

# Ward 11 News



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**Danny Kelly**



## A MESSAGE FROM Councilman Danny Kelly

### Dear Neighbors,

**Spring has sprung. Seize the day!** I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for electing me to continue to serve Ward 11 on Cleveland City Council. I am humbled and honored. **My first year on council has been action-packed and year two began with a bang! Here are the updates:**



**Safety:** I am a member of the Cleveland Safety Fund Advisory Board and we have invested \$1M in programs to prevent violent crime, with \$9 million to follow. "Operation Clean Sweep" took 56 felons off the streets, with more arrests to come.



**Job Opportunities:** Two more union job fairs are coming this March.



**New & Upgraded Homes:** Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity invested \$3.8 million in Ward 11 to build five new homes and purchase its headquarters and

ReStore building. Your Ward 11 ReStore coupon is on the back page! Westown Community Development Corporation has home repair programs available to you.



**Neighborhood Development:** The improved Eastman Library branch is open and I-90's West Blvd. exit is safer.



**Community Engagement:** I have been "out and about" listening to residents, promoting public safety, and fighting to make city services more responsive for you.

**Thank you to all of you who pitch in to make Ward 11 a better neighborhood. We can make a difference together.**

Angels Keep!

Yours in Solidarity,

**Danny Kelly,**  
Councilman - Ward 11

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## Councilman Kelly Fights to Make I-90 West Boulevard Exit Ramp Safe



New T-Shaped Intersection at I-90 West Blvd. exit

Ward 11 residents have been diligently working hard to draw attention to the numerous accidents that have occurred on the 1-90 exit ramp to West Boulevard that has damaged three homes repeatedly. Cars crashing into their homes have plagued this neighborhood and it has been both costly and scary. Simply put, a perilous situation needed to be resolved. Enter Ward 11 Councilman Danny Kelly.

Sherry Heart, a resident who had been requesting assistance persistently, stated, "He badgered them (the Ohio Department of Transportation and the City of Cleveland), literally. I want to give praise to Danny Kelly." She also is grateful to the media outlets who have covered this story. All of her advocacy has paid off and collaborating with Councilman Kelly has expedited a permanent solution to this situation. Councilman Kelly and Sherry are kindred spirits. She is a long time IBEW Local 38 member and he a member of Laborers' Local 310. They hit it off right away as brother and sister union members and made a great team.

Getting to this solution has been a work in progress. In February of 2023, Councilman Kelly brought together representatives from Cleveland City Council, the Ohio Governor's office and ODOT to find a solution to a problem affecting three homes that sit directly in front of the exit ramp. The Ward 11 homeowners

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## Councilman Kelly Helps Invest \$1 Million in Programs to Prevent Violent Crime

Safety is a top priority for Councilman Danny Kelly and his colleagues have taken notice. Last year, Cleveland City Council Ordinance 486-2023 used \$10 million in American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds to create a first-of-its-kind advisory committee that allocates funds to jump-start initiatives in Cleveland that will work to find solutions to the root causes of crime, such as poverty. The Cleveland Neighborhood Safety Fund is a long-term donor-advised fund of the Cleveland Foundation. When it came time to select members to serve on the advisory committee, Ward 11's own Councilman Danny Kelly made the list.

Councilman Kelly accepted the challenge saying, "I'm ALL IN! I enjoy collaborating with this talented group of advisors to keep our streets and homes safe. We can do that one-step at a time, by tackling the root causes of violent crime head-on as a team."

Councilman Kelly is one of three councilmembers serving on the advisory board. Joining him from Cleveland City Council are his colleagues, Ward 7 Councilwoman Stephanie Howse-Jones



Ward 11 Councilman Danny Kelly, and fellow Cleveland Safety Fund Advisory Board Members Ward 7 Councilwoman Stephanie Howse-Jones and Ward 5 Councilman Richard Starr.

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**I-90 Exit Fix Continued**

and Councilman Kelly met with an ODOT representative twice to consider different options. Councilman Kelly stated, "He seemed willing to do whatever is necessary to expedite this project and I assured him that myself and my colleagues on Cleveland City Council are ready to go when they are to get this done. Once I had this cooperation, I was off and running to tackle this problem head-on."

