



Ward 14 News

Councilwoman Jasmin Santana



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A Message from Councilwoman Jasmin Santana

What a joyous year it's been! Wishing each family a delightful holiday season!

This time of year is special, and I'm urging us all to relish moments with our loved ones and embrace some well-deserved rest. Have a fantastic holiday! Embrace your loved ones, visit your parents, contribute where possible, and take a moment to reflect on the how much has happened in the past year!

In Ward 14, 2023 whisked by in a flurry of meetings, budget hearings, fantastic community events, and substantial development across every corner of the ward.

Best,

Jasmin Santana
Ward 14 Councilwoman

Housing Needs Amplified

Throughout the year, the resounding theme has been the paramount importance of housing. Residents consistently voice the need for more housing options and increased flexibility within the existing housing landscape. Exciting news: the Blanket Mills Apartments are set to welcome their first residents in 2024!



Numerous programs and initiatives are in motion, underscoring my unwavering dedication to addressing local housing needs. This year, the City Council has also bolstered Building and Housing with additional inspectors, ensuring more homes are maintained in decent condition.



Legislative Achievements

This year, I proudly sponsored three impactful laws: the Paid Leave and the Safe Leave laws and the provision of Free Feminine Hygiene Products at City Centers. The Paid Leave Law gives city employees paid time off when they have or adopt a new baby. The Safe Leave Law now empowers city employees involved in domestic violence situations to take time off work safely and privately.

The Safe Leave Law hits close to home for me, remembering the challenges my family faced while I was growing up. We often had to abruptly leave dangerous situations, and my mom, in her attempts to provide stability for the family, lost several jobs. This legislation is a crucial support system for both men and women who have survived domestic violence, giving them the time needed to rebuild for themselves and their children.

Additionally, in a bid to address period poverty, city hall and city recreation centers now provide free pads and tampons for young women. It's a small but impactful step towards ensuring that basic necessities are accessible to all.

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Blanket Mill Moves to Completion

With \$1 million secured from Cleveland City Council, the Blanket Mills Project in the Clark-Fulton neighborhood can finally be completed.

What was once a vacant, century-old factory complex will offer 60 low-income one- to three-bedroom apartments with high ceilings and large windows, as well as space for nonprofits to provide services and support including a day care.

“This is a project I’ve worked on since I was first elected to Council,” said Ward 14 Councilwoman Jasmin Santana. “The financing of the renovations was very complicated. But I’m so excited and thankful that my colleagues on Council agreed that this was good use of the city’s revenue recovery funding.”

“This project is an exceptional addition to our neighborhood, and I am thrilled that many of our families will be able to stay in the neighborhood because of these affordable units.”

The complex on W. 33rd Street dates to 1889 and was used for industrial purposes for nearly 120 years. Its name comes from its use by Beckman, Senior & Co. – later The Beckman Co. – to make wool horse blankets and carriage robes. It has sat vacant since 2008. It was the largest vacant property in the neighborhood.




ENTER TO WIN!

Gift Card Raffle

We want to hear from you!

Take a moment to fill out the Ward 14 Questionnaire and be entered in to a raffle for a \$25 gift card. Winners will be drawn live at 5 p.m. on the following dates:

Dec 28 | Jan 25
Feb 29.

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Green Spaces Improved

The community parks hit the jackpot this year with significant developments! One Park wrapped up construction, another secured funding, and a third has kicked off its design phase. Recognizing the importance of parks and green spaces for our children, families in the neighborhood can now enjoy safe and vibrant community spaces right by their homes. Here are the highlights:



- Mercedes Cotner underwent a much-needed \$1.8 million remodel and reopened its gates this past summer.
- Storer Park, long neglected, received a \$250,000 investment, with the first round of improvements slated for 2024.
- Clark Park, situated next to Walton School, is in the funding stage, with an additional \$465,000 committed to enhance our parks.
- The Storer Ave Greenway is a work in progress, with initial designs featuring trees along the narrow corridor. This \$125,000 improvement aims to transform the concrete-focused street into a greener, more inviting space.

Two noteworthy City of Cleveland initiatives are currently underway: the Parks and Recreation Masterplan and Sustainability Cleveland's Climate Action Plan, attend a meeting to give your input. And let's not forget the community clean-up day for Clark Ave Planters, a collaborative effort between One Hope NEO and the Ward 14 Council office to fill those planters.



