



# Scenes & Sounds of 7

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## A Word from Councilwoman Stephanie Howse-Jones

### Greetings Ward 7 Residents:

Spring is here and is a time of growth and new beginnings—a perfect moment to reflect on the positive developments in our community and look ahead to the promising initiatives planned for the remainder of 2024. **In this edition of Scenes and Sounds of 7, our newsletter, you'll discover a wealth of information about the progress made in 2023 and the exciting prospects awaiting us in the coming year, all aimed at enhancing the vibrancy of our beloved Ward 7.**

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who has volunteered your time, demonstrated care for one another, faithfully attended meetings, offered valuable insights, and provided unwavering support. I also want to express my appreciation to our community development corporations, stakeholders, presenters, and speakers for their dedication and partnership in delivering much-needed resources,

opportunities, and activities for our community. Throughout the remainder of the year, I eagerly anticipate the continued growth and progress of Ward 7, and I extend a personal invitation to you to join in the service of our community.

It is both an honor and a privilege to represent you in Cleveland City Council, and I am committed to continuing our collaborative efforts to elevate the quality of life for all residents. Together, let us strive to create a community where our children can laugh and play, families find quality homes, entrepreneurs thrive, and seniors enjoy the golden years of their lives, right here in Ward 7.

Yours in Love and Service,

Stephanie Howse-Jones

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## Welcome Myrna Craig, Ward 7 Executive Assistant



We are excited to announce the appointment of Myrna Craig as the new Ward 7 Executive Assistant. Although Myrna has assumed a new title, she is no stranger to the Ward 7 family. Since September 2022, Myrna has been an integral part of the Ward 7 office, demonstrating dedication and commitment to serving our community.

Serving as the Ward 7 Executive Assistant, Myrna will continue to provide exceptional support to Councilwoman Howse-Jones and our Ward 7 residents and stakeholders.

For assistance or inquiries, Myrna can be reached at [mcraig@clevelandcitycouncil.org](mailto:mcraig@clevelandcitycouncil.org) or by phone at 216-664-2908.

Please join us in congratulating Myrna on her well-deserved promotion. We are confident that she will continue to excel in her new role and make significant contributions to the betterment of Ward 7.

## OUR YEAR IN Review! Celebrating Community Achievements

### The Neighborhood Safety Fund

The Neighborhood Safety Fund (NSF), established through Cleveland City Council Ordinance 486-2023 in June 2023, marks a significant step towards improving safety in the City of Cleveland. With an initial investment of \$10 million from the city, the NSF operates under the stewardship of the Cleveland Foundation as a donor-advised fund. This structure ensures sustained financial support for community organizations dedicated to enhancing safety measures in Cleveland.

In the first round of grants, 29 recipients across 14 neighborhoods in Cleveland were selected to receive funding ranging from \$7,500 to \$60,000. **Notably, three community organizations serving in Ward 7—Fathers Against Violence, Project Lift Behavioral Services, and Shooting Without Bullets—were among the recipients, demonstrating the fund's commitment to supporting initiatives at the grassroots level.**

To learn more about the Neighborhood Safety Fund and explore the recipients of the first round of grants, interested individuals can **visit the Cleveland Foundation's website at: [www.clevelandfoundation.org/news\\_items/nsf-round-1/](http://www.clevelandfoundation.org/news_items/nsf-round-1/)**



### Cleveland Community Police Commission Community Grants

Cleveland Community Police Commission (CPC) Community Grants fund local, Cleveland-based violence prevention, restorative-justice, and mediation programs that reduce the need for police activity. The funding for the community grants is 0.5% of the Cleveland Police Department's budget. **In 2023, 26 grants were awarded totaling \$1,080,000. Fourteen grant recipients will have a connection within our Ward 7 community:** Cleveland Clergy Coalition, Cleveland Freedom Project, Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, Friend a Felon Corp, FrontLine Services, Kingdom Alliance, Love Train Ministries, Neighborhood Connections, Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH), Renounce Denounce Gang Intervention Program, Reverse Ride-Along, Rhonda Crowder & Associates, Rivers in the Desert, and Spread the Love Foundation.

Congratulations to all the 2023 grant recipients and we look forward to the partnership within our Ward 7 community.

For more information on these grants or to learn about future opportunities for funding, please log on to: [clepc.org/resources/community-grants/](http://clepc.org/resources/community-grants/)



## COUNCILWOMAN HOWSE-JONES LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS



**Broadband for Cleveland**  
(Ordinance No. 585-2023):  
\$20 million contract to DigitalC to develop a citywide broadband network for Cleveland residents.

