



Scenes & Sounds of 7

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**Stephanie
Howse-Jones:**



A Word from Councilwoman Stephanie Howse-Jones

Greetings Ward 7 Residents:

Summer is in full swing, and Ward 7 is the place to be! Whether you're young or young at heart, there's something exciting waiting for you right around the corner.

Have you explored some of our local gems lately, like the inspiring **Jesse Owens Plaza at Rockefeller Lagoon** or the **Pop-Up Library in AsiaTown**? Looking for ways to stay active? Join our **citywide Senior Walks** happening every Wednesday at locations throughout Cleveland, or bring the kids to cool off at the Splash Pad in Fannie Lewis Park next to historic League Park.

Enjoy live music during the **Hough Library's Outdoor Music Series**, or get into the summer reading spirit with **Cleveland READS at Addison Library**, there's truly something for everyone!

I encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and discover the beauty of our community. Don't let transportation be a barrier, walk, bike, ride RTA, or even link up with a neighbor to carpool to events. The sun is shining, and our neighborhood is alive with opportunity.

As always, if my office can help connect you with events or resources, please don't hesitate to reach out at 216-664-2908 or showsejones@clevelandcitycouncil.org. Let's make the most of this summer together.

Yours in Love and Service,

Stephanie Howse-Jones

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Goodbye, Ward 7... Hello, Ward 8!

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. Our Ward 7 community will transition into the new Ward 8 beginning January 2026.

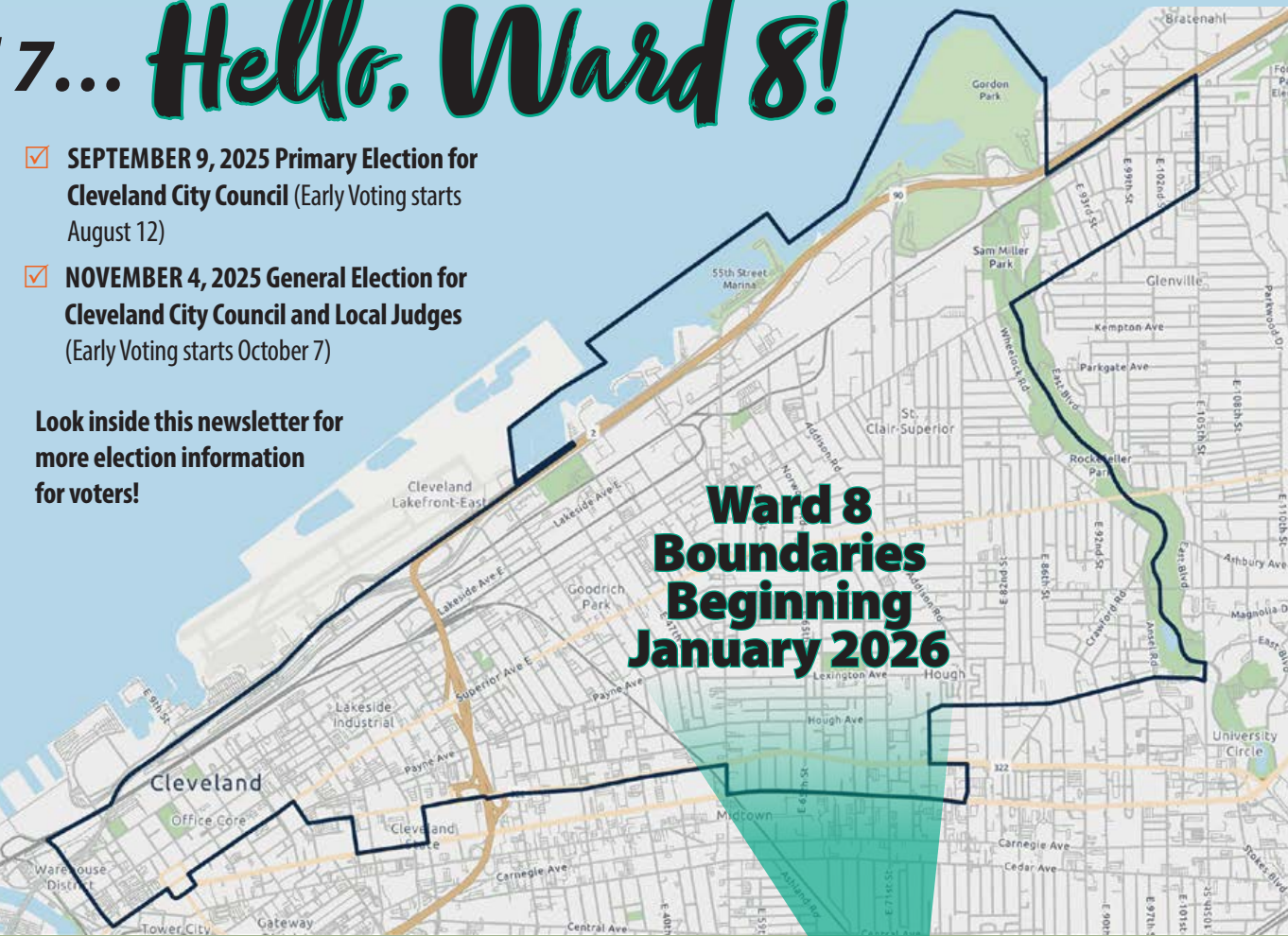
View the maps at right and below for a comparison of Ward 7's current boundaries to the new Ward 8 boundary lines that will be in effect in January 5, 2026.

