



Ward 14 News

Councilwoman Jasmin Santana



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A Message from Councilwoman Jasmin Santana

Dear Ward 14 residents,

It has been almost six years since I was elected to serve you. Thank you for trusting me with your vote and allowing me to represent you. When I ran for office, I was committed to improving the infrastructure of our Ward, increasing housing access and home ownership to avoid displacement of our residents, and improving the health and safety of our neighborhoods. **We've been able to accomplish a lot in this time.**

A few recent accomplishments include: securing \$1 million for the renovation of Meyers Pool, and \$1.5 million for the Mercedes Cotner Park renovation and reconstruction project. We have Centro Villa 25 being built right now. Affordable senior housing at the old St. Michael's School is starting soon. We now have a Clark-Fulton Master Plan and secured over \$6 million in housing funds and have seen more than one hundred new apartments open. This is just a sampling of the work I've been doing for the Ward over the last six years.

As the chair of the Workforce, Education, Youth Training & Development Committee, I've developed a mission statement for this session: increase workforce development training and employee opportunities for Cleveland residents, with a specific interest in youth and young adults; track training and placement metrics; publish a year-end report.

This committee is doing important work to advance the opportunities for our youth and adults in education and careers. Our committee has been able to approve legislation for:

Built Environment Initiative: \$10 Million investment to sustainably grow the workforce pipeline for current and anticipated demand in residential and commercial construction, infrastructure and transit, green infrastructure, broadband, and lead and brownfield remediation.

Expanding PACE Curriculum: \$2.1 Million ARPA investment to use as a guide for school systems to design and implement a sixth through twelfth-grade student experience of embedded in-class activities, out-of-school engagements, and career advising. The support will allow the PACE Curriculum to be expanded to every Cleveland school.



Integrated Health Initiative: \$3.746 Million investment to increase access to healthcare services that help students manage the pandemic's disruptions and their future health needs through three key investments:

1. establish three new school-based health clinics in CMSD schools;
2. additional health supplies, medical equipment and telehealth infrastructure in schools; and
3. community health education campaign to make children and families aware of new health centers and services.



Say Yes Cleveland Family Support Specialists: \$600,000 Gap funding to provide support services for students and their families from Pre-K through high school graduation and are available at all 104 CMSD and partner charter schools



CollegeNow Comebacker Campaign Description: \$300,000 investment is providing information to the 60,000 Cleveland residents with some college education but no degree about debt forgiveness and re-enrolling in postsecondary education.

As we look to the rest of 2024 and beyond, our focus areas are rooted in Community Development to support Ward 14 businesses and beautifying the Ward, as well as home ownership as we begin to equitably disperse the new housing and rehabilitation support. I also am encouraging everyone to come out to one of my "Ward Tour" meetings beginning in April to talk with residents from across the ward.

Thank you for your support these last six years, and I am looking forward to a prosperous 2024 serving you.

Jasmin Santana
Councilwoman, Ward 14

Ward 14 by the numbers

6 Years of Service with Councilwoman Santana

Residents 24,251	Residents in Attendance at Community Meetings 2,560
Ward 14 Community Meetings 72	Organization Meetings Attended 4,320
Newsletter Issues Mailed 26	

Pieces of Legislation Voted on:

Approximately 7,200

Council meetings attended: 1,440

ARPA Allocation of Utilities Assistance: 133 Accounts were paid in Utilities amnesty, totaling \$99,000

Medical Debt paid \$170 million

Community Development Block Grant Funding since 2019 \$1,871,110

CASINO FUNDS SINCE 2018: \$624,478.05

TOP EXPENSES

- ▶ Student Internship Program supporting Ward 14 efforts
- ▶ Video Surveillance Cameras to increase safety