**Paid Parental Leave**  
(Ordinance No. 630 - 2023):  
Provides 12 weeks of paid leave for new parents that work for the City of Cleveland.

**Community Violence Intervention and Reduction Program**  
(Ordinance No. 657-2023):  
\$2 million grant with Project LIFT Behavioral Health Service for mentors, safe housing, safe travel, workshops, job help, trauma services and professional services for youth and their families returning home from the State of Ohio Department of Youth Services system.

**Brenda Glass Multipurpose Trauma Center**  
(Ordinance No. 1007-2023):  
\$500,000 economic development assistance to repair and upgrade safe houses for victims of crime.

**Pretrial Services**  
(Ordinance 1295-2023):  
\$1.6 million contract for Oriana House to provide appropriate placement and support services to divert defendants from County jail until they receive their day in court.

**Police and Mental Health Co-Responder Program**  
(Ordinance No. 1389-2023):  
\$4.5 million grant to fund the partnership between the City of Cleveland and the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County to provide licensed social workers to work in partnership with Cleveland police to respond to crisis calls.

**Lead Safe Ohio Program**  
(Ordinance No. 1391-2023):  
\$4.9 million grant for the City of Cleveland to prevent lead poisoning in children and clean up homes that are lead contaminated.

## 2024 Senior Day Celebration

The City of Cleveland is thrilled to celebrate our esteemed seniors with a day filled with fun, information, and recognition. **We invite you to join us for this special event, where we'll honor outstanding seniors nominated by their councilpersons as Seniors of the Year.** We won't spoil the surprise of who Councilwoman Howse-Jones has nominated, but rest assured, the nominee is truly deserving of this honor! Mark your calendars and join us to celebrate their remarkable accomplishments and the contributions of all our seniors throughout the city. **For details, call 216-664-2833 or visit [clevelandohio.gov/aging](http://clevelandohio.gov/aging).**

THE CLEVELAND DEPARTMENT OF AGING  
PRESENTS THE 34TH ANNUAL  
**SENIOR DAY**  
WEDNESDAY  
**MAY 15, 2024**  
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 2024 Senior Day program will be both in person and livestreamed on TV 20.  
For more information call 216-664-2833 or visit [www.clevelandohio.gov/aging](http://www.clevelandohio.gov/aging)

## Monthly District Policing Meetings

**Third District Committee Meeting**  
Join the Third District Cleveland Police Commander, Supervisors and Officers at the Third District's monthly community meetings. Meetings are an opportunity to regularly engage with local CDP officers to identify problems, learn about available resources, and ways to be involved with activities that improve your community.

**MEETING DATES:** Third Tuesday of the Month  
**TIME:** 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
**LOCATION:** 3rd Neighborhood Police District Community Room - 4501 Chester Ave.

If you have any questions, contact the Third District Commander's office at 216-623-5305.

**Fifth District Committee Meeting**  
Join the Fifth District Cleveland Police Commander, Supervisors and Officers at the 5th District's monthly community meetings. This is an opportunity to learn about available resources and ways to be involved with activities that improve your community.

**MEETING DATES:** Third Wednesday of the Month  
**TIME:** 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
**LOCATION:** Five Pointe Community Center, 813 E. 152nd St.

Call the 5th District Commander's office with any questions at 216-623-5505.

## City of Cleveland's Citizen Support Hotline

*Did you know that the City of Cleveland has a powerful tool to address your concerns and improve our community? Introducing the City of Cleveland's Citizen Support Hotline, 311. This efficient and user-friendly service is designed to make reporting various issues and concerns throughout the year easy for you.*

**What is 311?** 311 is an easy-to-remember telephone number connecting you with highly-trained Citizen Support Specialists. These specialists are ready to assist you with requests for non-emergency City services and information.

**How Can You Benefit?** You can use 311 to:

1. Request trash pick-up
2. Report potholes
3. Address tree damages on city property

# Stay Connected

## with Ward 7 News and Events!

Hello Ward 7 Residents,

Did you know that you can be among the first to know about the exciting activities and events happening in our community? Stay informed and connected by signing up for our newsletter services:

- **Weekly Email Newsletters:** Receive weekly updates straight to your inbox.
- **Quarterly Postal Newsletters:** Get quarterly newsletters delivered to your mailbox.
- **Bi-Monthly Calls and Text Messages:** Receive calls and texts about events and important updates.

To sign up for these services, simply **scan the QR code** on the right and provide your information. Don't miss out on the latest news and happenings in Ward 7!