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.

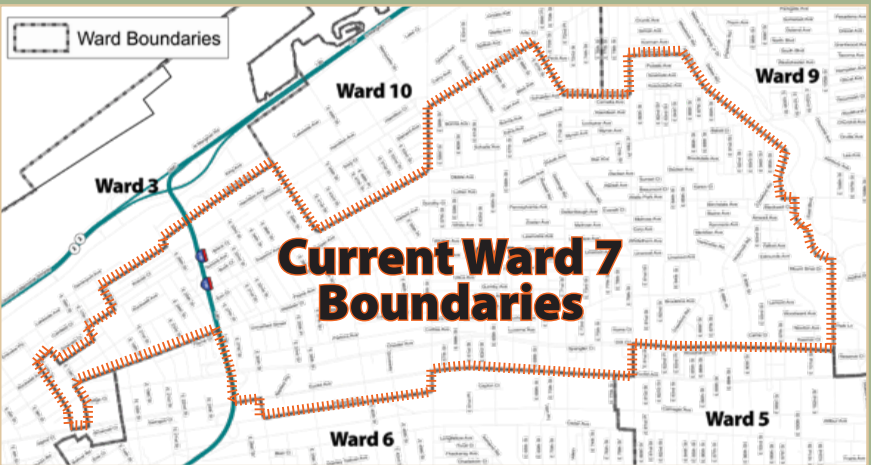
For voting purposes through the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, current Ward 7 residents will be voting according to the new Ward 8 boundaries in the **REMAINING TWO ELECTIONS IN 2025:**

- ☑ **SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 Primary Election for Cleveland City Council** (Early Voting starts August 12)
- ☑ **NOVEMBER 4, 2025 General Election for Cleveland City Council and Local Judges** (Early Voting starts October 7)

Look inside this newsletter for more election information for voters!



**Ward 8
Boundaries
Beginning
January 2026**



**Current Ward 7
Boundaries**



COUNCILWOMAN HOWSE-JONES LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS



Paid Family Leave

Established paid parental leave for City of Cleveland employees to take up to 12 weeks off of work to spend time with their new child (birth or adoption).

Pay Equity & Transparency

Passed the Pay Equity and Transparency Ordinance, prohibiting salary discrimination based on an applicant's prior salary history, requiring employers with more than 15 employees to publicly show salary ranges for open positions and providing Cleveland residents an opportunity to report suspected pay discrimination to the Cleveland Fair Employment Wage Board.

3D Homes

Investment of \$500,000 for the development and implementation of affordable housing with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry for equipment, warehouse space, and the construction of three pilot houses with 3D printing technology..

A Home for Every Neighbor

Additional investment of \$1.9 million (total \$3.9 million) for direct-to-housing encampment resolution in the City of Cleveland to bring people off the streets and into housing.

Ward 7 Grassroots Grant Initiative

Councilwoman Howse-Jones passed legislation to provide \$250K for Ward 7 community members to connect with one another, build trust, share information and create opportunities for collective action by providing grassroot grants, training residents on building power and connections in the community.

RESIDENTS REQUESTED: The Grassroots Grant Initiative needs community members to serve on the Advisory Board that will organize community connection events and make recommendations for the grassroots grants. Advisory Board members will be paid a stipend for their participation. There is no age limit on who can apply or who will be selected to participate on the Advisory Board. **If you are interested in serving on the Advisory Board, please email mrcraig@clevelandcitycouncil.org and answer the following questions:**

1. Why do you want to serve on the Ward 7 Grassroots Grant Initiative Advisory Board?
2. Who do you see largely in the community that is missing from community activities and what do you purpose we do to engage them?
3. Using your imagination, what could community power and community connections look like in Ward 7 by fully implementing the Grassroots Grant Initiative?

