

Welcome Back Smedley's!



The closure of Smedley's in Kamm's Corners was unexpected and disappointing to many longtime customers. However the disappointment was short lived. Smedley's has reopened under new ownership, including Jason Salupo of West Park Station fame and additional business partners.

A classic example of “if it’s not broke, don’t fix it,” the new ownership team has worked hard to retain Smedley’s atmosphere. Still, important improvements were made throughout the restaurant including new flooring, improved lighting, kitchen updates, and new exterior signage.

Through Cleveland's Middle Neighborhood Program, and in partnership with West Park Kamm's Neighborhood Development and Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, the reopening of Smedley's was prioritized and awarded funding to support its expedient reopening. Welcome back Smedley's!

Changes to Polling Locations

Population loss across Cleveland required City Council to reduce the number of wards from 17 to 15, in accordance with the City Charter. **Although the new wards do not come into full effect until January 2026, the 15-ward map is being used for elections now, in 2025.**

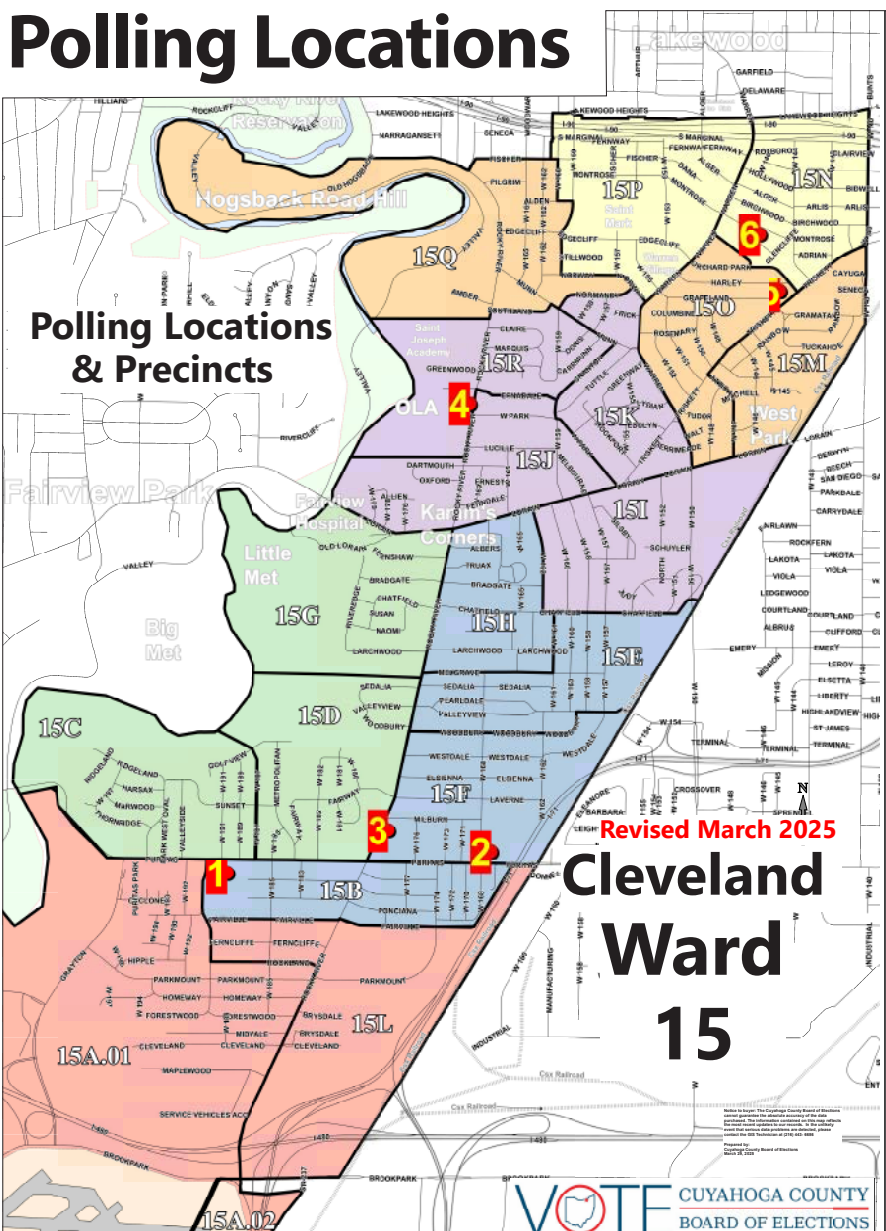
The new ward 15 is nearly identical to current Ward 17. New Ward 15 includes all of Ward 17 plus a couple hundred residents currently in Ward 16. Similarly, only some small changes have occurred to voting precincts.