Thank you for staying engaged and being a part of our vibrant community.



**SUMMER JOBS**  
Youth Opportunities Unlimited  
**APPLY TODAY**  
APPLICATION OPEN UNTIL MAY 1  
\$13.50/hour and up to 25 hours/week  
Earn up to \$2,000 this summer  
All you need to do is apply with your own email address  
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**OUR YEAR IN Review!**  
On March 16, 2024, Councilwoman Howse-Jones held the Ward 7 Year in Review Community Meeting at Saint Martin de Porres High School. Community partners were on hand to share updates and answered residents questions. Councilwoman Howse-Jones appreciates everyone who participated and residents who attended. Also, we'd like to send a special thank you to our local restaurants that provided refreshments.

## Meet Kelly Horton, the new 3rd District Community Relations Representative



We are thrilled to introduce Kelly Horton as our new Community Relations Representative for the City of Cleveland's Third District. With her background in community events and hospitality, she's committed to improving the neighborhood. A Cleveland State University alumna, she aims to leverage her understanding of the community to address concerns and build connections. She's dedicated to fostering open communication between residents and authorities to create a vibrant, inclusive community. Feel free to contact her at 216-664-4012 with any thoughts or concerns.

## CDC Events & Meetings

### CLEVELAND ASIAN FESTIVAL

Save the date for the 12th annual Cleveland Asian Festival on May 18 & 19! In celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, the Cleveland Asian Festival features Asian food, performances, a world marketplace, family-friendly programs and activities, and more. The event is free and open to the public. Interested in sponsoring, vending, or volunteering for the event? Visit [clevelandasianfestival.org/2024/](http://clevelandasianfestival.org/2024/) or email [info@clevelandasianfestival.org](mailto:info@clevelandasianfestival.org).



### COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Locations and times can be found at: <https://midtowncleveland.org/events/>  
**Upcoming dates:** April 25th • May 23rd • June 27th

### COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Looking for a way to get more involved with your neighborhood? A block club or ward meeting is a great place to start. Meet your neighbors, discuss issues impacting the community, and enact collaborative change.



» **St. Clair Superior WARD 7 MEETINGS**  
Meetings are the 4th Wednesday of each month from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at Kovacic Recreation Center, 6250 St. Clair Ave.

### SCSDC 50/50 HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

Residents of the St. Clair Superior service area may be eligible for the SCSDC Home Repair Pilot Program.

**Program Details:** Home repair projects costing between \$1,500 and \$15,000 may be eligible for a one-time 50/50 matching grant. For example, if a resident has \$2,000 to put towards a project, they would receive an additional \$2,000 for a total of \$4,000 towards their home repair project. The application is available at: [stclairsuperior.org/about-us](http://stclairsuperior.org/about-us)

**For details contact:**

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WARD 7 COUNCIL MEMBER  
**Stephanie Howse-Jones**  
**fañicos FOUNDATION**  
**Ward 7 FOOD Distribution CENTER**  
@ **Hough Multi-Purpose Center**  
8555 Hough Avenue  
\*Last Thursday of the Month  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
January 31 June 27 November 21  
February 29 July 25 Third Thursday due to Thanksgiving holiday  
March 28 August 29 December 19  
April 25 September 26 Third Thursday due to Christmas holiday  
May 30 October 31  
**MUST BRING VALID PHOTO ID. BRING GROCERY BAGS, IF POSSIBLE.**  
\* This food pantry will be open for emergencies on Mondays, 9 am - 2 pm. Residents must call 216-791-6887 before arriving.  
Councilwoman Stephanie Howse-Jones has teamed up with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank to bring FREE fresh fruits, vegetables, and more to you. Questions? Contact the Office of Councilwoman Howse-Jones at 216-664-2908.

# 2024 Ward 7 Community Meetings



Community meetings are a way for residents in the community to discuss important topics and issues dealing with a local situation, while also receiving updates and necessary information from their Councilmember. Children are always welcome.

