

WE ARE ONE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR CLEVELAND'S WARD 1 • WINTER 2024

Councilman Jones Delivered on Bringing \$4.1 million for the New JFK High School Athletic Field



The Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) and the City of Cleveland are thrilled to announce the groundbreaking for the new athletic field at John F. Kennedy High School. The new football field and track will be vital and provide a much-needed home for the JFK Eagles, who have been traveling for competitions since the school opened in 2020.

Located next to the Frederick Douglass Neighborhood Resource and Recreation Center, construction will begin in spring 2025, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony expected to align with the football season kickoff. This \$4 million project exemplifies the partnership between CMSD and the City, reinforcing their commitment to equitable resources for all students.

Those who participated in the groundbreaking ceremony include Cleveland Mayor Justin M. Bibb, Cleveland City Councilman for Ward One, Joe Jones and CMSD CEO Dr. Warren Morgan.

Ward 1 Senior Honoree

Pearl Thompson

Pearl Thompson has called Cleveland home for her entire life. She was born in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood, lived in Glenville as a young person, graduated from Glenville High School and has called the Lee Harvard community home since the 1960's.

Pearl attended Kent State University and Whiting Business College. She and her husband owned and operated a cleaning and painting business, Quality Response, which provided opportunities to work on ornamental painting at the Ohio Theatre and Palace Theatre at Playhouse Square and work on the Convention Center. Pearl worked as a bookkeeper at companies such as Eaton Corporation, TRW and Union Commerce Bank. Her work became especially important after her husband Raymond died.

She is an active member of the Ward 1 community. She is a member of the Invermere Street Club, active in the Lee Harvard Association, and a member of COMP, Community Organizing for Mutual Progress. Her membership at Antioch Baptist Church is very important to her. At her church she is chair of the Sojourner Truth Mission Circle. Mission Circles are small groups of women who work together to grow in mission, provide many and varied learning experiences, and train and develop leaders.

Pearl enjoys staying active, which includes walking at Kerruish Park and at each of the Cleveland Senior Walks. She treasures gathering with dear friends and helping neighbors. A group of long time girlfriends, known as the Glenville Girls from their high school days, gathers once a month for lunch. This time with Judy, Sondra, Barbara, Lenore and Joan is very special to Pearl.

Ward 1 Meeting Schedule

The 4th Thursday of Every Month From 6 .PM. - 8:30 P.M.

**JAN. 23 • FEB. 27 • MARCH 27
APRIL 24 • MAY 22 • JUNE 26
JULY 24 • AUG. 28 • SEPT. 25 • OCT. 23**

Harvard Community Services Center
18240 Harvard Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44128

JFK Students Travel to Greece

A group of John F. Kennedy High School students traveled to Greece over the summer. The students were accompanied by a group of chaperones which included administrative staff and parents as they traveled to Athens and Argolida, Greece.

This trip provided students with a valuable opportunity to immerse themselves in a different culture, preparing them to be competitive in a globalized world. It also offered insights into potential educational goals and career options they may wish to pursue.

The 5-day itinerary included guided tours of the city's ancient Olympic Stadium, the central square, and the Acropolis, led by an expert local guide. Visiting the Acropolis, they viewed the Parthenon, one of the world's greatest architectural feats, and saw the Temple of Athena Nike.

They discovered prehistoric artifacts and ancient ruins at the Acropolis Museum. The group then traveled to Argolida, where they viewed the sparkling waters of the Corinth Canal, which separates the Peloponnese region from the Greek mainland. They visited the Acropolis of Mycenae and the Treasury of Atreus (better known as Agamemnon's Tomb) and learned about traditional clay techniques at a Mycenaean pottery studio.

For some, the trip involved stepping outside of their comfort zone in experiencing new and delicious cuisines. They enjoyed dining at fine establishments and learning about the foods of different cultures. The trip was well planned and received the support of various community leaders and partners including the City of Cleveland. Ward 1 Councilman Joe Jones was instrumental in securing funds for the adventure along with Cleveland City Council.



The Doc Has Arrived



The Ward 1 – Lee Harvard community welcomed a new business this year: Doc's on Harvard located at 16615 Harvard Avenue. This location was formerly the dental practice of the late Dr. William Walker. Today, his daughter-in-law, Kolnita Riggins-Walker runs Doc's on Harvard alongside her husband of 33 years, and business partner William Walker Jr., who is the son of the late Dr. Walker.