- ▶ Tree Planting
- ▶ Seeds of Literacy Adult program
- ▶ Free Dumpster Days for Ward 14 residents
- ▶ Ward 14 Historic Signage
- ▶ Summer Safety Movie Nights for families and children
- ▶ Cleveland Restoration Society
- ▶ May Dugan Workforce, Counseling and Food services for Ward 14 residents
- ▶ Painting a Better Picture in Ward 14 initiative
- ▶ Food Distribution food cards for families

CAPITAL INVESTMENT \$377,049.20 plus Resurfacing cost \$ pending

TOP EXPENSES

- ▶ Project Clean - Special crew hired to assist with grass cutting for vacant lot and illegal dumping
- ▶ Traffic speed signs pilot program
- ▶ West 65th Bike lanes
- ▶ Nearly \$12 million in street resurfacing and capital investment



RIVERSWEEP

RiverSweep Cuyahoga River Litter Clean Up

May 4, 2024

9:00 am

Volunteer to clean up on Train Avenue in Tremont with volunteers from Metro West Community Development Organization.

Come and join us
at Aries Industries,
3300 Train Avenue
from 9:00 am - Noon!

Started in 1989, RiverSweep is a one day litter cleanup that focuses on protecting the Cuyahoga River by removing garbage from the Cuyahoga River Corridor.

Over the course of 33 years, 20 thousand volunteers have helped recycle 24,757 illegally discarded tires and pick up almost 1.5 million pounds of trash. The cleanup effort has helped communities reduce public dumping and encouraged the creation of parks and trails.

Join Tremont West Development Corporation, Sustainable Associates, and other volunteers to cleanup up throughout Tremont and Duck Island, including along W. 14th Street, Willey Hill from Scranton to Columbus Road, Kenilworth and Starkweather underpasses, Holden Avenue, Train Avenue, and other locations on May 4th at 9:00am!

Councilwoman Jasmin Santana Honored by Global Cleveland



Jasmin Santana with fellow Council Members Stephanie Howse-Jones, Danny Kelly, Deborah Gray, and Council President Blaine A. Griffin.

Councilwoman Jasmin Santana was the recipient of the Albert B. & Audrey G. Ratner Community Leader Award – the highest award given by Global Cleveland.

"I'm honored to have received this award," said Ward 14 Councilwoman Santana at the December 7, 2023 ceremony. "So much of Council members' work is done quietly, in the neighborhoods we represent and often one-on-one with constituents who are struggling and need support.

"So to be given this award, means a lot to me personally."

The Albert B. & Audrey G. Ratner Community Leader Award is presented each year to a member of the community who exemplifies consistent and bold leadership and demonstrates true compassion for the community. It is named after the Ratner's, the primary architect who established Global Cleveland in 2011 to grow Northeast Ohio's economy by welcoming and connecting international people to opportunities and offering an inviting community.

2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Resident Investment

- Led a "Clark-Fulton Together" strategic plan, guiding the revitalization of the Clark- Fulton neighborhood, ensuring the input of residents.
- **Reduced and eliminated city-owned utility debt** held by 2600 Clevelanders.
- **Directed \$1 million in federal recovery dollars** to support May Dugan Center, Canopy Child Advocacy Center, Journey Center for Safety and Healing, and Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, increasing resources for survivors of domestic abuse.
- **Cancelled nearly \$170 million in medical debt for residents** of the city of Cleveland, relieving residents of a significant financial burden.

Civic Engagement & Legislative

- Drove 17% voter turnout in last major election, the highest in five years, increasing civic engagement.
- Sponsored legislation to offer **Free Feminine Hygiene Products at City Centers** to address Period Poverty.
- Sponsored the **Safe Leave Law** which allows city employees involved in domestic violence situations to

take time off of work safely and privately.

- **Sponsored the Paid Family Leave Law** which allows city employees take time off when they have or adopt a baby.

