

Ward 2 Informer

Councilman Kevin L. Bishop / Summer 2025



Engage with Councilman
Kevin L. Bishop



A MESSAGE FROM Councilman Kevin L. Bishop

Dear Residents!

Summer is here, and that means we all need to get out and enjoy the weather and what Cleveland has to offer.

I'm excited to announce the recent **ceremonial groundbreaking for the 10 homes Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cleveland is building on East 143rd St.** These are the first new homes Ward 2 has seen in a long time. I supported, and Council passed **\$5 million in funding** for Habitat to make these new homes a reality.

What's also exciting is that students aged 16-18 in the **Building Great Futures program** will work with Habitat to construct these homes on East 143rd.

I'm sure most of you have heard about the change in Council wards, down from 17 to 15, with new boundaries. **This newsletter includes a handy map that shows how Ward 2 is changing.** The ward is losing some area to the northeast but gaining area to the west.

A primary election will be held on September 9, 2025, for wards with more

than two candidates running to represent residents. **The municipal general election is scheduled for November 4, 2025.** Those elected will start in January of 2026.

Finally, I know residents are seeing nuisance animals. **Remember to call Animal Control Officers, who will pick up stray dogs, stray injured cats, and trapped nuisance wildlife** (skunks, groundhogs, opossums, and raccoons). Call the Division of Animal Control at 216-664-3069. If vacant properties attract wildlife, please call Building & Housing at 216-664-2007. Please feel free to contact my office with other concerns. Also, let us know if you've used the new 3-1-1 system and how it's working for you.

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Bishop
Cleveland City Councilman, Ward 2

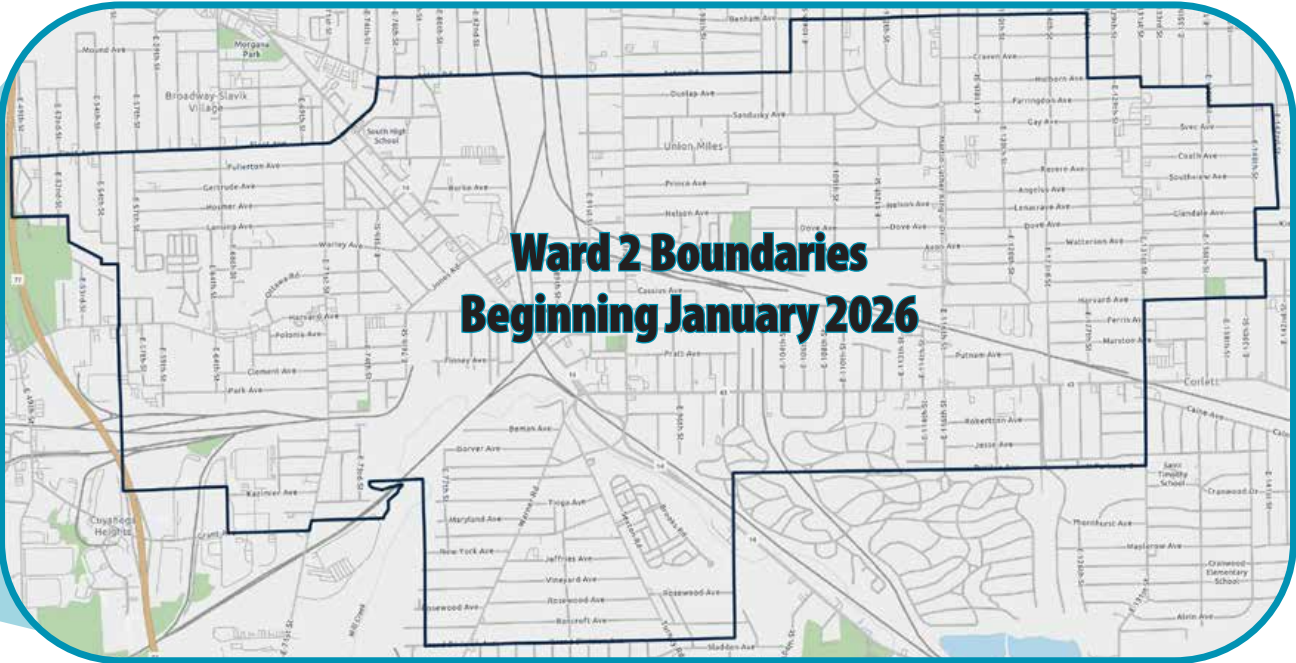
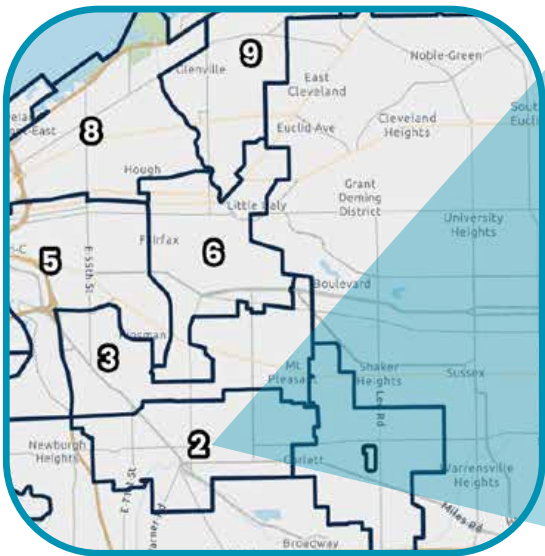
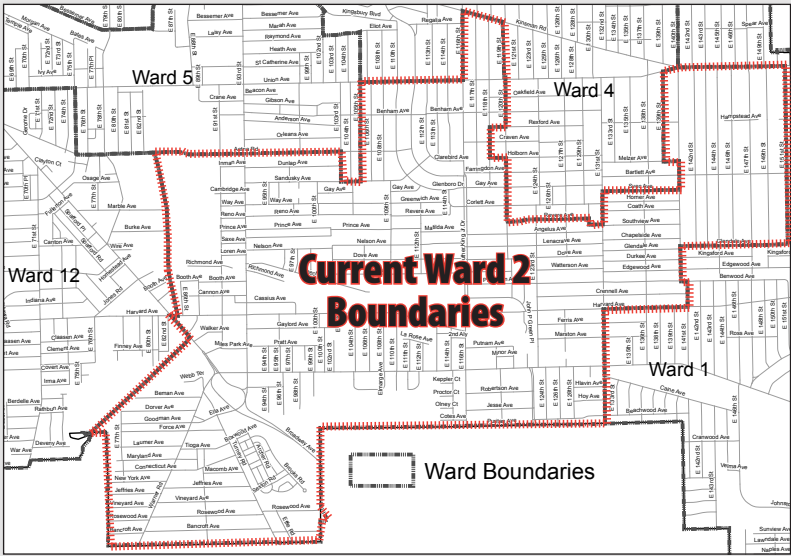
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Redistricting Map for the City of Cleveland