First, Councilman Kelly addressed traffic calming solutions. In March of 2023, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the city of Cleveland installed multiple warning signs and changed the timing on the traffic light so that those getting off the freeway would have to stop. Councilman Kelly stated, "This is just the first step to ensure residents and drivers in Ward 11 are safe. The stop light will remain red, because people trying to catch the green light when they are coming down the exit ramp are getting into accidents." Also installed, flashing yellow lights and signs as drivers approach the I-90 West off-ramp to West Boulevard to signal drivers to slow down.

In July of last year, Councilman Kelly's legislation to install security cameras along the route, as well as a barrier wall and a triangle at the end of the ramp that would force traffic to not only slow down but to travel left or right, not straight into someone's home or yard passed with flying colors. The license plate reading cameras should deter criminals from using the ramp to evade police and will help police to identify hit-and-run suspects. "I am so grateful to my colleagues for supporting the safety of Ward 11 residents and to ODOT and the City of Cleveland for giving this issue the priority it so deserves," said Councilman Kelly.

Councilman Kelly, in the interim, was relentless in his pursuit of barricades to protect these homes and the children and families who fear walking outside on West Boulevard near the exit. In August, his diligence paid off. Over the course of the month, the City of Cleveland installed large cement barriers along the front yards in both directions of the homes impacted by multiple accidents. Simultaneously, construction bids to ODOT on



**Councilman Danny Kelly and Sherry Heart celebrating a safer West Blvd.**

the project, intended to be a permanent solution to this issue, began at the end of August. Finally, ODOT completed the project at the end of 2023, by tapping into its emergency fund. Now, the off-ramp slopes down to a T-shaped intersection at West Boulevard, directly across from several homes that have sustained damage from sliding or out-of-control cars for decades. ODOT also added a splitter island to the intersection, which will force cars to turn left or right. A second island on the roadway acts as a backup stop for cars that go straight through the intersection. That is that: project complete!

"To bring this project home, we needed ODOT to tap into its emergency fund to expedite solutions to keep our neighbors safe from incoming traffic, because enough is enough. I have heard that sometimes cars even become airborne. I had to stick with my residents every step of the way. I worked in construction long enough to know how to keep my eye on a project and that is exactly what I did. Safety first. Angels Keep", said Councilman Kelly.

Stay alert and drive safe!



**Councilman Danny Kelly brings a delegation to Ward 11 to listen to residents' concerns.**



**Councilman Danny Kelly appearing on Catching up with Council with Dan Monroe.**



**Councilman Danny Kelly standing proudly with his Laborers' Local 310 family as they prepare to visit his ward.**



**Prosecutor Michael O'Malley returns to Cleveland City Council to discuss safety issues with the Safety Committee, including Councilman Danny Kelly.**



**Councilman Kelly back at the construction site with members of Cleveland Building & Construction Trades Council affiliated unions at the Sherwin Williams "Topping Off" ceremony.**



**Councilman Kelly attending the MetroHealth Minority Men's Health Fair with Cuyahoga County District 9 Councilwoman Meredith Turner, Waverly Willis, and Allison Poulis.**



**Cleveland First District Police Award Recipient Branko Prodanovic pictured with Mary McNamara, Mayor Bibb, Angie Shute-Woodson, and Councilman Danny Kelly. The Wolford Industries security guard won the award for his bravery in apprehending an assailant in a stolen Cadillac.**



**Councilman Danny Kelly joins a Cleveland City Council delegation to celebrate Councilwoman Jasmin Santana winning the Albert B. & Audrey G. Ratner Community Leader Award at Global Cleveland's Annual Meeting.**



**Councilman Kelly, Councilman Charles Silfe, and then Commander, now Deputy Chief, Jarod Schlacht at the First District Police Coffee with Cops.**



**Councilman Danny Kelly strikes a pose with the Caring outreach team at Halloran Park Winter festival.**

# Top 5 Ways To Be a Good Neighbor!

## 1 Be Considerate and Follow Local Laws.

We can work together to make our neighborhood friendly, safe, and clean.

**1 Avoid High Weeds and Grass**  
Grass and weeds must be less than 8 inches tall in Cleveland.

## 2 Keep the Noise Down!

Do not blast your music, especially late at night.

**3 Pick up Trash and Debris**  
Do not litter or dump unwanted items on vacant lots and keep your yard clean.

## 4 Do not use a fire pit

In Cleveland, open burning is illegal. Except to cook.

