



Councilman Kevin Conwell | Summer 2025

# WARD 9 NEWS

*The Drumbeat of the Community*

## BUILDING FUTURES FOR TOMORROW



**\$8.1 MILLION**  
**GLENVILLE LIBRARY**





**\$20 MILLION**  
**MLK LIBRARY**



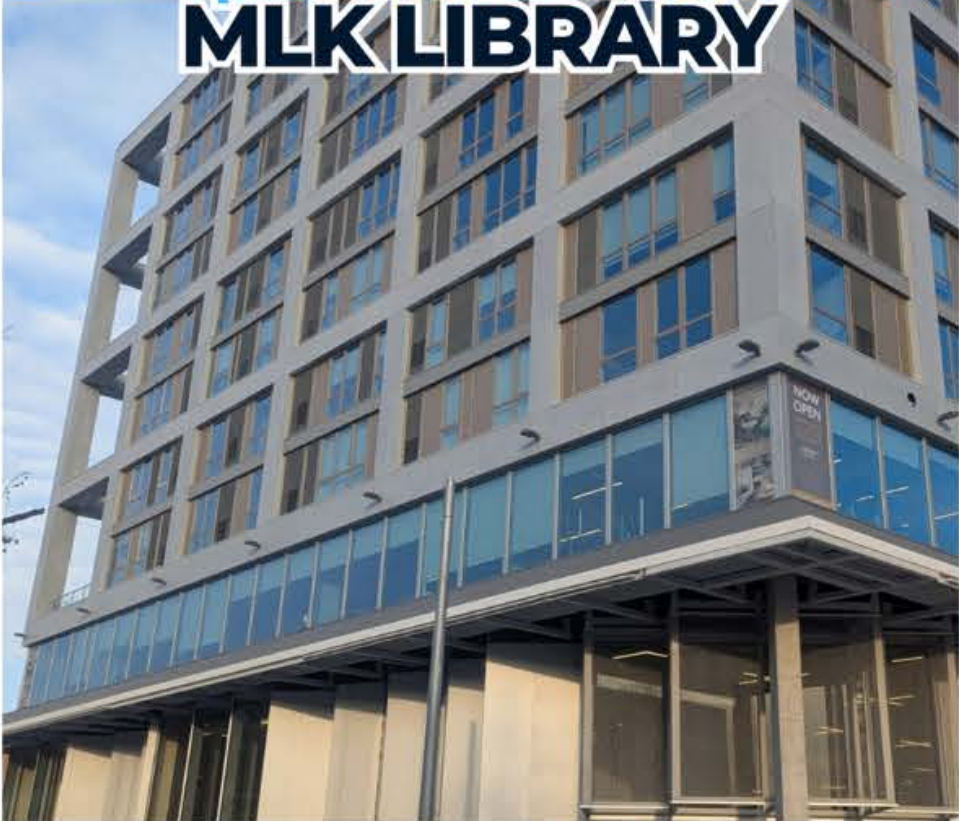


**\$12 MILLION**  
**GARRET SQUARE**







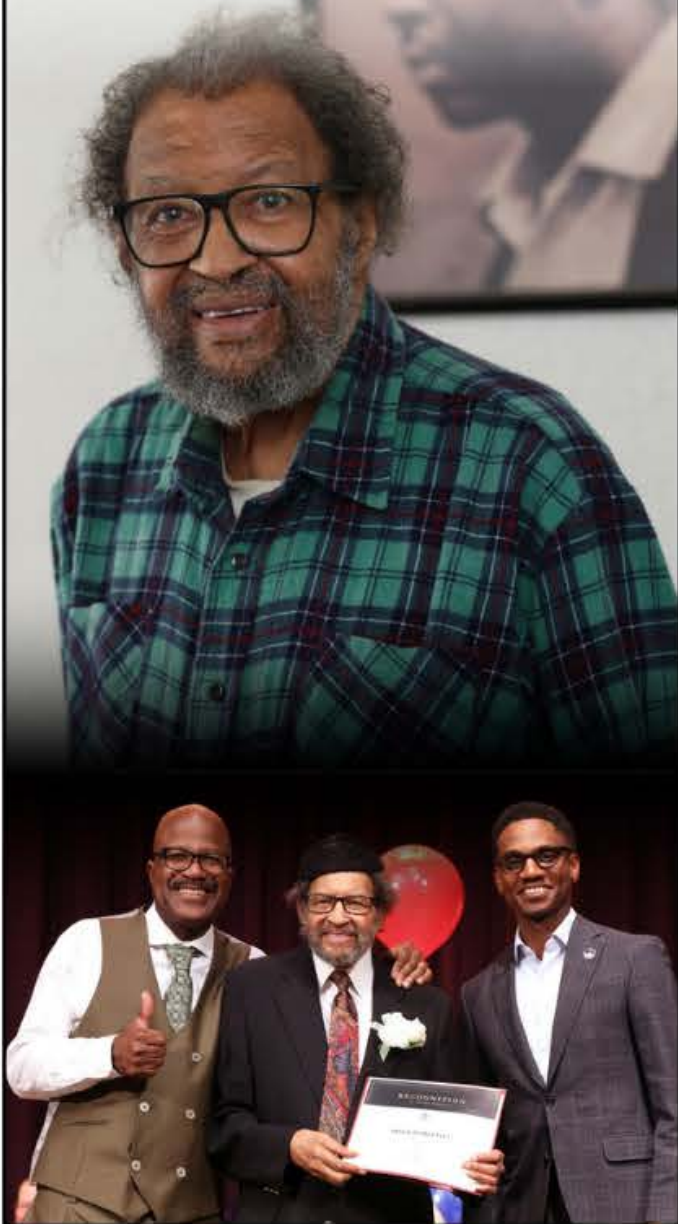




**\$21 MILLION**  
**EMERALD SENIOR DEVELOPMENT**



Senior of the Year  
Donald Freeman



City Council Acts to Curb the Spread of Smoke Shops



Councilman Kevin Conwell joined fellow council members in passing legislation to limit the influx of smoke shops across Cleveland. The new zoning ordinance prohibits new shops from opening within two miles of an existing smoke shop or 500 feet of sensitive locations, including libraries, parks, churches, and schools.

The law defines a “smoke shop” as any retail establishment that dedicates at least 20% of its floor space to products including tobacco, CBD, kratom, hemp-derived items, or synthetic cannabis.

City Council also approved legislation requiring all tobacco retailers to obtain a license from the city. The new licensing fee is expected to cost between \$300 and \$500.

Under the new law, the Cleveland Department of Public Health will conduct biannual inspections of all smoke shops and can shut down shops that operate without a license, fail to pay fines, or engage in illegal marijuana sales.

