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A MESSAGE FROM Councilman Brian Kazy

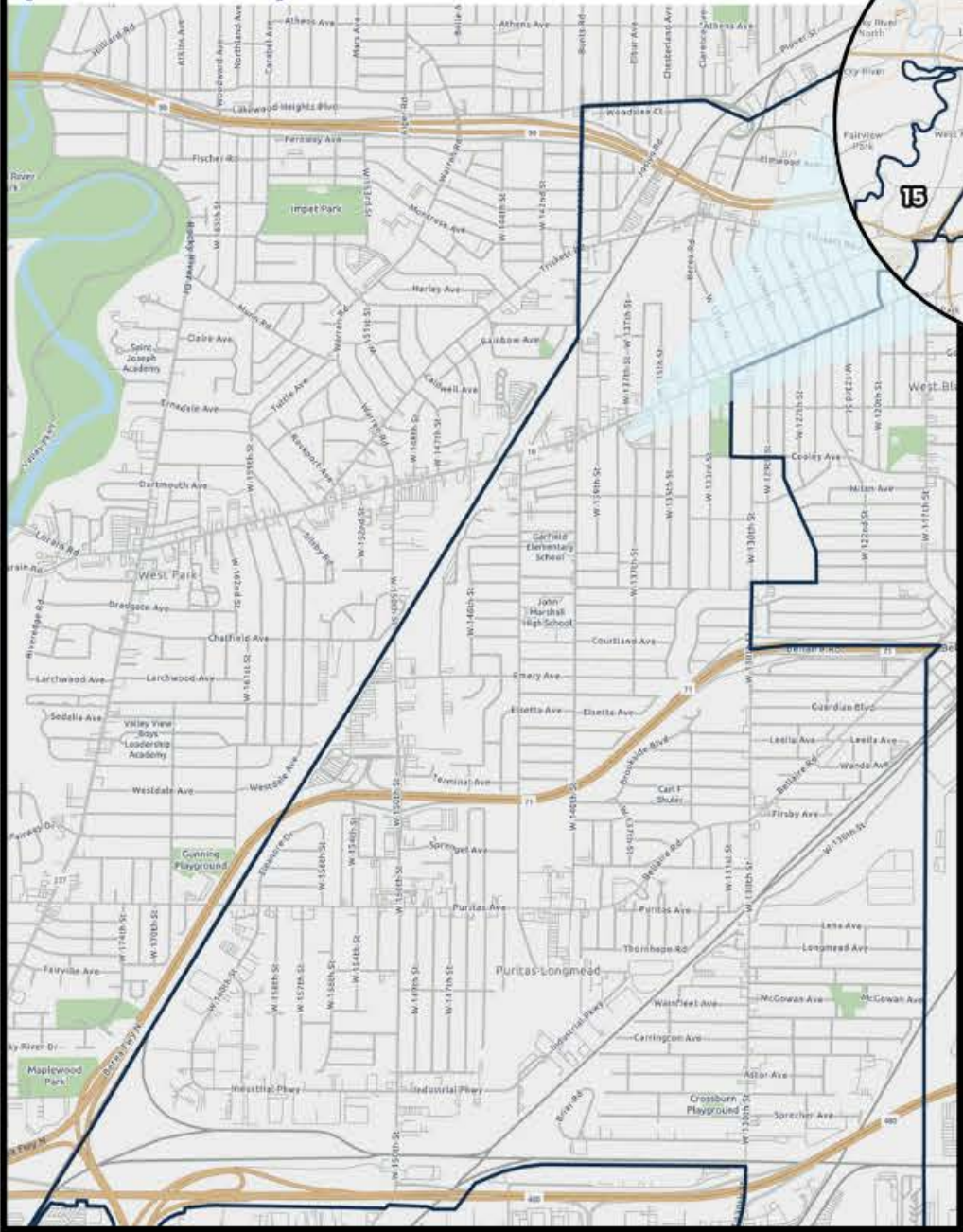
When I first met with the consultants who worked with Council Leadership to redraw the new Ward maps for the City of Cleveland, I was told one thing: Ward 16 did a great job with the 2020 census and because of that, Ward 16 is overpopulated and we will have to get smaller. They explained to me that Ward 17 needed to get bigger and that we would have to lose some population on the western portion of the Ward. I agreed. Then politics entered the process....