**5 Remove Vehicles & Trash cans**  
Do not park your car on the front lawn or tree lawn. Take in your trash cans.

Councilman Danny Kelly-Ward 11 Cleveland

# WESTOWN Home Repair & Maintenance Information

Call Westown CDC at 216-941-9262 or email [info@westowncdc.org](mailto:info@westowncdc.org).

## WESTOWN CDC & SHERWIN WILLIAMS PAINT COUPON!

Save on porch paint, basement floor paint, primer, ceiling paint, interior and exterior paint products. Open to all Ward 11 Homeowners. Now available to landlords, with a 1 to 4 unit limit. Terms & Conditions Apply. Must reside in your home.

## HEALTHY HOMES REPAIR PROGRAM

A newly funded program for homeowner-occupied properties for a wide-range of home repairs, focusing on code violations, health, safety, and mobility issues. Includes inside and outside repairs. No garages. Must be current on property taxes or on a payment plan. Call WCDC to get information on the HHP Program.

## WESTOWN 50/50 REBATE HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

Available for EXTERIOR only home repairs/maintenance. Including garages, driveways, and window/door replacement. Eligible homeowners receive a 50% rebate on repair costs. The rebate is capped at \$1,000.

## CITY OF CLEVELAND EXTERIOR PAINT PROGRAM

Applications usually start in May and paint projects must be completed by mid-October. The program provides free paint vouchers to qualified applicants. Submit your application through Westown CDC.

## FOR SENIORS & HANDICAPPED AGE 18-59

WCDC works with our seniors & handicapped homeowners with limited income for home repairs through the S.H.A.P & AGE FRIENDLY PROGRAMS.

## WESTOWN HELPS WITH THESE PROGRAMS TOO!

**WEATHERIZATION:** Furnace replacement, hot water tank, home insulation.

**H.E.A.P. & P.I.P.P:** Assistance with utility bills.

**HOMESTEAD:** Property tax discounts for seniors & handicapped persons.

## Crime Prevention Continued

and Ward 5 Councilman Richard Starr. The committee of nine members is comprised of three community appointees and three Mayoral appointees who serve alongside the Cleveland City Council Members.

They have already made progress. Councilman Kelly and fellow Cleveland Safety Fund Advisory Board Members awarded \$1 million in Violence Prevention Grants to 29 grassroots organizations. This is the first \$1 million of \$10 million in ARPA funds allocated to prevent violent crime in Cleveland, with \$9 million in awards to come. The work to keep you safe has only just begun. The way it works: the advisory committee allocates funds to provide the organizations in our community who have been doing great work to combat the uptick in violent crime the tools they need to succeed.

Councilman Kelly helped direct funds to programs including mental health support, mentoring, athletics, workforce development, multigenerational programming, martial arts, conflict mediation, gang violence intervention, arts, gardening, youth leadership, suicide prevention, and care response for victims of violence. These programs are operating in 14 neighborhoods across Cleveland. This is a huge step taken to prevent crime.

"One common thread I see is that if people have support and feel empowered, they are less inclined to be violent. If we empower people, address poverty, teach conflict resolution and stand together as a community, we all benefit. If we put our heads together, we can be the change that keeps our neighborhoods safe", said Kelly.

# TWO MORE JOB FAIRS IN MARCH

March 27th & 28th at Pipefitters Local 120 Hall and Cudell Recreation Center

## Talk to Experts

Join the Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council and Partners for an **APPRENTICESHIP CAREER FAIR**

Learn about career opportunities available in the construction trades. Earn a Working Well, obtain college credit and earn a salary with benefits beginning the first day on the job. [WWW.CLEVELANDBUILDS.COM](http://WWW.CLEVELANDBUILDS.COM)

**WHERE:** Pipefitters Local 120  
6305 Halle Drive  
Cleveland, OH 44125

**WHEN:** March 27, 2024  
6:00-7:30 PM

Guest presenters will be sharing information on the following:

- Construction Apprenticeships
- Construction Education
- Construction Training
- Construction Career Paths
- Construction Safety
- Construction Industry Outlook
- Construction Job Opportunities
- Construction Industry Skills
- Construction Industry Trends
- Construction Industry Challenges
- Construction Industry Solutions
- Construction Industry Future

For more information call Doreen Cannon 216-459-0099 Ex. 143

Meet the experts Councilman Danny Kelly has teamed up with who can help you jump-start your career in the Construction Trades at the CBCTC Apprenticeship Career Fair and Ward 11's second Built Environment Job & Training Fair.