Leaves and Snow & Neighborhood Nuisances

Fall is beautiful in Cleveland, but it comes the inevitable arrival of leaves and then snow. For leaf management, you can bag them and place them for regular garbage pick-up until December 29th. Alternatively, leaves can be left on the ground or mowed over to create mulch. Please avoid raking leaves into the street, it can lead to blocked sewer basins and, when frozen, create hazardous icy roads.

Finally, the Second District Police are seeking your help in reporting abandoned cars. While a car gets its first warning after 72 hours, it'll be towed if left unattended. Abandoned cars hog valuable parking space and obstruct snow plows.

To report these nuisances, reach out to Lt. Beckner at 216-623-2716 or sbeckner@clevelandohio.gov. Last year, we successfully moved over 50 vehicles out of the way, contributing to a smoother, safer community.

Prepare for the Weather

Leaves!

OneHope NEO is offering assistance with leaf raking to all seniors in need. Follow the link below to request help and their volunteers can be there to lend a hand.

ONEHOPENEO.ORG/COMMUNITY-CLEANUP

City Support: Residents can bag leaves and set out up to 20 leaf bags with their trash.

Leaf collection season Nov 1 - Dec 29.

Do not blow leaves into the street! Residents can opt to "leave the leaves" where they fall.



Use the Snow Plow Tracker tool:

ClevelandOhio.gov

Snow Removal 507.13

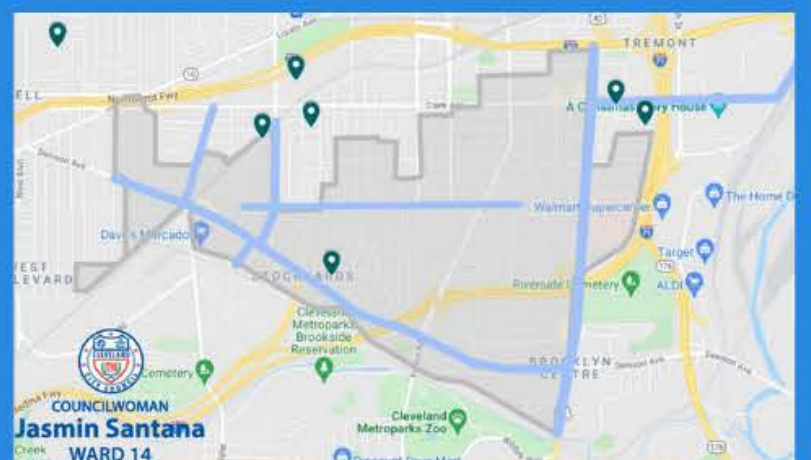
"Every owner, occupant, or person having charge of any tenement, building, lot or land fronting on any avenue, street, alley or other public highway shall clear the **WHOLE SIDEWALK** in front of said tenement, building or lot or land, of **SNOW AND ICE**.. and if it shall be impossible to remove all the snow and ice, the resident shall cover such snow and ice with a coating of ashes, sand or other substance as may be necessary to render safe travel and convenience." Shall keep the entire width of the sidewalk, free and clear of all earth, sand brick, stone, rubbish or other material."

Disposal of Snow Chapter 411, Sect. 411.02

"No person removing snow from any private driveway within the City shall deposit such snow upon the pavement of any public street or on any tree lawn on any public street, except the tree law immediately in front of the premises from which the snow is removed."

Parking Ban Streets

- Ridge Road
- Denison Avenue
- Storer Avenue
- Clark Avenue
- W. 73rd Street
- W. 25th/ Pearl



Ward 14 Accomplishments



Partnered with neighboring council members and the Cleveland Guardians to host a job fair.



Supported funding for Say Yes Cleveland, a non-profit focused on providing full college scholarships to CMSD grads.



Endorsed and promoted College Now Greater Cleveland's "Comeback Campaign," which provides up to \$5,000 in debt forgiveness at eight northeast Ohio Colleges (including Tri-C & CSU)



Supported granting \$10 million in federal funding to Ohio Means Jobs to help Clevelanders find jobs, learn career skills



Supported the Spanish American Committee and Hispanic Business Center to help promote Latino Construction & Contractor program graduations.


My Goals for Ward 14



Creating more job training programs to help residents develop the skills they need to get good-paying jobs.



Providing more support for small businesses, such as offering low-interest loans and grants.