With the certification of the 2020 census, the City of Cleveland has to go from 17 Wards to 15 Wards. The number of Wards in the City is codified in the City's charter with 1 councilperson per roughly 25,000 residents. The City of Cleveland was certified to be 362,656 which means the city has to lose 2 Council people. With that loss, Ward 16 will now become Ward 13 starting in January 2026. For the most part, a good portion of the current Ward 16 will remain intact however, due to some population loss to the west of us and political gerrymandering, there will be some changes. The current Ward 17 needed to pick up population thus, we lost the residents who reside west of West 140th from the West 140th street bridge to West 144th which includes Cayuga, Gramatan, Rainbow and Tuckahoe. We also lost the residents who reside on Triskett Ave. from 140th to 144th which includes the Stewert House. The most aggravating part of the process is the political gerrymandering that took place in the Jefferson neighborhood of the Ward. We also lost the residents who reside on West 130th from Lorain to Cooley Ave. as well as the residents who reside on the east side of West 132nd from Lorain Ave. to Cooley Ave. This loss also includes the new Hawthorne Project, Neighborhood Family Practice and Slone Funeral Home. I am assuring you that I worked diligently to get these redevelopment projects for the neighborhood up and running and will continue to advocate for these projects to assure the residents are well served. This loss was done 100% for political reasons and nothing else.

With loss, comes gain. We are also picking up some new territory for the new Ward 13 including, all of West 128th and 129th from Cooley Ave. to Worthington Ave. including half of Worthington Park. In addition, we will also be adding everything East of West 130th from I-71 to the railroad tracks which includes Emery, Brookfield, Guardian, Matherson, Leeila and Wanda. I welcome the new residents and look forward to representing new people and another part of the City.

Brian C. Kazy
Ward 16 Councilman

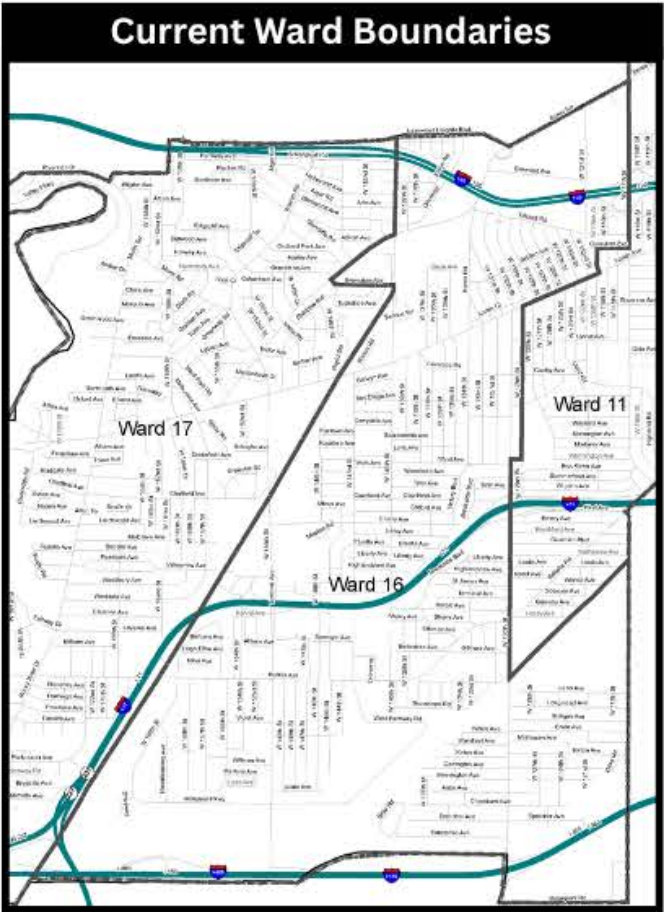
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Current Ward Boundaries



What's New in Ward 16

PICKLEBALL LANDS BETWEEN THE BRIDGES



The City of Cleveland finally has its first and only indoor pickleball facility. Located at 12400 Crossburn Ave., this newest development takes the place of the old Polykot building that had sat vacant for around 25 years.