The legislation amends the city’s tobacco laws to align with the state’s legal smoking age of 21. Violations, such as selling people under the legal smoking age, could result in fines between \$500 and \$1,000.

Have you heard about 311?

DEAD ANIMAL  
PICKUP

DAMAGED  
SIGNAL

HANGING  
BRANCH

POTHOLE  
REPAIR

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Judge W. Moná Scott and Ward 9 Council Member Kevin Conwell  
Present:

Cleveland Housing Court's  
Resource Clinic



Thursday  
August 28, 2025  
4:00-6:00PM  
Glenville Recreation Center  
680 East 113<sup>th</sup> St.  
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216-664-4295

Resources:

- CHN Housing Partners (Utility Assistance, Home Weatherization, etc.)
- Cuyahoga County Treasurer’s Office (Property Taxes)
- Cuyahoga County Great Estates Program
- The Cleveland Restoration Society (Heritage Home Program)
- NorthEast Ohio Regional Sewer District
- Hebrew Free Loan Association
- Legal Aid Society of Cleveland
- Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition
- Veterans Resource Center
- Famicos Foundation
- Fair Housing Center

Cleveland Departments of:

- Utilities - Water, Water Pollution Control & Cleveland Public Power
- Aging (Senior & Disabled Adult Services)
- Building & Housing
- Public Health

Councilman Conwell  
Funds New Splash Pad  
at Shirley Chisholm Park

Councilman Kevin Conwell is investing \$200,000 of his council neighborhood funds to construct a new splash pad at the Shirley Chisholm Park. The splash pad is a fun, family-friendly water playground especially for children.