At the beginning of the year, Cleveland City Council released ward maps that represent 15 wards, down from the current 17 as required under the City Charter. Visit clevelandcitycouncil.org/ward-redistricting-information for answers to questions you may have about the redistricting process and

to check which ward you'll be part of starting in 2026.

View the maps at right and below for a comparison of Ward 2's current boundaries to the new ward boundary lines that will be in effect in January 5, 2026.



Naila's Nook

News you can use from Naila R. Deskins
Executive Assistant to Councilman Bishop

HEAP Summer Crisis Program

The Home Energy Assistance Summer Crisis Program provides a one-time benefit to eligible Ohioans with cooling assistance during the summer months. The program runs from July 1 to Sept. 30.

The focus of the Summer Crisis Program is to provide assistance with electric utility bills, central air conditioning repairs, and air conditioning unit and/or fan purchases. Households with a household member who is either 60 years of age and older, has a certified medical condition, and households who have a disconnect notice, have been shut off, or are trying to establish new electric service may be eligible for assistance.

Ohioans enrolled in the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP) Program are eligible for assistance towards central air conditioning repairs, or may receive an air conditioning unit and/or fan. For more information on how to apply and to be directed to a local provider, call (800) 282-0880.

Who is Eligible for the Summer Crisis Program?

Ohioans with a household income at or below 175% of the federal poverty

guidelines (FPG) and have a household member who is either:

- 60 years of age and older.
- Can provide physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for a household member's health.
- Households who have a disconnect notice, have been shut off, or are trying to establish new electric service may be eligible for assistance.

For July-September 2025, the income levels for households up to eight members are listed below:

Size of Household	12-Month Income Limit	30-Day Income Limit
	175% FPG	175% FPG
1	\$27,387.50	\$2,251.03
2	\$37,012.50	\$3,042.12
3	\$46,637.50	\$3,833.22
4	\$56,262.50	\$4,624.32
5	\$65,887.50	\$5,415.41
6	\$75,512.50	\$6,206.51
7	\$85,137.50	\$6,977.60
8	\$94,762.50	\$7,786.70

For households with nine or more members, the income levels for 60% of the State Median Income (SMI) are:

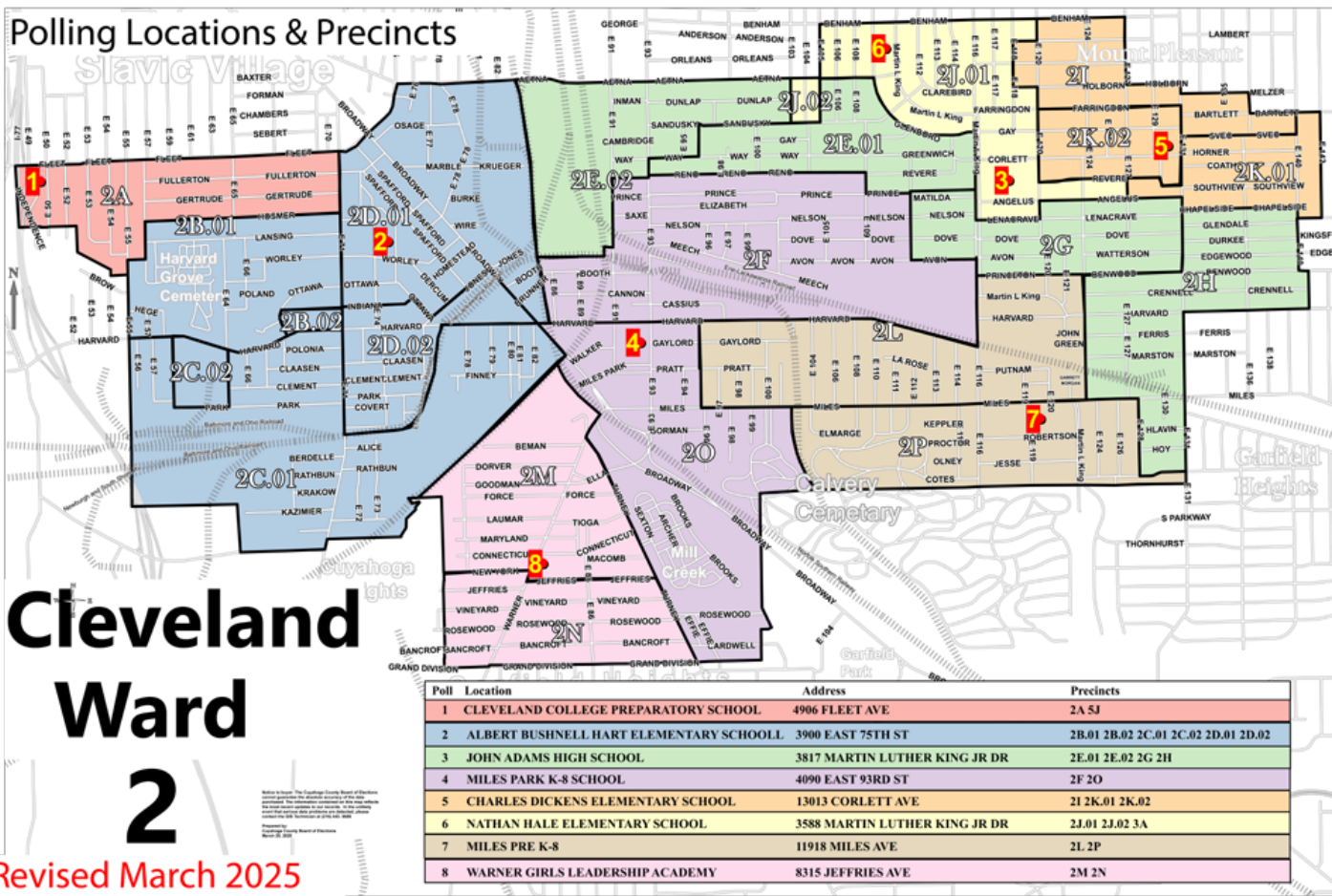
Size of Household	12-Month Income Limit	30-Day Income Limit
	60% SMI	60% SMI
9	\$96,944	\$7,968
10	\$99,007	\$8,137.56
11	\$101,069	\$8,307.04
12	\$103,132	\$8,476.60

NOTE: A household applying for HEAP must report total gross household income for the past 30 days (12 months preferred) for all members, except wage or salary income earned by dependent minors under 18 years old. Both homeowners and renters are eligible for assistance.



New City of Cleveland Ward Boundaries Take Place in 2026

Changes to Voting Locations Take Place Immediately



Revised March 2025

In January 2025, our City Council completed a mandatory redistricting of the City's wards. This redistricting results from a change to the City's charter approved by Cleveland voters in November 2008. As a result of that vote, the City Charter mandates that Council conduct redistricting after every decennial US Census and that the number of wards be based on the City's population. The 2020 US Census places Cleveland's population at 372,624 people, a decline of 24,000 from the 2010 US Census. With the population dipping slightly beneath 375,000 people, City Council must reduce two wards, dropping the number of ward representatives from 17 to 15, beginning in 2026.