"This is a great example of redevelopment of an old industrial site, bringing it back to life and adding an asset to the neighborhood," stated Councilman Kazy.

LOCO MANGO OPENS



On Tuesday, April 24, Councilman Kazy and Jefferson Puritas Community Development Organization staff cut the ribbon to the newest eatery in Ward 16. Loco Mango located at 15020 Puritas Ave. is a Mexican Ice Cream Taqueria Bar open every day from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

"The best way to describe Loco Mango is that it is a healthier version of Chipotle with homemade Mexican ice cream," stated Councilman Kazy. **"We worked with the new owners for over a year to get them up and running and we couldn't be happier for the new owners or for the neighborhood."**

Loco Mango offers a unique dining experience, featuring freshly made food and homemade ice cream prepared on-site. "This has been our dream", said the owner Jesus Medina. "We are in the perfect location in the City and have been welcomed into the community with open arms".

BAD MEDICINE OPENS IN WEST PARK



Are you looking for great food and signature cocktails? If so, Ward 16 recently opened a destination establishment located at 13334 Lorain Ave. **"Bad Medicine is a vinyl bar that serves some of the most unique cocktails in the city,"** said Ward 16 Councilman Brian Kazy. **"I love the vinyl sound of music and with the added touch of a renowned chef serving up some delicious food, this is a can't miss and wonderful experience right here in Ward 16."** Bad Medicine is open from 5 p.m. – 12 a.m. Monday – Saturday.



Councilman Brian Kazy Welcomes Neighborhood Family Practice to Vacant Rite Aid Property

Councilman Brian Kazy's welcome of the Neighborhood Family Practice (NFP) drugstore marks a significant step forward for the Jefferson Park neighborhood. NFP, with its strong reputation as a Federally Qualified Health Center, is demonstrating its commitment to the community by establishing this new 10,000-square-foot facility at the former CVS location on Lorain Avenue and West 130th Street. This initiative addresses a critical need, expanding access to essential primary care, dental, and behavioral health services for residents.

In light of the widespread closures of commercial pharmacies, this addition will be a lifeline for many in the community, ensuring convenient access to prescription medications. Councilman Kazy's involvement in the grand opening alongside other community leaders underscores the collaborative spirit driving these positive changes and the recognition of the vital role NFP plays in the well-being of the ward.

This new NFP center represents more than just a healthcare facility; it's a symbol of investment and revitalization in the Jefferson Park neighborhood. By repurposing a former commercial space, NFP is contributing to the area's vibrancy while simultaneously tackling a pressing healthcare challenge. The combination of comprehensive health services and a future accessible pharmacy promises to significantly improve the quality of life for the residents of Ward 16 and neighboring areas.

It's truly commendable to see community leaders like Councilman Kazy championing initiatives that directly address the healthcare needs of their constituents. The arrival of this Neighborhood Family Practice drugstore is a testament to proactive problem-solving and a commitment to ensuring that essential services remain within reach for everyone in the Jefferson Park neighborhood. This development serves as a positive example of how healthcare organizations and local government can work together to strengthen communities.



THIS SUMMER

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2025 CONCERT SERIES

POP COUNTRY

Jefferson
ROCKS
WEST PARK



Ward 16 Councilman
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THURSDAY NIGHTS
IN JULY
AT JEFFERSON PARK
WEST 132ND & LORAIN AVE

OPENING ACTS 6:30 PM
MAIN ACTS 8:00 PM

BEER GARDEN
GREAT FOOD | BOUNCE HOUSE
FREE FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

JULY 10 COUNTRY REDFORD
OPENER: CROOKED RIVER CIRCUS
JULY 17 E5C4P3 THE JOURNEY TRIBUTE
OPENER: VINYL ARCADE TV
JULY 24 THE ATTRAXXION
OPENER: ISLAND TROY
JULY 31 NITEBRIDGE
OPENER: ROB SAMAY

2025
Ward 16
Summer Cookouts
& Potlucks

Bring a dish to share and join Councilman
Brian Kazy and guests for these fun-filled,
information-packed, evenings this Summer!
Hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages
will be provided while supplies last.



