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 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.

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

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: clecpp.org/resources/community-grants

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/
2024 Senior Day Celebration
The City of Cleveland is thrilled to celebrate our esteemed seniors with a day filled with fun, information, and resources. We invite you to join us for this special event, where we honor outstanding seniors nominated by their counselors as Seniors of the Year.

City of Cleveland’s Citizen Support Hotline
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.

City of Cleveland’s Citizen Support Hotline
1111 W. 65th St., Cleveland, OH 44102
Phone: 216-664-2833
Website: clevelandohio.gov/311

How Can You Benefit?
You can use 311 to:

1. Report trash pickup
2. Report potholes
3. Address tree damage on city property
4. Report public health concerns (e.g., abandoned buildings, rodents, groundhogs, vacant lots)
5. Lodge other non-emergency situations

How Does it Work?
When you call 311, a support specialist will ask you for your zip code, a detailed description of the issue, and a reference number. They will connect you to the appropriate department to address your concern. You will be contacted by phone, email or text with an update.

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/CMStephanieHowse

APRIL
Wednesday, April 24
5:30 pm
Promise Academy
1701 E 53rd St., Cleveland, OH 44114

MAY
Tuesday, 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
Sunday, 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 44106

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

NOVEMBER
Thursday, November 21
4:00 pm
Willson School
1126 West 116th St, Cleveland, OH 44108

COUNCILWOMAN HOWSE-JONES
WARD 7 COUNCIL MEMBER
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Together.

and strengthen partnerships with our schools in the community.

meetings are a great way to network and see how we can collaborate

better support students and families and further facilitate communication.

Hearing one another's ideas on ways our community partners can

We gathered all businesses and agencies serving Ward 7 to tell us about

the purpose of the Ward 7 Partnership Collaboration Meeting—December 13th

Principals and students from East Technical High School, Wade Park School,

Hough Principal's Meeting May 3

toy raffle for all the kids.

our organization and seek ways to support one another. These quarterly

Ward 7 Partnership Collaboration Meeting—December 13th

Our annual Holiday Party was back at Wade Park School. The staff from

provided. Many received

bills, rent & mortgage assistance, and were

over 375 adults and children. There were photos with Santa, tablet and

shops with local vendors, and talk with various city departments. Let's not

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