Neighborhood Development

- **Led public investments in Ward 14's public spaces**, including \$1 million renovation of Meyers Pool and \$1.5 million for Mercedes Cotner Park.
- **Secured \$1.5 million in funding for Centro Villa 25**, a 40-year-in-the-making catalytic neighborhood project that will create jobs, result in business development, and create a center to celebrate Latino culture.
- **Co-sponsored historic legislation creating a Community Benefits Ordinance**, requiring tangible and meaningful benefits for the community from development projects.
- Created the **annual Painting a Better Picture Ward 14 beautification initiative** for the last 6 years.



Centro Villa 25 groundbreaking

Affordable Housing

- **Secured vital funding for two significant projects in Ward 14:** the Northern Ohio Blanket Mills project and St. Michael's School. These critical investments will repurpose the largest vacant properties in the neighborhood into over 60 multi-family affordable housing units each. These initiatives will result in much-needed affordable housing and will contribute to the historic preservation of these structures, enhance streetscapes, and will protect the culture of the community.

FOCUS AREAS & GOALS 2024

Workforce and Education

- Improve the quality of jobs in the City of Cleveland
Increase workforce access equitably to all levels of job candidates in the City of Cleveland.
- Align key workforce partners to maximize the work.
- Increase transparency among allocation of funds to Workforce Partners to accurately measure impact of employment in the City of Cleveland.
- Ensure City job postings are offered multi-lingually.
- Create a directory for Youth Employment & Training.

Housing Ownership

- Strategically leverage funds to provide Ward 14 residents to access resources to own homes.
- Equitably prepare future homeowners through applicable organization programs before eligibility.

Community Development

- **Support Ward 14 businesses** to improve storefront appearances & landscape, increase workforce opportunities.
- Ensure parks are finalized and completely renovated to reflect cultural and local needs of the community.
- Ensuring the City of Cleveland drafts correct neighborhood amenities that are culturally relevant.
- Execute the annual Painting a Better Picture Ward 14 beautification initiative.

Community Engagement

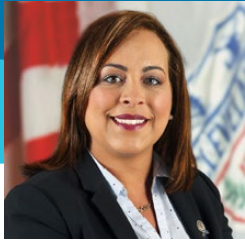
- Improve language access across all city offices to advance opportunities for resources, employment and engagement among residents where

english is not their native language.

- Increase voter registration in Ward 14 through tabling and education initiatives.
- Host "Ward Tour" of Community Meetings once a month.



Ward 14 Business Meet & Greet



WARD 14 COUNCILWOMAN Jasmin Santana

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Ward 14 COMMUNITY MEETING SCHEDULE 2024

This year, the councilwoman will be hosting meetings across the ward to engage with residents in their own neighborhoods. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about available resources, the city's budget, community plans, and share their concerns.

Questions? Contact Adam Gifford at AGifford@metrowestde.org.



APRIL

Community Meeting
Thursday, April 25, 2024
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Pivot Center, 2937 W 25th St.

JUNE

W. 73rd Community Partners
Wednesday, June 12, 2024
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
7403 Denison Ave.
**Neighborhood Walk (we will meet and walk)*

JULY

Jones Home Neighborhood
Wednesday, July 31, 2024
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Dunlap Tavern, 3258 W. 32nd St.

AUGUST

Shalom & Tranquility Garden
Tuesday, August 20, 2024
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Shalom Garden, 3789 W. 39th St.

SEPTEMBER

Metro North Block Club
Tuesday, September 24, 2024
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Hispanic Ministry
3114 Scranton Ave.

OCTOBER

City Life Night
Tuesday, October 15, 2024
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Club Cypher
3340 Trowbridge Ave.
**19 years old and younger*

West Side Community House

Thursday, October 17, 2024
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Healthy Aging Center
9300 Lorain Ave.
**55 years old and older*



Ward 14 Councilwoman **Jasmin Santana**

Funding is Complete for The Arch at Saint Michael Senior Housing

\$23 million development will serve low-income seniors in the community and restore the historic St. Michael School



Cleveland City Councilwoman Jasmin Santana recently announced that the \$23 million redevelopment of the historic Saint Michael School is now fully funded, and the renovation will begin soon. The "Arch at Saint Michael," will be a 46-apartment unit development for low-income seniors. It is a green adaptive reuse of the iconic St. Michael School on Scranton Road and adjacent convent around the corner on Prame Avenue.