Yet, **over 40 percent of voters now have a new polling location.**

Take a moment to review this map and confirm your precinct and polling location.



**To find your polling location
call the Cuyahoga Board of
Elections at 216-443-8683,
scan the QR code at left, or
visit [boe.cuyahogacounty.
gov/voters](https://boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/voters).**



Polling Location	Address	Precincts
CLARA E WESTROPP MIDDLE SCHOOL	19101 PURITAS AVE	15A.01 15A.02 15L
GUNNING PARK RECREATION CENTER	16700 PURITAS AVE	15B 15E 15F 15H
ST PATRICKS CHURCH	4427 ROCKY RIVER DR	15C 15D 15G
OUR LADY OF ANGELS LINUS HALL	3600 ROCKY RIVER DR	15I 15J 15K 15R
ST MEL HALL	14436 TRISKETT ROAD	15M 15O 15Q
RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	14601 MONTROSE AVE	15N 15P 13A



FREE
10 am - 5 pm


GardenWalk
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Saturday, Jul 12, 2025
Collinwood, Fairfax, Glenville, Hough, West Park/Kamm's, West Park/Jefferson

Sunday, Jul 13, 2025
Clifton-Baltic Neighborhood of Edgewater, Detroit Shoreway, Little Italy, Tremont

Councilman Slife Helps Improve Safety for First Responders

Cleveland’s first responders are asked to put themselves in dangerous situations to help people in need. This includes along interstates, where crash scenes can snarl traffic and cause delays. Cleveland Fire uses its engines to block traffic and protect lives, but unfortunately many drivers are too distracted or impatient. Cleveland’s fire engines often get hit by cars.

Tragically, Firefighter Johnny Tetrick was killed on the East Shoreway in 2022 when a driver attempted to maneuver around a traffic caused by a crash and struck him.

Through a partnership with Cleveland Fire and the Office of Risk Management, Councilman Slife provided dollars allowing for the purchase of **Hass Alert Safety Cloud technology for Cleveland Fire**. This system will supplement lights and sirens by communicating directly to drivers’ in-car navigation systems, informing them that a fire apparatus is in motion nearby or stopped along the route.

Once implemented, the Hass System will more proactively alert drivers to the presence of first responders and increase their safety.

Hat tip to Ward 17 resident Patrick Mangan, retired from Cleveland Fire and now with the Office of Risk Management for bringing this idea to Councilman Slife.

Our First Responders

Rank/Name:
Tammy Hanna
District 1 Representative for
Community Relations Board

What is the Community Relations Board and what do you do?:
The Community Relations Board was founded 80 years ago as a ‘human relations’ department that specialized in building connections between Cleveland’s various ethnic communities and City Hall. It was the first city department of its kind in the nation. Today, CRB continues to bridge the gap between city residents, City Hall, and the Division of Police. This includes providing programming for Cleveland’s youth and building relationships between residents and Cleveland’s first responders.

What do you enjoy doing when you’re not at work?: Camping and traveling.

How can residents learn more about public safety trends in Ward 17?: The Community Relations Board coordinates monthly district policing committee meetings across the city’s five police districts. The First District Policing Committee takes place at 6 p.m. on the



Tammy Hanna

1st Thursday of the month (except June and July.) Meetings are usually held at St. Ignatius of Antioch School at Lorain Ave. and West Blvd. These meetings are opportunities for residents to get public safety updates directly from the First District commander and his staff. Representatives from Cleveland Fire and the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor’s Office also attend and provide updates on major items.



SAVE THE DATE!

2025 4th of July Parade

in West Park

KICK OFF @ 9:30 AM



Catherine Lanning Knittel – Senior of the Year

At the 2025 Cleveland Senior Day on May 21st at Cleveland Public Hall, Councilman Charles Slife honored Mrs. Catherine Lanning Knittel as Ward 17’s outstanding senior, recognizing her lifelong dedication to service and advocacy.