Meetings are always live streamed on [Facebook.com/CWStephanieHowse](https://www.facebook.com/CWStephanieHowse)

**APRIL**  
Wednesday, April 24  
5:30 pm  
Promise Academy  
1701 E 13th St, Cleveland, OH 44114

**MAY**  
Wednesday, May 22  
5:30 pm  
The Chinese Christian Church  
3224 Payne Ave, Cleveland, OH 44114

**JUNE**  
Monday, June 24  
5:30 pm  
Eliza Bryant  
7201 Wade Park Ave, Cleveland, OH 44103

**AUGUST**  
Saturday, August 3  
12:00 pm  
Ward 7 Community Festival  
DETAILS COMING SOON!

**SEPTEMBER**  
Thursday, September 12  
5:30 pm  
Masjid Bilal of Cleveland  
7401 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, OH 44103

**OCTOBER**  
Tuesday, October 8  
5:30 pm  
Second Ebenezer Baptist Church  
1881 E 71st St, Cleveland, OH 44103

**NOVEMBER**  
Thursday, November 21  
4:00 pm  
Willson School  
1126 Ansel Rd, Cleveland, OH 44108

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# OUR YEAR IN *Review!* Celebrating Community Achievements

## Community Meetings and Drop In Hours

Our office hosted 6 Community Meetings and along with numerous monthly walk-in hours. These meetings and drop in hours are spread throughout the ward, hosted on various days of the week and times of the day. This ensures that everyone in Ward 7 has an opportunity to engage with the Councilwoman and members of the community.

## Lunar New Year Celebration January 22nd

Councilwoman Howse-Jones celebrated the Year of the water Rabbit in Asia Town for the Lunar New Year. She spent the day enjoying good food and learning various cultural dances.



## Expungement Clinic

### February 4th

Councilwoman Howse-Jones in conjunction with the City of Cleveland Prosecutor's office, Legal Works, Midwest Cannawomen, and Councilmen Hariston hosted a Career Fair and Expungement Clinic. Expungements are beneficial to helping citizens reduce barriers to employment, professional license, and housing. Oftentimes these are cases where charges were dropped or they had been found not guilty but they still appeared during background checks.

## Utility Assistance Resource Fair February 4th

Another great partnership with the NEORSD, Division of Water, Cleveland Public Power, First Energy, CHN, Famicos Foundation, and Councilwoman Howse-Jones. More than 400 residents were able to meet with these various organizations to review what assistance could be provided. Many received credits on the energy bills, rent & mortgage assistance, and were enrolled in money savings programs like HEAP and PIP.



## Hough Principals Meeting May 3

Principals and students from East Technical High School, Wade Park School, and St. Francis School made a visit to Fatima Family Center for the purpose of hearing one another's ideas on ways our community partners can better support students and families and further facilitate communication and strengthen partnerships with our schools in the community.

## Spruce Up CLE June 24th

Volunteers began at Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center and covered the area from Crawford Road down to East 79th on Hough over to Superior Ave. They gathered over 40 bags of trash and 10 tires. These clean up initiatives are a part of our goal to create beautiful communities.

## Driver's License Reinstatement Event July 13th

Councilwoman Howse along with The Cleveland Municipal Court, Famicos Foundation, and The Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles hosted this event and helped more than 300 people clear up to 100% of their fines and fees and walk out with full driving privileges.

## New Day in Hough Festival August 3rd

The New Day in Hough Festival returned after a short hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic in full swing. Residents were able to enjoy music from Hubbs Grove, a local band, food from several local food truck vendors, shop with local vendors, and talk with various city departments. Let's not forget the amazing children's zone that hosted bouncy houses, a skating rink, spa and gaming trucks, and much more. This Year's Festival will be on Saturday, August 3rd so save the date.



## Monthly Food Distributions and Thanksgiving Baskets

In partnership with the Famico Foundation and the Cleveland Food Bank our food pantry serves approximately 300 people each month. In addition to the weekly distributions we were able to provide 300 families with either a turkey or ham basket for Thanksgiving along with a giftcard to Dave's Market.

## Holiday Party December 7

Our annual Holiday Party was back at Wade Park School. The staff from the Famicos Foundation and the Ward 7 office did a wonderful job hosting over 375 adults and children. There were photos with Santa, tablet and laptop giveaways, vaccination clinic, a gift card distribution, and a massive toy raffle for all the kids.

## Ward 7 Partnership Collaboration Meeting- December 13th

We gathered all businesses and agencies serving Ward 7 to tell us about their organization and seek ways to support one another. These quarterly meetings are a great way to network and see how we can collaborate together.



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WARD 7 COUNCILWOMAN

## Stephanie Howse-Jones

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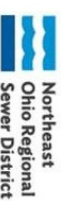
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## FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

### 8:00 TO 11:00 A.M.

3900 Euclid Avenue in Cleveland

Free parking. No appointment necessary.

Program assistance, account support, billing, and more.  
IN PERSON: 8:00-11:00 a.m. / BY PHONE: 8:00-Noon

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