million in revenue recovery funding to pay up their outstanding balances. About 1,200 households who owed CPP and 1,400 households who owed Cleveland Water saw relief.



Congratulations

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Zeta Omega Chapter, 4th District

Council President Griffin recently became a new member of Omega Psi Phi. He proudly recognized his fellow members at the City Council Meeting on Monday, Dec. 4. He looks forward to Council collaborating with the organization to bring support and services to the Ward 6 community and the City of Cleveland.





We Rise Development Inc.

Congratulations to Timothy L. Tramble Sr. While he's president and CEO of the St. Luke's Foundation, he's also taking a developer's interest in the city, with 89th Rising. It is a low-density 48-unit multifamily housing development, six 8-unit homes, consisting of 24 one-bedroom flats and 24 two-bedroom two-story townhomes.

We Rise Development LLC is real estate development with a purpose, to apply innovative design and amenities that transform environments changing unutilized land to community assets. The project will make the street more attractive and increase the walkability index by replacing blight with vibrant modern housing that will be a less-expensive option to other market rate, newly constructed rental housing options of Greater University Circle.






Timothy L. Tramble Sr.

The street is anchored at each corner with two historic landmarks. The Karamu House and Olivet Institutional Baptist Church serve as anchors of the south corner of East 89th while Antioch Baptist Church and Boyd's Funeral Home anchor the north end of the street. Collectively, they represent 440 years of valued service to the Fairfax community. 89th Rising will honor that legacy physically, economically, and figuratively by affectionately naming the two designs "The Olivet" and "The Antioch" paying respect to the significant black history this street possesses.

Tim has over 20 years of community development experience. While heading Burton, Bell, Carr, Development Inc. he founded WOVU 95.9 FM community radio station, and led the creation of BoxSpot micro-enterprise development in addition to many other innovative community revitalization programs and projects. He is also a longtime Ward 6 resident.



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EMERGENCY 911
(Police, Fire, EMS)

City Services: 311
(waste, recycling, potholes,
building complaints)

Social Services: 211
(food & jobs programs, help for seniors)

Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: 988

*Thank you Ward 6
for your support.*



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Ward 6 Community Meeting 2024 Schedule

Join Councilman Blaine A. Griffin for
monthly Ward 6 Community Meetings.
The meetings are the **second Tuesday**
of every month at **6 p.m.**

Meeting Location:

Morning Star Baptist Church
10250 Shaker Blvd.
Cleveland, OH 44104

Meeting Dates:

- February 13
- March 12
- April 9
- May 14
- June 11
- July 9
- August 13
- September 10
- October 8
- November 12
- December 10



Meeting are live streamed at
Facebook.com/Griff4CLE6

Questions? Contact Diana Pride-Mays at
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