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Brian Kazy

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6:00 - 8:00 pm

MONDAY
AUG 18
GILMORE
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THURSDAY
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Park
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6:00 - 8:00 pm

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2025 Senior Honoree Josif Ducu



In May 2025, Josif Ducu was nominated by Councilmember Brian Kazy and recognized as the Ward 16 Senior Day Honoree. Josif Ducu is a beloved and familiar face in the Bellclore-Puritas neighborhood, where he has lived since 1975. Born in the village of Allbunar in Yugoslavia—now Serbia—Josif immigrated to Cleveland in 1969 at the age of 19.

After attending school in Yugoslavia, Josif pursued higher education in the United States, earning a degree in Industrial Engineering from Cleveland State University. His professional journey spanned 33 years with Cleveland Water, where he worked in purification and rose to the role of floor chief.

Since retiring, he's become a neighborhood treasure—sitting in his front yard every day, waving to passersby, delighting in seeing children on the school bus, and offering warm greetings to commuters.

Josif also gives back through quiet acts of service—shoveling snow, mowing lawns, and keeping his neighborhood clean without being asked. His gentle presence, generosity, and genuine care for others make him a cherished neighbor and a quiet hero in his community.

Councilman Kazy Discusses Building Safer Communities at 2025 National League of Cities Conference Panel

In March, Councilman Brian Kazy participated in a panel discussion titled “Safe Communities: A 360-Degree Perspective” at the 2025 National League of Cities Congressional Cities Conference in Washington DC.

Kazy, Chair of NLC’s Public Safety and Crime Prevention Federal Advocacy Committee, discussed strategies for building safer communities with Tempe Councilmember Berdetta Hodge, Colorado Springs Mayor Yemi Mobilade, and Rochester, MN Mayor Kim Norton.



Councilman Kazy discussed his attempt to build a more engaged community in Ward 16. He is not content with folks staying tucked away in their backyards. He wanted to bring back that old-school sense of community, the kind where everyone knew their neighbor. He called it creating “nosy neighbors”—not in a bad way, but in a way that got people talking, and looking out for each other. He challenged residents to step outside their comfort zones, to introduce themselves, and get to know the people living right next door - and beyond. He wanted everyone to know he was paying attention, that their council member cared. It was about turning strangers into familiar faces.

To make this happen, Kazy threw cookouts, not just for burgers and hot dogs, but as a kind of pop quiz on names and faces. He teamed up with the First District police station, CDCs, and local churches, using every avenue to get people mingling. He stressed the importance of taking pride in their neighborhood, believing that knowing your neighbors makes you feel safer. It's that simple: when you know the person next door, you're more likely to look out for them.

Across the country, other city leaders are tackling their own community challenges and building safer communities. In Tempe, Councilmember Berdetta Hodge discussed putting money into schools, early education, and preventing mass shootings, recognizing that a safe community starts with investing in its kids. In Colorado Springs Mayor Yemi Mobilade discussed his mission to make the city friendlier, more connected—just like Kazy's “nosy neighbor” idea.

Rochester, Minnesota Mayor Kim Norton discussed building a pathway for women of color in the construction industry, opening doors, and building a more diverse workforce. From encouraging neighborly connections to investing in education and creating job opportunities, these leaders are all working to strengthen their communities in their own unique ways.

New Senior Housing Coming to the Puritas Neighborhood



Puritas Senior Apartments is a new construction, 48-unit senior project located at 14410 Puritas Ave.

“Puritas Senior Apartments will serve seniors 55 and older with incomes between 30% and 70% AMI,” stated Councilman Brian Kazy. “There is a need in the neighborhood for more senior housing and this project will help stabilize the neighborhood as well as help seniors age in place.”

Puritas Senior Housing will provide holistic, service-oriented housing for the senior tenant population, providing a wide-array of health, wellness and socialization services. The project’s amenities include:

- a fitness center with senior specific equipment
- a community room with kitchenette
- laundry facilities
- enhanced site and building security.

Residents will have access to community services through a certified support coordinator. Construction is underway and is anticipated to be completed in February 2026.