Investing in infrastructure, such as roads and bridges, to make it easier for businesses to operate in the area.



Partnering with CMSD, CSU, Tri-C, and organized labor to create and promote internship and apprenticeship programs.



Promoting our neighborhoods to businesses as a great place to locate.

Workforce, Education, Job Training and Youth Development

As your Councilwoman and Chair of the Workforce, Education, Job Training and Youth Development Committee, I am actively working to bring more job and career opportunities and economic development to our neighborhoods. I connect Ward 14 residents with these opportunities by working with community leaders and organizations.



Barrio 2023 Progreso




Felicidades
POR SU EXITOSA PARTICIPACION EN EL PROGRAMA BARRIO PROGRESO.



Little Free Libraries NOW OPEN


Last month Councilwoman Jasmin Santana and members of Cleveland's Fire Division celebrated the installation of six Little Free Libraries throughout Ward 14.





Little Free Library Locations

- W 73rd Rite Shop
- Womens Recovery Center
- Shalom Garden
- City Life
- Lin Omni/St. Rocco
- Firehouse




WARD 14 VOTES

On Election Day, November 7, 2023, did you realize that 17% of registered voters in Ward 14 showed up to the polls? While we're not at the top of the list for voter turnout, there's a glimmer of hope – we've increased from 13% in the previous election. Considering the overall city turnout is around 29%, there's room for improvement.

I strongly advocate for more significant participation in the democratic process. It's crucial to witness growth in the number of people, especially the youth, who actively engage in shaping their communities by choosing their leaders.

Local issues are the bedrock of our daily experiences, profoundly shaping our sense of community. As we approach the 2024 election cycle, we bear the significant responsibility of electing leaders at various levels – from the President to our Ohio Senator and House of Representative for the Cleveland area. *Don't wait, register now.*

It's time to collectively embrace this opportunity to make a lasting impact on our community's future.



2024 Voting Calendar

JAN 1	Absentee Ballots 2024 start
FEB 20	Voter Reg Deadline March primary
MAR 19	Presidential Primary
AUG 6	Special Election
OCT 7	Voter Reg Deadline for November 5 general election
OCT 29	Application for Absentee Ballots must be received at board of election
NOV 5	General Election Day, polls open 6:30 am – 7:30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">Presidential ElectionU.S. SenatorAll 15 seats in the House of Representatives11th Congressional District Representative

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Cleveland Care Calls

For Cleveland Senior Citizens 60 Years of Age and Older or Adults 18-59 with a Disability



Cleveland Care Calls is an automated telephone reassurance system being offered to Cleveland Seniors 60 and over or adults 18-59 with a disability by the Department of Aging and Public Safety. Through this computerized system, the individual receives a call, on the days they request, Monday through Friday, to check on their well-being.

They can select a time to receive the call between 7 A.M. - 11 A.M. If the individual does not respond to his/her call:

- System will make several additional attempts in a thirty (30) minute period.
- If no response within the thirty minute period, the Department of Aging will then contact any person that the senior has designated as an emergency contact.
- If the individual or any of his/her contacts cannot be reached, the Department of Public Safety may be asked to make a home check on the individual in question.

To participate in the Cleveland Care Calls Program an application must be completed.

Please tell your older neighbors and friends, especially those who are homebound, about this service.

For further information, please contact the Cleveland Care Calls Project Director at 216-664-6316 or 216-664-2833.

New Businesses in Ward 14



Owner
Dr. Nasser Ali, MD

**HEALTH EXPRESS
URGENT CARE**
3762 PEARL RD.
216-777-2155

HOURS:
M-F 8AM – 8PM
S/S 9AM – 6PM



Owner
Chun Wong

MOONCAT BOBA CAFÉ
3460 WEST 25TH ST.
216 – 331-6615

HOURS:
M-SAT 11AM - 8 PM



Owner
Mike Sami

MAX'S PIZZA & GRILL
3009 CLARK AVE.
216-961-5699

HOURS:
SUN-TH 11AM – 11PM
F/S 11AM – 2:30 AM

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CHRISTMAS TIME

FOOD GIVEAWAY

..... LIMITED QUANTITY



SATURDAY

Dec. 16, 2023
10 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Pivot Center 2937 W. 25th St



On this day
we will be giving out
HAMS and side dishes!
Plus, additional resources
will be available.

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For Details Call 216-664-4238

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

WARD 14 RESIDENTS ONLY