This investment comes on the heels of nearly \$700,000 in recent upgrades to transform the park into a state-of-the-art exercise playground. The revitalized space is now a lively destination attracting students from the nearby Mary McCleod Bethune School and neighborhood residents.

The splash pad is scheduled for completion by late fall and is expected to be ready for use next summer.





# Work Underway at Closed Fire Station 30



First Station 30 closed abruptly in May because of concerns over water leaks and mold in the building. Work is underway to reopen the station.

- Roof replacement is ongoing and progressing on time
- Interior remodeling is underway,
- Modernizing the Station House to accommodate female firefighters.

Councilman Kevin Conwell will keep residents informed of when it’s likely to reopen.

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## WHO’S WHO IN BLACK

CLEVELAND

“To be named one of the most influential African Americans in Cleveland is a notable honor. Yet, the most profound honor I have encountered is being obedient to God. God intervened in my life during my most critical battle, a fight against Colorectal Cancer (3b). Consequently, I have been inspired to influence my band, Councilman Conwell and Footprints, to perform at no cost for Nonprofits that aid Cancer Survivors.”

**Kevin Conwell**  
Ward 9 Councilman

## 3x NATIONAL AWARD RECIPIENT

Ward 9 Cleveland City Councilman

# Kevin Conwell

- > NATIONAL FATHER OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM WASHINGTON D.C. (2001)
- > NATIONAL CITY CULTURAL DIVERSITY AWARD FOR DISABILITIES AWARENESS (2003)
- > NATIONAL PUBLIC LEADERSHIP IN THE ARTS AWARD (2024)

## Future Developments Coming to Glenville

Councilman Conwell is actively revitalizing Ward 9 by championing innovative, community-focused developments and projects throughout the neighborhood.

Councilman Conwell is working with the YMCA to bring a **new Glenville YMCA** to 11111 St. Clair Avenue, where the original Y once stood.

A **Glenhaven Respite Center** is planned for 10601 Superior Ave.

The closed Empire School at 9113 Parmalee Avenue will be **redeveloped into senior apartments**.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony is expected this fall for the grand opening of the new **Hitchcock Center for Women & Children**, a \$27 million project.

# IMPORTANT VOTING DATES

Now- Sept. 7	Early Voting Absentee & In-Person
Sept. 2	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline (8:30 p.m.)
Sept. 8	Absentee Ballot U.S. Postmark Deadline
Sept. 9	Primary Election 6 a.m.- 7:30 p.m.

For more information, visit [boe.cuyahogacounty.gov](http://boe.cuyahogacounty.gov)



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# New Ward Boundaries Take Effect 2026

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](http://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 9's current boundaries to the new ward boundary lines that will be in effect in *January 5, 2026*.



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## 2025 Ward 9 STREET REPAVING

Project Name	From -To	Cost
Thornwood Ave.	Lakeview to E. 123th	\$118,555.56
Magnolia Dr.	Mistletoe to Hazel	\$75,297.78
115th St.	Superior to Moulton	129,213.33
115th St.	Moulton to Ashbury	\$121,791.11
111th St.	Superior to Orville	\$100,693.33
Everton Ave.	E.105th to Parkwood Dr.	\$118,342.22
Garfield Ave.	E.95th to E. 105th	\$209,208
97th St.	Parkgate to North Blvd	\$100,648
Castlewood Ave.	E.123th to E. 125th	\$121,854
Wade Park	E 118th to Lakeview	PAID IN 2024
Total Costs		\$1,095,603.33



## Ward 9 Boundaries Beginning January 2026

