

THE GRIFFIN REPORT

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A Message From Council President Blaine A. Griffin

Dear Residents,

Summer is in full swing. I encourage everyone to take full advantage of the warm weather by enjoying our community spaces and parks.

However, last summer we experienced several recurring quality of life issues, including litter, parking problems, and other nuisances that residents rightly voiced concerns about — and should not have to tolerate.

In this newsletter, you'll find important information about the nuisance laws currently on the books in the City of Cleveland. Building strong, vibrant neighborhoods requires all of us working together.

I'm also proud to share updates on legislative actions I've taken, in collaboration with my Council colleagues, to address these issues and help improve the quality of life for all Clevelanders.

Looking ahead, please note that ward boundaries will change, and the number of Council members will be reduced from 17 to 15 beginning in January 2026. Primary elections for Council seats with more than two candidates will take place on September 9, 2025, followed by the municipal general election on November 4, 2025.

Polling locations have been updated to reflect the new 15-ward structure. The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections has mailed letters to affected residents with their new polling information. However, I encourage you to double-check your voting location with the Board of Elections to ensure you're prepared.

Wishing you a safe, enjoyable summer! As always, please don't hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns.

Blaine A. Griffin
Council President, Ward 6

Cleveland City Council Hosts Ceremonial Signing of Pay Transparency Legislation

On Wednesday May 14, Cleveland City Council held a ceremonial signing event to officially commemorate the passage of its groundbreaking pay transparency legislation. The new regulations, passed by City Council on April 28, 2025, prohibit employers from inquiring about a job applicant's previous or current salary and require all formal job postings to include salary ranges or pay scales.

This pivotal legislation aims to empower job seekers with crucial information and address the persistent wage gap, particularly impacting women and people of color.

"This legislation represents a major step forward in our dedication to building a more just and equitable economic environment for all Cleveland residents. By ensuring pay transparency, we are empowering job seekers with the information they need to advocate for fair compensation and dismantling a system that has historically contributed to unfair wage differences."

-Council President Blaine A. Griffin



BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Last summer, there were numerous complaints about neighborhood nuisances, including parking on lawns, unkempt yards, illegal dumping, leaving trash cans in front yards, and other issues. **For non-emergency nuisances call 216.621.1234.**

The City of Cleveland has ordinances addressing these concerns, and there are penalties for violations. Let's work together to make this summer better by following the rules.

If you encounter nuisance animals, please contact the Division of Animal Control at **216.664.3069 between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.**, seven days a week.



Can you find the nuisances?

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Legislative Notes



Stopping Smoke Shop Proliferation: My colleagues and I passed legislation regulating the location of Smoke Shops, including mandating no new smoke shops within two miles of an existing store and prohibiting smoke shops from 500 feet of a church, public library, school, public park, or playground. The goal is to minimize the negative effects of concentrated establishments in neighborhoods.



Tobacco Retail Licenses Now Required: Council passed legislation requiring all Tobacco Retailers to obtain and pay for a separate retail license for each location where tobacco products are sold within city limits. The license application must include the applicant's full name, business and personal contact information, business name, and a valid Ohio Department of Taxation vendor's license.



Cleaning Up Store Shop Windows: This recently passed legislation by City Council will help residents feel more secure walking into corner stores where all the windows are plastered with signs. Under the new ordinance, window signs may not cover more than 25% of the total window area, regardless of the type of business or use. This restriction applies to all zoning districts, except Residential and Residence-Office Districts.



Tax Exempt Municipal Bonds Important for American Infrastructure – I, as Council President Griffin and as chair of the National League of Cities Finance, Administration & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, have helped to spearhead a national effort urging Congress and the Trump Administration to preserve the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds. These bonds are a critical tool for cities and states to finance infrastructure projects. Eliminating their tax-exempt status would significantly increase borrowing costs, making it more expensive to issue bonds and thereby reducing infrastructure improvements made by cities and states. These tax-exempt municipal bonds are used to pay for critical repairs to streets, bridges, water systems, and so much more.



City Council Strengthens Nuisance Laws to Improve Neighborhood Safety and Livability – My Council colleagues and I heard neighborhood complaints and passed amendments to the city's nuisance laws to enhance enforcement efforts against properties that are repeatedly associated with disruptive or dangerous activities. The updated legislation is designed to protect public safety and elevate the quality of life across Cleveland neighborhoods. These activities include all drug-related offenses as defined under Ohio Revised Code Section 2925, loud noises such as horns, sirens, and warning devices, and mufflers and muffler cutouts, as well as excessive smoke, gas, or noise. Also, street racing, stunt driving, and street takeovers. These new laws allow for fines and police involvement.