## Save the Dates

- March 27th- 6pm. Head to the Pipefitters Local 120 Hall, 6305 Halle Drive, Cleveland, OH 44125 and find out how to become a union apprentice!
- March 28th- 5pm. Head to Cudell Recreation Center, 1910 West Blvd. Cleveland, OH 44102 for Ward 11's 2nd union job fair!

**Advantages to signing up with Cleveland-Builds**

- People in our program usually get jobs faster, and work for more months.
- They also make more money, both in total and for each hour they work.
- Plus, they're more likely to get jobs with benefits, like Health Insurance.

**Cement Mason Wages Typically Start at: \$34<sup>+</sup>/hr**

**Pipefitters Wages Typically Start at: \$34<sup>+</sup>/hr**

We have a unique relationship with employers and unions, so that our candidates can be confident that the training they receive is based on industry needs. Learn more about our services by calling (216) 314-1682 and get started today!

[www.clevelandbuilds.com/careers-trades](http://www.clevelandbuilds.com/careers-trades)

## Join a Trade

Scan the QR codes to sign up now and learn more about a career in the construction trades. You must be 18 years of age or older and a high school graduate or equivalent to participate in the UNION CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICESHIP-READINESS PROGRAM.

## CLEVELAND SAFETY FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### COMMUNITY APPOINTEES:

Habeebah Grimes, Mental health professional  
Yvonne Pointer, Survivor and victim advocate  
Tre'Vonte Roey, Hoops After Dark participant

### CLEVELAND MAYORAL APPOINTEES:

Joyce Pan Huang, Director of City Planning  
Sonya Pryor-Jones, Chief of Youth & Family Success  
Angela Shute-Woodson, Dir. of Community Relations and Senior Advisor, Community and Government Affairs

### CLEVELAND CITY COUNCIL APPOINTEES:

Richard A. Starr, Ward 5 Council Member  
Stephanie D. Howse-Jones, Ward 7 Council Member  
Danny Kelly, Ward 11 Council Member

## NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY FUND FIRST-ROUND GRANTEES

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| <i>A Vision of Change (\$40,000)</i>                              | <i>Jarvis Gibson Foundation (\$25,000)</i>                |
| <i>Agape Renaissance Center (\$7,500)</i>                         | <i>Jalen's HOPE (\$27,000)</i>                            |
| <i>Balance Point Studios (\$15,000)</i>                           | <i>M-Pac Cleveland (\$20,000)</i>                         |
| <i>Beat the Streets (\$45,000)</i>                                | <i>Mt. Sinai Ministries (\$45,500)</i>                    |
| <i>Building Hope in the City (\$50,000)</i>                       | <i>New Era (\$25,000)</i>                                 |
| <i>Elements of Internal Movement Eternal Pull Inc. (\$15,000)</i> | <i>New Sardis Primitive Baptist Church (\$37,000)</i>     |
| <i>Embodiment Youth Academy (\$35,000)</i>                        | <i>Project Lift Behavioral Health Services (\$37,000)</i> |
| <i>Fathers Against Violence (\$45,000)</i>                        | <i>Reading Ramm (\$20,000)</i>                            |
| <i>Ghetto Therapy (\$45,000)</i>                                  | <i>Refugee Response (\$20,000)</i>                        |
| <i>God's Vision Foundation (\$15,000)</i>                         | <i>Renounce Denounce (\$45,000)</i>                       |
| <i>Greater Cleveland Interfaith Alliance (\$60,000)</i>           | <i>Sankofa Circle (\$35,000)</i>                          |
| <i>Icons (\$45,000)</i>   | <i>Shiloh Baptist Church (\$45,000)</i>                   |
| <i>Impact Youth Basketball (\$40,000)</i>                         | <i>Shooting Without Bullets (\$45,000)</i>                |
|   | <i>Special Deeds (\$21,000)</i>                           |
|   | <i>Spread the Love Foundation (\$50,000)</i>              |
|   | <i>Together We Rise (\$45,000)</i>                        |



WARD 11 COUNCIL MEMBER  
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## BREAKING NEWS

**"OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP" NETS 56 ARRESTS**

There are now more law enforcement agencies collaborating to fight crime in Cleveland. Councilman Kelly, his fellow Safety Committee members and all of Cleveland City Council are pleased to announce the Cleveland Division of Police and multiple local, state and federal agencies who participated in "Operation Clean Sweep" arrested 56 individuals between the ages of 15-63 with felony warrants throughout Cleveland in a few weeks time. "We are more successful when we form partnerships in solidarity. Thank you to the law enforcement officers hitting the street day in and day out to keep Clevelanders safe," said Councilman Danny Kelly.