"The Arch at Saint Michael is a remarkable development that both creates safe and affordable housing for our communities' residents to age in place as well as preserves an architectural landmark of our neighborhood," said Ward 14 Councilwoman Jasmin Santana, who represents Clark-Fulton and part of Tremont. "I am proud to help make this development a reality, and this past year Council made affordable housing a priority in receiving revenue recovery funds."

City Council approved \$2.9 million in support for the project, which was needed to close the funding gap the project faced. Other funders of The Arch at Saint Michael include Cuyahoga County, HUD 202 Capital Advance and Project Rental Assistance, 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credits, as well as federal and state historic preservation tax credits.

"Developments like The Arch at Saint Michael are game changers for Cleveland seniors and for the Cleveland community," said Councilman Anthony T. Hairston, who chairs the Development, Planning and Sustainability Committee. "This development cares for our seniors as well as our history in Cleveland, the way it should be."

The Arch at Saint Michael will allow seniors who earn 31% to 50% of the area median income to age within their own community while preserving a cornerstone of the Tremont- Clark-Fulton neighborhood for over 100 years.

Construction at The Arch at Saint Michael is expected to commence at the beginning of the second quarter of 2024 and be completed in 2025. Like the nearby church, the school was constructed as an early 1900s Gothic Revival structure.



Ward 14 DUMPSTER DAYS



Help Beautify
Our Community!

Beginning in June, dumpsters will be placed in Ward 14 neighborhoods for residents to discard trash from their yards, garages and street!

LOCATIONS & DATES

The dumpsters are available from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Dumpsters are NOT FOR CONTRACTORS but for residents only.

JUNE 4 STOCKYARD
(West 50th & Storer Ave)

JUNE 8 WEST BLVD
(West 73rd & Neville Ave)

JUNE 22 CLARK-FULTON/TREMONT
(West 30th & Meyer Ave)

JULY 6 STOCKYARD
(West 50th & Storer Ave)

JULY 20 WEST BLVD
(West 73rd & Neville Ave)

AUG 3 CLARK-FULTON/TREMONT
(West 30th & Meyer Ave)

Highlighted dates are on Saturdays.

AUG 17 STOCKYARD
(West 50th & Storer Ave)

AUG 31 WEST BLVD
(West 73rd & Neville Ave)

SEPT 7 CLARK-FULTON/TREMONT
(West 30th & Meyer Ave)

ROARING 20'S CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISING EVENT

JUNE 28, 2024

LOCATION:
CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO
3900 WILDLIFE WAY
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44109



For event questions please contact elee@metrowestde.org
or (216) 961-9073, ext. 235



Education and Career Opportunities for Clevelanders

Councilwoman Jasmin Santana recently chaired a Workforce, Education, Training, and Youth Development Committee for an important meeting to review organizations charged with impacting the education and career opportunities for Clevelanders that received revenue recovery funding from the city.

As chair of the committee, Councilwoman Santana can call for organizations to come and give updates on their work as part of Council's oversight authority.

The organizations had received more than \$16 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding. They included Ohio Means Jobs, the Greater Cleveland Career Consortium, Say Yes! To Education and College Now's Cleveland College Comeback program which targets residents who started secondary education but stopped for numerous reasons. Committee members also received an update on the initiative to ensure all CMSD students have access to physical and mental health services that includes building three new on-site clinics at schools.

The "Built Environment Workforce Development," initiative with Ohio Means Jobs has a goal of enrolling 3,000 residents with training providers over the next three years. So far, 241 residents

have been enrolled in training programs.