Ward boundaries will change beginning January 5, 2026 - but 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.



FREE EVENT

EVERYONE WELCOME

JOIN US FOR THE

EAST 108TH STREET CLUB

12th Annual

Intergenerational Community Day

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025

1:00PM — 7:00PM

Oleatha Wilson Park

(E. 108th St. between Miles & Harvard Avenue)

**BRING A LAWN CHAIR

Music

Face Painting

Let's Play Mobile Gaming

Verizon Learning Center

Games

Splash Pad

Back to School Supplies

Voter Registration

Water & Sewer Departments

Fire Department's Smoke House & Firetruck

Line Dancers

Our Community Childcare Center

Food and More!

E. 108th STREET

Let's Play Mobile Gaming

Face Painting

Splash Pad

DESPICABLE ME 4

Featured Movie
Despicable Me 4
Starts at 5:30pm



Thank You To Our Sponsors



Groundbreaking Launches 10-Home Habitat Initiative, Summer Program in Ward 2

Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity, in partnership with Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U.), broke ground on a **10-home development in the Mount Pleasant neighborhood in Ward 2** on June 17th at 3518 E. 143rd Street. This 10-home plan is part of Greater Cleveland Habitat's 400 Home Initiative, and is especially impactful for Mount Pleasant, an area disproportionately affected by the foreclosure crisis. As part of the program, 16 students, recruited by Y.O.U., will learn critical trade skills while working on various phases of garage and home construction.

Thanks to **\$5 million in funding from the Cleveland City Council, championed by Councilman Kevin Bishop**, six of the ten homes will be built this summer, with the remaining four scheduled for next year. This year also marks a milestone for the Building Great Futures program, as students will be constructing new homes for the first time, a significant evolution from the program's previous focus on home rehabilitation.

"I was proud to champion this \$5 million investment because Mount Pleasant and Ward 2 deserve this kind of commitment," said Councilman Kevin Bishop. "This program delivers on our promise to provide both quality housing and economic opportunities directly for our residents. It's exactly the type of initiative that creates lasting positive change in our community."

Councilman Bishop, along with the rest of Council, also increased funding for Y.O.U. to help ensure Cleveland's youth has opportunities to summer jobs like the Building Great Futures program.

For eight years, the Building Great Futures program has introduced 84 students to hands-on construction training. The program offers valuable trade experience, soft skill development, and exposes teens to the mission of Greater Cleveland Habitat – making sure everyone has a safe, decent, and affordable place to live. **The program runs now through August 15.**

SAVE THE DATE AUG 9 • 1-8PM

NuDay At the Park

FORMERLY FAMILY UNITY DAY IN THE PARK

@Luke Easter Park

3090 Martin Luther King Jr DR

Cleveland Ohio



FREE ADMISSION

Concert Line-up To Be Announced

THE ANNUAL CONCERT WAS THE MOST ANTICIPATED EVENTS OF THE YEAR. THIS FREE EVENT HAS BROUGHT WORLD CLASS ENTERTAINMENT. FROM THE O'JAYS, AFTER 7, STEPHANIE MILLS, ALONG WITH MANY LOCAL ARTIST.

MUSIC FOOD TRUCKS VENDORS and MORE



For additional information or to be a vendor

Contact Artrice Smith at 216-341-0757.

Mill Creek's Activities Committee Presents

Millcreek's 2nd Annual Picnic & Gospel Festival

Saturday July 19th

1pm-7pm

FAMILY ACTIVITIES, GAMES, FOOD-TRUCKS, BOUNCY HOUSES, LINE DANCING, GOSPEL, SMOOTH JAZZ, & MUCH MORE!

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The Ward 2 Residents

Email List

Residents on the list will receive information on what's happening in our ward, plus press releases



from Cleveland City Council
and the City of Cleveland.

**TO BE INCLUDED, SEND
AN EMAIL TO: kbishop@**

Be sure to include the following in the body of the email: your name; physical mailing address; phone number.