Stay tuned for updates!

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## JOBS are on the way!



Left to right: Councilman Danny Kelly and Dave Wondolowski, Cleveland Building & Construction Trades Council team up to bring jobs to Ward 11. Councilman Kelly strikes a pose at the 1st Ward 11 Union Job Fair and with Pipefitters Local 120 first-year apprentices.

**BUILDING HOPE**  
Councilman Danny Kelly Partners with Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity to build \$1M in new homes and buy 2.8M HQ location in Ward 11.

**FIVE NEW HOMES COMING SOON!**

When Cleveland City Council voted to allocate \$5 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity to increase access to affordable homeownership, Councilman Danny Kelly pointed out that there have not been any new houses built in Ward 11 for years, if not decades.

He said, "That needs to end now. We can, and we must, do better. If we want ward 11 to be an affordable place to live, work, and age in place, we have to bust out our work gloves and build it from the ground up. Together!" The result: \$1M invested in Ward 11 for Habitat for Humanity to build five new modular homes in the heart of Ward 11. Soon shovels will hit the ground to begin building these 3-bedroom ranch homes, with over 1,350 sq. ft. of living space and a full basement.



Ward 11 Councilman Danny Kelly & John Litten, President/CEO of GCHH show off new home design build!

The new homes in Ward 11 are part of a broader initiative that will benefit over 400 households in historically underserved neighborhoods and by creating 50 new homeownership opportunities citywide. Councilman Kelly collaborated with Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity, his colleagues

Council President Blaine A. Griffin, members Kevin Bishop (Ward 2), Deborah Gray (Ward 4), Michael Polensek (Ward 8), Jenny Spencer (Ward 15), and the Cuyahoga County Land Bank to bring this exciting project to life. "Thank you to everyone involved for including my ward in this moonshot project!" said Kelly.

VISIT HABITAT!

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2110 W 110th St, Cleveland, OH 44102  
Phone (216) 429-1299  
Donations (216) 429-3631

Open: Main Office: Mon-Sat - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
ReStore: Tue/Wed/Thu - 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Fri/Sat - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Sun/Mon - Closed

**HABITAT NEEDED ITS OWN HOME**

Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity needed its own home as well. Councilman Kelly also allocated \$500,000 of ARPA funding to purchase and retrofit for future growth its headquarters building that also contains its largest ReStore at 2110 W 110th St.

Now consumers and builders alike can come to browse the 35,000 square foot ReStore that carries a wide selection of items including appliances, tools, lighting, building supplies, cabinets, home décor, furniture, and so much more!

**BY PURCHASING THEIR BUILDING IN LATE 2023, HABITAT PLANS TO BE IN WARD 11 FOR A LONG TIME.**

**BUILDING FUTURES IN WARD 11**

Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity President/CEO John Litten said, "We're so thankful to have a partner like Councilman Kelly in our home Ward to help make all of this possible. His support has been vital to making sure that Habitat calls Ward 11 home for many years to come, and we're thrilled to be building new homes right in our own backyard."

A construction worker at heart, Councilman Kelly believes that the future of Ward 11 and Cleveland as a whole lies in new construction. "Home is where the heart is and I am proud Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity calls my ward home. This investment is a reminder that we believe in this neighborhood and the wonderful residents who call Ward 11 home", said Kelly.

**How can you purchase a new home?** Apply to Habitat's Affordable Homeownership Program to become a Habitat Partner Family at [clevelandhabitat.org](http://clevelandhabitat.org). Habitat allays the cost of homeownership by providing a zero percent mortgage and Habitat Partner Families contribute 200 to 300 volunteer hours in lieu of a down payment.



**15% off your purchase!**

Code: **WARD11**

Valid at ReStore locations in Cleveland, OH, Amherst, OH, and North Randall, OH. Coupon not valid on monetary donations & cannot be combined with other discounts. Photocopies not valid; coupon to be surrendered at time of purchase. Expires 5/31/2024.

**ReStore for good.**