

Ward 4 News

A MESSAGE FROM Councilwoman Deborah A. Gray

Dear Residents,

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the Community Festival at Luke Easter Park on July 19—it's always a great opportunity to come together and celebrate as a community.

During the festival, you'll notice several exciting improvements at the park. Some are complete, while others are nearly finished, including:

- A new amphitheater (under construction)
- A designated dog park
- Parking lot enhancements
- New pickleball and horseshoe courts
- And new roofs on existing pavilions, expected to be completed by then

In addition to physical improvements, there are also important changes to be aware of regarding City Council ward boundaries. As many of you know, the number of Council wards is being reduced from 17 to 15, effective in 2026. This will result in changes to Ward 4, which will become Ward 3. The new ward boundaries include expanded areas to the west, incorporating parts of North Broadway and Slavic Village, but other areas on the east are also being incorporated into a new ward.

Looking ahead to next year's elections:

- The primary election will be held on September 9, 2025, for any ward with more than two candidates
- The municipal general election will follow on November 4, 2025
- Those elected will take office in January 2026

There's a lot of positive momentum in our community, and I'm excited about what's ahead. If you can't attend the Festival, I hope to connect with you at a neighborhood meeting or while I'm out and about in the ward. And as always, if you need assistance, please don't hesitate to call my office at 216-664-4941.

Warm regards,

Sincerely,

Deborah Gray
Ward 4 Councilwoman



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SAT JUL 19

11 A.M. – 7 P.M.

HOSTED BY
COUNCILWOMAN DEBORAH GRAY

Ward 4 COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

LUKE EASTER PARK

3090 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DR.

**Food Trucks • Vendors
Music • Games • And More**

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A new vision is taking shape in the heart of Cleveland's Mt. Pleasant neighborhood with the Oasis in the City Conference and Retreat Center. This transformational project is a community-driven effort to build pathways toward better health, wealth, and well-being for all residents.

Health and wellness are at the heart of the center's design. Oasis will offer trauma-informed, gender-responsive services focused on mental health, substance use recovery, and holistic well-being. A planned community garden will serve as a tranquil space for nourishment, reflection, and reconnection with nature.

There are many jobs now available at Oasis in the City. Interested applicants can email mhall@jordan4change.org for more information or to submit a resume. To learn more about Oasis in the City, visit www.jordan4change.org.





SENIOR WALK

2025 SCHEDULE

July 16 • North Coast Yard

July 23 • Loew Park

July 30 • Lakefront Reservation

August 6 • Michael Zone Rec Center

August 13 • Halloran Park

August 20 • Clark Field

August 27 • Impett Park

To register call (216) 664-6152 or email Aging@clevelandohio.gov



WARD 4

Pop Up Meeting

September 2025

*Date & time TBA

Officer Derek Owens
Memorial Park
10400 Parkview Ave.





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Pay Equity and Transparency

Council passed legislation, co-sponsored by Councilwoman Gray, that prohibits Cleveland businesses with 15 or more employees from inquiring, screening, or relying on the salary history of an applicant in deciding whether to employ the applicant.

The legislation would also require the company to provide the salary range for the position. Any person may allege that a violation of Section 669.02 has occurred by filing a written complaint with the Fair Employment Wage Board within 180 days of the alleged violation.

At least 22 states and dozens of other cities, including Cincinnati, Columbus, and Toledo, have successfully implemented similar legislation, leading to more equitable compensation practices across the United States.

Prohibiting employers from asking about a job applicant's salary history can help ensure that compensation is based on the qualifications, experience, and responsibilities of the position rather than the applicant's identity or background.



Van Aken Boulevard Resurfacing Project

I want to make sure you're aware of a major infrastructure improvement project planned for next year that may cause temporary inconvenience but will ultimately bring lasting benefits to our community.

Starting in **May and running through October**, Van Aken Boulevard will undergo a full resurfacing from **South Woodland Road to Shaker Boulevard**. This project will also include:

- Installation of new sidewalks, curbs, and ADA-compliant curb ramps where needed
- Improved pavement markings to enhance clarity around lane usage and turning patterns

The total cost of the project is \$2.5 million, funded jointly by the City of Cleveland and federal sources.

I'll continue to keep you informed about any changes to the project timeline or scope as updates become available. Your patience and understanding during this construction period are greatly appreciated as we work toward safer, smoother, and more accessible streets for everyone.

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2025 Senior Honoree **Tamara L. Chappell**

Tamara L. Chappell is a dedicated community leader, longtime business owner, and passionate advocate for civic engagement. Raised in Cleveland's Glenville neighborhood, Tamara has lived in the Shaker Square area for the past 32 years, where her presence continues to be a force for positive change.

Tamara graduated from Glenville High School and earned a degree in special education from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1989, she founded Emerald Supply Inc., a successful janitorial supply company in Cleveland, which thrived for 33 years.

Tamara's commitment to her neighborhood runs deep. She has served on the Shaker Square Advisory Board and is currently the chairperson for owner engagement for the Morelands Group, working with over 80 apartment building owners to ensure quality housing. She is also active in the Shaker Square Alliance, Organize Ohio and played a key role in the successful reopening of the post office on East 130th Street. She is a true pillar in the Ward 4 community.



Upcoming Events

LEAD 101

Thurs., August 7 • 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Alexander Hamilton Rec Center
13200 Kinsman Road Cleveland, OH 44120

Moreland's Festival

Sat, August 9 • 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Shaker Square
(south lawn near Dave's Market)

Lead Safe Property Owner

Thurs., August 14 • 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Alexander Hamilton Rec Center
13200 Kinsman Road Cleveland

Community Unveiling Block Party

Sat, August 16 • 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Union-Kinsman Triangle Area

Cleveland Garlic Festival

Sat, August 23 – Sun., August 24 • Noon to 6 p.m.
Shaker Square

WARD 4 DUMPSTER DAYS

16 ALBION RD.
JULY 3112 ALBION RD.

20 HONEYDALE AVE.
AUG. 11703 HONEYDALE AVE.

17 ABELL AVE.
SEPT. 13820 ABELL AVE.

15 HOLBORN AVE.
OCT. 3672 E. 131ST ST.

19 MOUNTVIEW AVE.
NOV. MLK DR.