A proud West Park resident, Catherine has spent nearly her entire life on Cleveland’s Westside, shaped by compassion, service, and integrity as the eldest of ten siblings. Her education began at Our Lady of Angels in 1955, continuing a 25-year family tradition. In high school, she met Greg Knittel, her future husband and high school sweetheart. To Catherine, Greg was the best person she ever knew, sharing her deep love of faith and learning.

Together, they devoted their lives to education—Catherine at Saint Joseph Academy for 36 years, Greg at St. Ignatius High School for 35. Catherine co-founded Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice (CSPJ), now connecting every Catholic high school in the Cleveland Diocese to empower students in service and advocacy.

They raised three children—Matthew, Mary



Catherine with Councilman Slife and Mayor Justin M. Bibb.

Therese, and Peter—all educators. Their family grew to include two wonderful in-laws and three cherished grandchildren. When Greg passed away from ALS in 2013, Catherine’s faith and resilience endured.

Now in retirement, Catherine remains rooted in West Park, where she’s lived for 47 years, committed to community, creativity, and giving back.

ARE YOU READY FOR A WEST PARK SUMMER?!



SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025
NOON – 7 P.M.

Lorain Avenue from Rocky River Drive to West 165th Street
**Live music, good food, dunk tank, beer garden,
activities for kids and more!**



SUNDAYS, JUNE 15 – OCTOBER 12
10 A.M. – 1 P.M.

16906 Albers Avenue, Corner of W 168th St and Albers Ave
**Fresh grown local produce, artisan jams, honeys and
marinades, live music, family fun and more.
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2025 Summer Senior Walks

Walk on Wednesdays with the Cleveland Department of Aging!

The Department of Aging is sponsoring 13 walks at some of Cleveland's most scenic and historic locations—including Ward 17's Impett Park. See the box below for details.

Meet new friends and stay active—this

is a great way to stay connected and healthy all summer long. Walks are **FREE**, and participants can go at their own pace! Those who need assistance or use mobility aids are

welcome. Every participant receives a Senior Walk T-shirt and resource bag.

TO REGISTER

- Call 216-664-6152 (registration and details)
- Email aging@clevelandhio.gov
- Online forms: office.com/g/eEuC/e115



Walk #13 will be at Impett Park (3207 W 153rd St) on **Wed., August 27 at 9 am**

AFTER THE WALK

- Fresh Produce Distribution from Greater Cleveland Food Bank
- Celebration Picnic!
- Pickleball Demonstrations

MAP

- The parking lot to Impett Park is at 3207 West 153.
- You can access West 153rd off Edgelyiff



Avenue. Edgelyiff Avenue is off of Warren Road.

- You will see a Giant Eagle Grocery Store at the corner of West 153 and Edgelyiff.

SET OUT GUIDELINES

WEEKLY WASTE CARTS

- ▶ Please contain all waste in the carts provided by the city:
 - Use black/gray city issued cart for household trash and bagged yard waste.
 - NO trash should be placed outside of the black/gray cart.
- ▶ Place carts out no earlier than noon the day before your regular pick up day. Remove carts by noon the following day. If possible, use off street parking on your collection day.

YARD WASTE – WEEKLY DISPOSAL

- ▶ Branches must be cut and bundled. (Each bundle cannot exceed 3 ft. in length and 2 ft. in diameter.)
- ▶ All leaves and grass clippings must be contained, up to 20 bags per week.

BULK ITEMS/TIRE DISPOSAL

1st full week of each month on your regular collection day only

- ▶ You may set out a limit of 3 bulk items
 - Such as tables and chairs, mattresses and box springs, couches, furniture.
 - All mattresses, box springs, leather and cloth furniture must be wrapped in plastic.
 - Household furniture and appliances only.
 - The city does not accept construction material such as toilets, tubs, sinks, drywall, and wood.
 - Boxes and bags are not bulk items.
- ▶ Place carts out no earlier than noon the day before your regular pick up day. Remove carts by noon the following day. If possible, use off street parking on your collection day.



- All waste/garbage in city issued carts
- Bulk items separated
- Yard waste bundled
- *As shown, 1st full week of month (tires/bulk)



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June 19th - Juneteenth
No delay in collection

JULY						
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July 4th - Independence Day
No delay in collection

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Sept. 1st - Labor Day
1 day delay all week