Committee members also received an update from the Greater Cleveland Career Consortium on its Planning and Career Exploration (PACE) program that reported they were ahead of schedule in career advising and out of school engagements for 6th to 12th graders to set them on a career training and/or education path.

The City of Cleveland received the eighth-largest allotment of federal ARPA funds. Councilwoman Santana and the members of the committee are committed to accountability and learning how the organizations that received disbursements from Cleveland's allotment are using the funds for the betterment of Clevelanders.

"Clevelanders rely on Council for advocacy and oversight," Councilwoman Santana said. "The American Rescue Plan Act provided a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to use an unprecedented sum of federal funding to bring real and meaningful change to Clevelanders. The Workforce, Education, Training, and Youth Education Committee heard from several organizations seeking portions of that funding.

"We have some strong, experienced members on this



March 5, 2024 Workforce, Education, Training, and Youth Development Committee meeting: Committee Chair Jasmin Santana, with Council Members Jenny Spencer, and Richard A. Starr.

committee who are passionate about education and the workforce. Each of us is committed to using our experiences to examine how the organizations have used the funding to date - and updates on meeting the goals they shared with this committee."

Residents looking for career opportunities - including students - are encouraged to go to omjcc.cuyahogacounty.gov, visit the Ohio Means Jobs office at 1910 Carnegie Avenue, or call 216-777-8200.

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Minority Men's Health Fair

SAT., APRIL 27
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sometimes men struggle with putting their health first. But your health matters. Find strength in numbers at the MetroHealth Minority Men's Health Fair. It's your chance—no matter your race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation—to make a commitment to better health for a stronger and healthier community.

2 Convenient Locations:
MetroHealth Cleveland Heights Medical Center
10 Severance Circle
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118
Tri-C Metropolitan Campus
Alex B. Johnson Campus Center, Room 201
2900 Community College Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44115



Dr. Charles Madin
Vice President and Chief Equity Officer
Founder, Minority Men's Health Fair

- Various Health Screenings
- Enrichment Activities
- Wellness Sessions
- Community Resources
- Guest Speakers
- Job Fair



For more information—including registration—scan the code or call 216-957-3862.

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Cuyahoga County Welcome Center

for immigrant, refugee, and language services

The Cuyahoga County Welcome Center is a multi-service center serving residents who are immigrants, refugees, and those with limited English proficiency. Within the Welcome Center, the County will partner with outside service agencies to work with individuals and families, identify their specific needs, and connect them to available resources.



The Cuyahoga County Welcome Center will provide a centralized access point to provide consistent and streamlined access to human and social services in Cuyahoga County, including:

- language services,
- public benefits,
- education,
- jobs and workforce support,
- housing,
- legal,
- and other resources necessary to acclimate to our community.

The Welcome Center is located at 4261 Fulton Parkway, Cleveland, OH 44144. The hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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TEXT "FOOD" to 63566 for information regarding SNAP (food stamps) applications, food pantries, free produce and hot meals.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



TREMONT FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

LINCOLN PARK 6/28 & 29
JUNE 28 & 29 @ LINCOLN PARK



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WARD 14 Esther's Women's Wellness Program



For women ages 18 and older who reside in Ward 14.

A 6-month Women's Development and Wellness Program, featuring one monthly workshop sponsored by Ward 14.

These workshops will empower participants to navigate life's challenges confidently, maintain emotional balance, and create a healthier, stronger life for themselves and the community.

THE CURRICULUM INCLUDES:

- Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health
- Communication
- Stress Management Techniques
- Book/Topic Discussion
- Food Discussion/Demo
- Movement Activity, such as dance or stretching

SIGN UP TODAY!

Scan the QR code or visit:
<https://forms.gle/7EVRljRXdFPXem47>



SAVE THE DATES!
MAY 9
DAYS & TIMES: JUNE 13
BEGINNING MAY 9, 2024
Second Thursday of each Month
from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
JULY 11
AUG. 8
LOCATION: SEPT. 12
Coming Soon! OCT. 10