Doc's officially celebrated with a grand opening ceremony in June of this year. The menu features fine dining created by owner and chef Kolnita Riggins-Walker, who is excited about the opportunity to run a business in the area where she and her husband grew up. Kolnita launched a catering business in the late 1990s and has experience working in high-end restaurants and hotels. Although she and her husband initially moved to Chicago, they later returned to Cleveland to open Doc's.

Kolnita aims to create a dining experience that will make her neighborhood proud. Cleveland Ward 1 Councilman Joe Jones is excited about the opening of this new business in his ward, which is one of several developments planned under the Southeast Side Promise initiative. He is optimistic about contributing to the successful revitalization of the Lee Harvard community. Mayor Justin Bibb has identified the Southeast Side as one of the focus areas for this initiative, which seeks to rejuvenate overlooked neighborhoods, including Mount Pleasant and Union Miles.

Doc's has already attracted regular patrons who frequently come in for the whitefish, the most popular dish on a dinner menu where appetizers start at \$15 and entrées at \$33. Stop by and visit Doc's on Harvard!



Grandparents Day 2024



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Cleveland 311 is live!

clevelandohio.gov/311

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If you or someone you know needs help with utility costs, Call 2-1-1.

Home Energy Assistance Program

Registration for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Winter Crisis Program is now open for income-eligible Ohioans to receive assistance with their heating bills. If you are looking for assistance with utility bills, United Way 211 is here to help. A network of agencies can provide information about payment plans, discounts, negotiation programs, and possible bill payment assistance designed to help people maintain affordable gas, electric, water, and telephone service.

Call 2-1-1 to speak with a trained Community Resource Specialist 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They will work with you to find the best community resources for your needs.

The HEAP Winter Crisis assistance is applied directly to a utility or fuel bill, and it can help homeowners and renters manage heating costs in the winter. For more information, visit the Ohio Department of Development's website at: <https://bit.ly/4dUs1IL>

Upcoming Waste Collection Schedule

B Bulk Week **H** One Day Delayed Collection **H** Holiday with Regular Pickup

JANUARY

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Jan. 1st - New Year's Day (1) day delay
Jan. 20th - MLK Day (1) day delay

FEBRUARY

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Feb. 17th - President's Day
No delay in collection

Enroll in the City of Cleveland Recycling Program!

Residents must opt-in to receive curbside recycling services.

Visit CLErecycles.com or call 216.664.3030 to enroll.



Community Organization Spotlight-Free Books with the Literacy Cooperative



Enroll your child to receive a free book in the mail every month through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Program. All children under the age of five are eligible to receive a brand new, high-quality, age appropriate book every month instilling a love of books and family reading from an early age. The Literacy Cooperative leads the program throughout Cuyahoga County where 39,000 children are currently enrolled. **Enroll your child today** by scanning the QR code, visiting: www.literacycooperative.org, text FREEBOOKS to 216-412-9005, or call us at 216-776-6180.



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Important Phone Numbers:

EMERGENCY 911
(Police, Fire EMS)

Suicide Hotline: 988

Social Services: 211
(Food & Jobs Programs, Senior Assistance)

Non-Emergency Services 311
Illegal Dumping, Trash & Recycling Issues, Tree Issues

Police (non-emergency) 216-621-1234	Sewer District 216-881-8247
4th District Police 216-623-5400	Water Department 216-664-3060
City Hall 216-664-2000	Dominion Gas 800-362-7557
Animal Control 216-664-3069	Power Outage (CPP): 216-664-3156 (First Energy): 1-888-544-4877

Councilman Joe Jones invites you to the

WARD 1 HOLIDAY PARTY

DECEMBER 14 SAT. 6 P.M.-8:30 P.M.

Live Entertainment | Visual Art Displays
Free Arts & Crafts Refreshments
Workshop by Oh Sew Powerful Inc.
Entertainment by Hubb's Groove and DJ OG Shanksta

JFK High School
15111 Miles Ave.

Gift Card Give Away

Ward 1 Councilman
Joe Jones
Working Hard For You

Do you have working Smoke Alarms in your home?

The Cleveland Division of Fire participates in the American Red Cross Operation Save-A-Life, which provides free smoke alarms, batteries, and installation.

Call 216- 361-5535 to schedule an appointment with the Cleveland Division of Fire.