Ward 2 Community Meetings

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM • Killingsworth Meeting Place

4127 E. 131st St., Cleveland, OH 44105

UPCOMING MEETINGS

No July Meeting

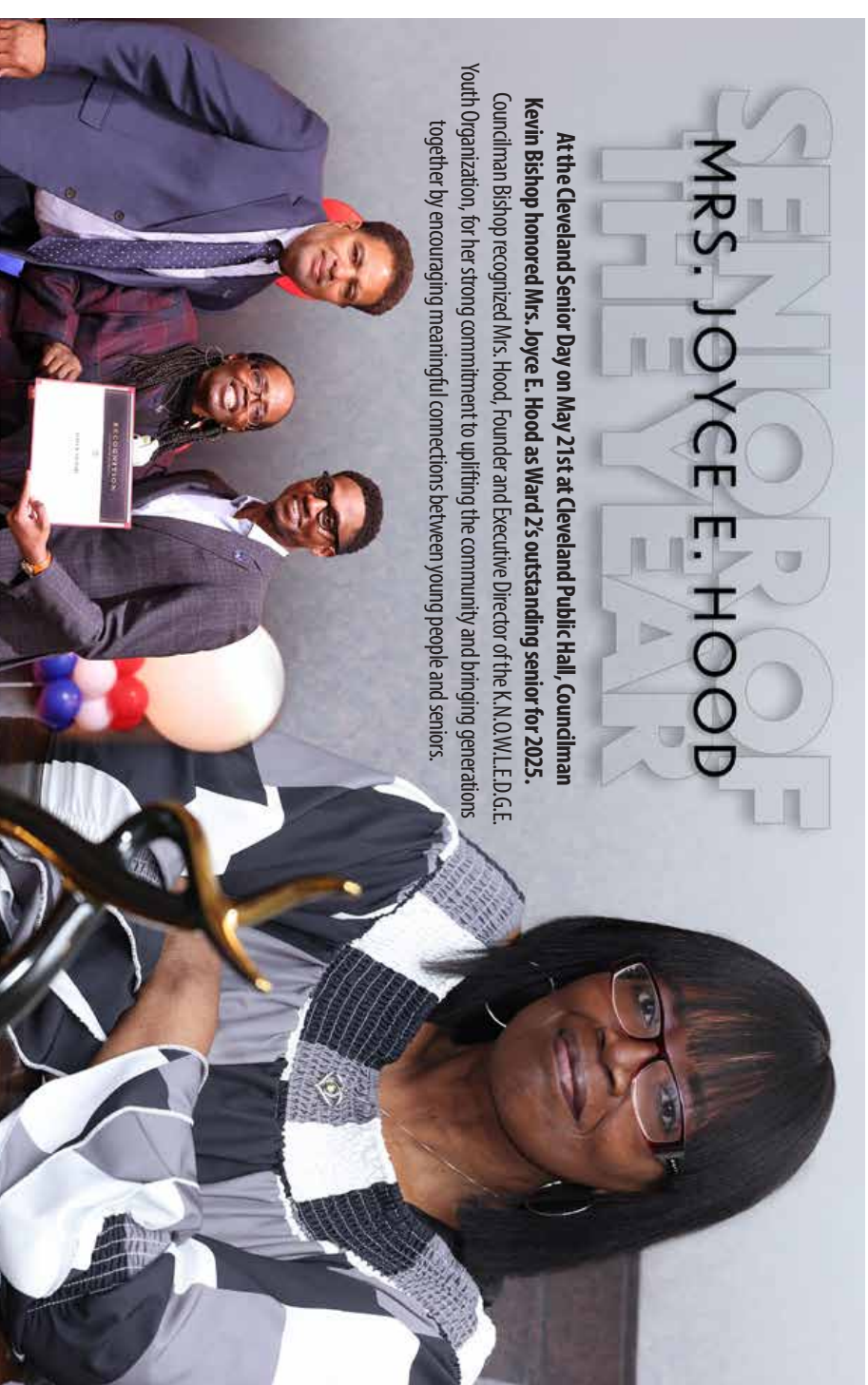
**TUESDAY,
SEPT. 30**

**TUESDAY,
NOV. 25 – TBD**

**TUESDAY,
AUGUST 26**

**TUESDAY,
OCT. 28**

No December Meeting



MRS. JOYCE E. HOOD

At the Cleveland Senior Day on May 21st at Cleveland Public Hall, Councilman Kevin Bishop honored Mrs. Joyce E. Hood as Ward 25 outstanding senior for 2025. Councilman Bishop recognized Mrs. Hood, Founder and Executive Director of the K.N.O.W.I.L.D.G.E. Youth Organization, for her strong commitment to uplifting the community and bringing generations together by encouraging meaningful connections between young people and seniors.

2025



CITY OF CLEVELAND
Mayor Justin M. Bibb

**Department of Public Works
Division of Waste Collection**

B Bulk Week

H One Day Delayed Collection

H Holiday with Regular Pickup

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

Nov. 27th - Thanksgiving Day
(1) day delay all week