Canon Healthcare USA Headquarters Moving to Cleveland

Canon is significantly increasing its investment in the U.S. healthcare market through the launch of a new subsidiary, Canon Healthcare USA. As part of this expansion, the company has acquired the former IBM building at East 105th Street and Cedar Avenue—strategically located next to the Cleveland Clinic and within the Cleveland Innovation District.



Canon plans to invest approximately \$33.7 million in the purchase, renovation, and outfitting of the 43,000-square-foot facility. The building will be transformed into a state-of-the-art imaging and research center, serving as Canon's national headquarters and the operational base for all its medical product lines.

This strategic move supports Canon's goal to double its share of the U.S. diagnostic imaging equipment market. Recognizing the U.S. as a critical growth driver, Canon established Canon Healthcare USA to strengthen its footprint in the medical imaging industry.

Hessler Street Restoration



Hessler Street, Cleveland's last remaining wood brick roadway, underwent a major restoration. Originally replaced in the 1980s, the wooden bricks had since deteriorated, succumbed to rot, potholes, shifting bricks, and poor drainage, with only patchwork repairs over time. In a two-month, \$700,000 effort, the street was meticulously reconstructed, brick by brick, using durable Black Locust wood blocks.

Ward 6 Street Resurfacing

Residents, please be aware of several street resurfacing projects throughout Ward 6. I apologize for any inconvenience, but once completed, these projects will bring valuable improvements to our neighborhood.

Streets being redone for a total investment of more than \$1.5 million include:

- MLK Jr. Blvd. from E. 110th to E. 116th
- E. 89th St. from Cedar to Quincy
- E. 90th St. from Cedar to Quincy
- E. 118th St. from Williams to Buckeye
- E. 126th St. from Britton to Overlook
- E. 122 St. from Larchmere to Hamlen
- Hamlen Ave. from E. 121 St. to E. 122 St.
- Britton Dr. from E. 124 St. to E. 122 St.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Aug 12 • Sept. 9 (No meeting Election Day)
Oct 14 • Nov 11 • Dec 9

Cleveland Public Library Rice Branch
11535 Shaker Blvd

The second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m.

WARD 6 HIGHLIGHTS 2025 so far...



2025 Senior Honoree Deborah J. Landrum

Deborah J. Landrum is a proud Cleveland native, born and raised in the Central neighborhood and a long-time resident of University Circle for 17 years. A passionate advocate for lifelong learning and community empowerment, Deborah's journey is a testament to resilience, service, and self-determination.



Deborah's community involvement runs deep. She is an elected precinct leader for Ward 6K and a member of the Central Executive Committee. She also founded and led the Ambleside Women's Group for 12 years, and served as president of its local advisory committee for four years.

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New Ward Boundaries Take Effect 2026

In January 2025, the City Council completed redistricting the city's wards, as required by a charter change approved in 2008. The 2020 US Census shows Cleveland's population at 372,624, a decrease of 24,000 since 2010. Since the population is below 375,000, Council will reduce the number of wards from 17 to 15 **beginning January 5, 2026.**

Many voters will see immediate changes to their voting locations. The City's primary and general elections will take place on Tuesday, September 9, and Tuesday, November 4, respectively. To find your polling location call the Cuyahoga Board of Elections at (216) 443-8683, scan the QR code below, or visit: boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/voters.





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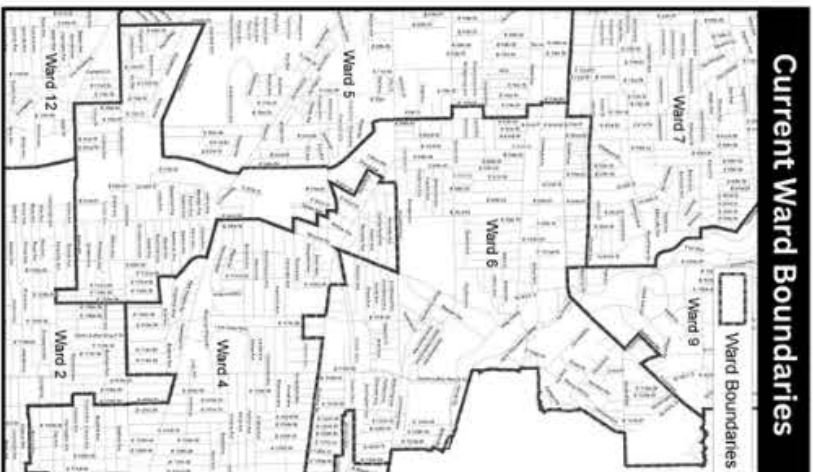
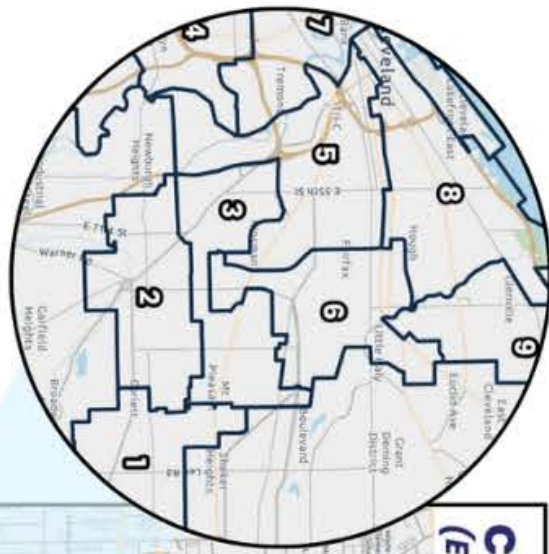
Ward 6 Important Phone Numbers:

EMERGENCY 911
(Police, Fire EMS)

Suicide Hotline: 988

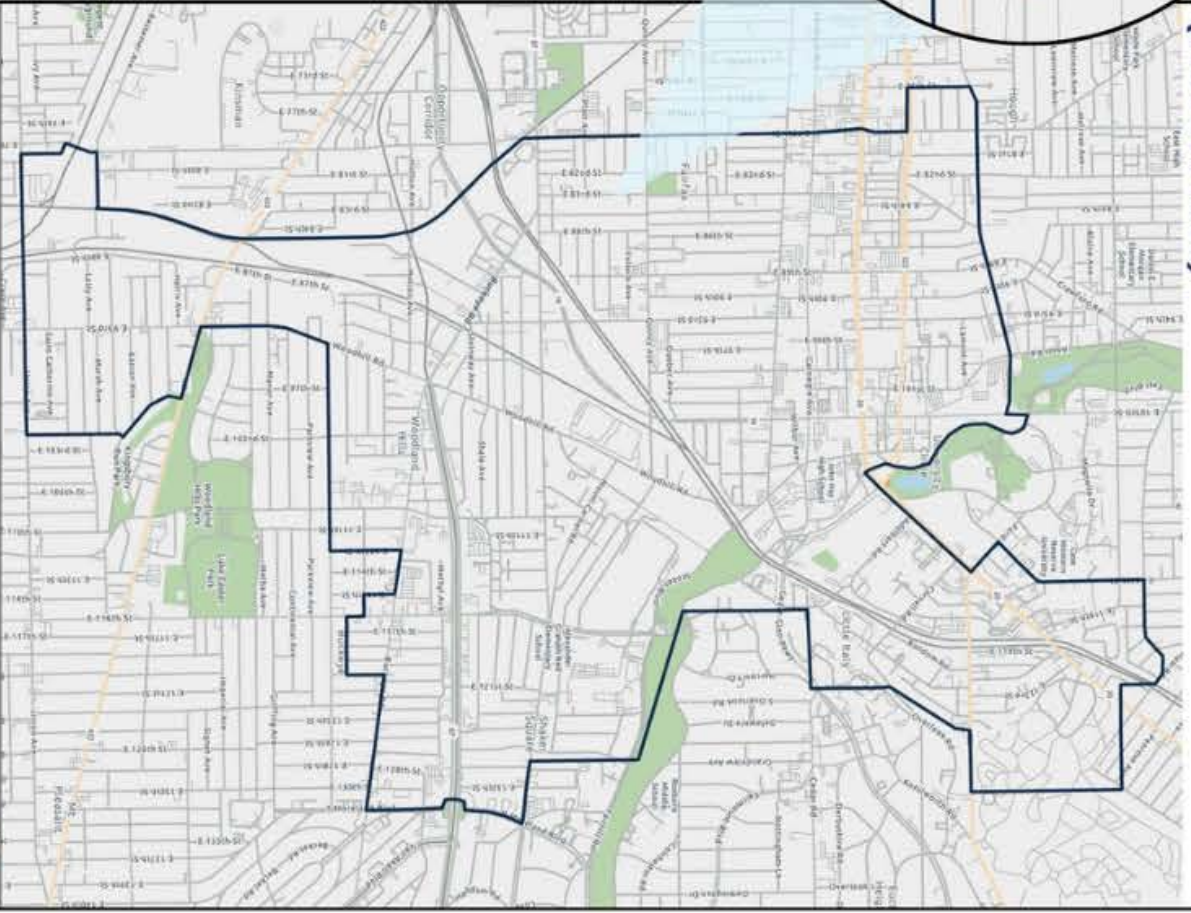
Social Services: 211
(food & jobs programs, help for seniors)

Police (non-emergency)	621-1234
3rd District Police	623-5300
4th District Police	623-5400
City Hall	664-2000
Animal Control	664-3069
Power Outage (CPP)	664-3156
(First Energy)	1-888-544-4877
Water Department	664-3060
Dominion Gas	800-362-7557
Sewer District	216-881-8247



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