HOUGH SMART GARDEN
WORKING TO SUSTAIN OUR COMMUNITY

THIS PROJECT EMPOWERS RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS FOOD SHORTAGES BY LEARNING TO GROW FOOD, CREATING SELF-WATERING GARDEN BEDS/CONTAINERS, TURNING TRASH INTO ART, AND COMMUNITY GARDENING FOR ALL AGES

REMAINING EVENTS:

Aug 8th - Tech in the Garden

- Learn how Technology can help gardens grow
- Learn about Garden apps and IOT
- Hydroponics, Drones, and 3D Printing garden supplies

Sep 5th - Summer Garden Pizza Party

- Enjoy garden pizza grown directly from the Hough Smart Garden and other local gardeners
- Fun, Food, Drink, Music, Games, Family, and Friends

DONATIONS NEEDED:

Experiences of Gardeners or Participants
Food Grade 5 Gallon Buckets
Soil and Compost for the beds
PVC Pipes
Food Grade Plastic Milk Jitters Jugs, water bottles
Garden tools (tiller, shovel, weeder, gloves, bags)

Urban Farm to Table, Art, and Donations
Art supplies - Paint, Popcorn sticks, Brushes,
String, yarn, Scissors, Glue, Magazines, Cards
Pizza Dough, Cheese, Sausage and Turkey Pepperoni
Beverages, Ice, Cups

TO REGISTER SCAN & SHARE

FOR MORE INFO TEXT: (216) 264-9525
LOCATED @ MIDTOWN TECH HIVE
URBANCITYCODES.ORG

The Summer Stop
at Dunham Tavern Museum & Gardens

2nd & 4th Wednesdays this Summer!
11:30 am - 1:30 pm

REMAINING DATES:
August 13 & 27

- *Live Music!
- *Food Trucks!
- *Museum Open!

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS
MUSIC, FUN & FRIENDSHIP

REMAINING CONCERTS:
August 12th
August 24th

ALL CONCERTS START AT 5:30P
SEE YOU THERE!

6600 Lexington Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44103
216.391-0505

SUMMER EVENTS
— at Gordon Park —
REMAINING EVENTS:

Urban Line Dancing
Aug. 29th | 6-8pm
Stop by on the final Fridays of each month this summer for FREE Urban Line instruction in the fresh air!

Kid's Nature Lunch & Learn
Sat. Aug. 16th | 11am-1pm
In collaboration with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and Kids' Book Bank, this family-friendly event provides FREE lunches and books for kids, along with hands-on nature-based learning with Cleveland Metroparks' mobile nature center, Nature Tracks.
Transportation provided from Kvasic Rec

Gordon Park, 801 E. 72nd St, Cleveland, OH

2025 KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

CAN I KICK IT?

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22ND
AT THE HISTORIC LEAGUE PARK

Team Registrations are open!
midtowncleveland.org/kickball

2025 Ward 7 Community Meetings



Community meetings are a way for residents in the community to discuss important topics and issues dealing with a local situation, while also receiving updates and necessary information from their Councilmember. Children are always welcome.

Meetings are always live streamed on
[Facebook.com/CWStephanieHowse](https://www.facebook.com/CWStephanieHowse)



SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 18

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Community Meeting

at Masjid Bilal of Cleveland

7401 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103



OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 14

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Community Meeting

at Growth Opportunity Partners

6001 Euclid Ave., Suite 120,

Cleveland, OH 44103



NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 13

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Community Meeting

at Daniel E. Morgan School

8912 Morris Court, Cleveland, OH 44106

Welcome Darrian Merritt Summer Intern



We are excited to welcome Darrian Merritt to our Ward 7 office as our Summer Intern. Darrian has been working in our office since May, and he will be with us until mid-August. He is a City of Cleveland resident, graduating from Cleveland Early College High School in 2024. He is entering his sophomore year at the University of Southern California, studying public relations and public policy. Please join us in welcoming Darrian to Ward 7! We are confident that he will excel in his role and contribute to the betterment of our community.

New City of Cleveland Ward Boundaries Take Place in 2026

Changes to Voting Locations Take Place Immediately

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.

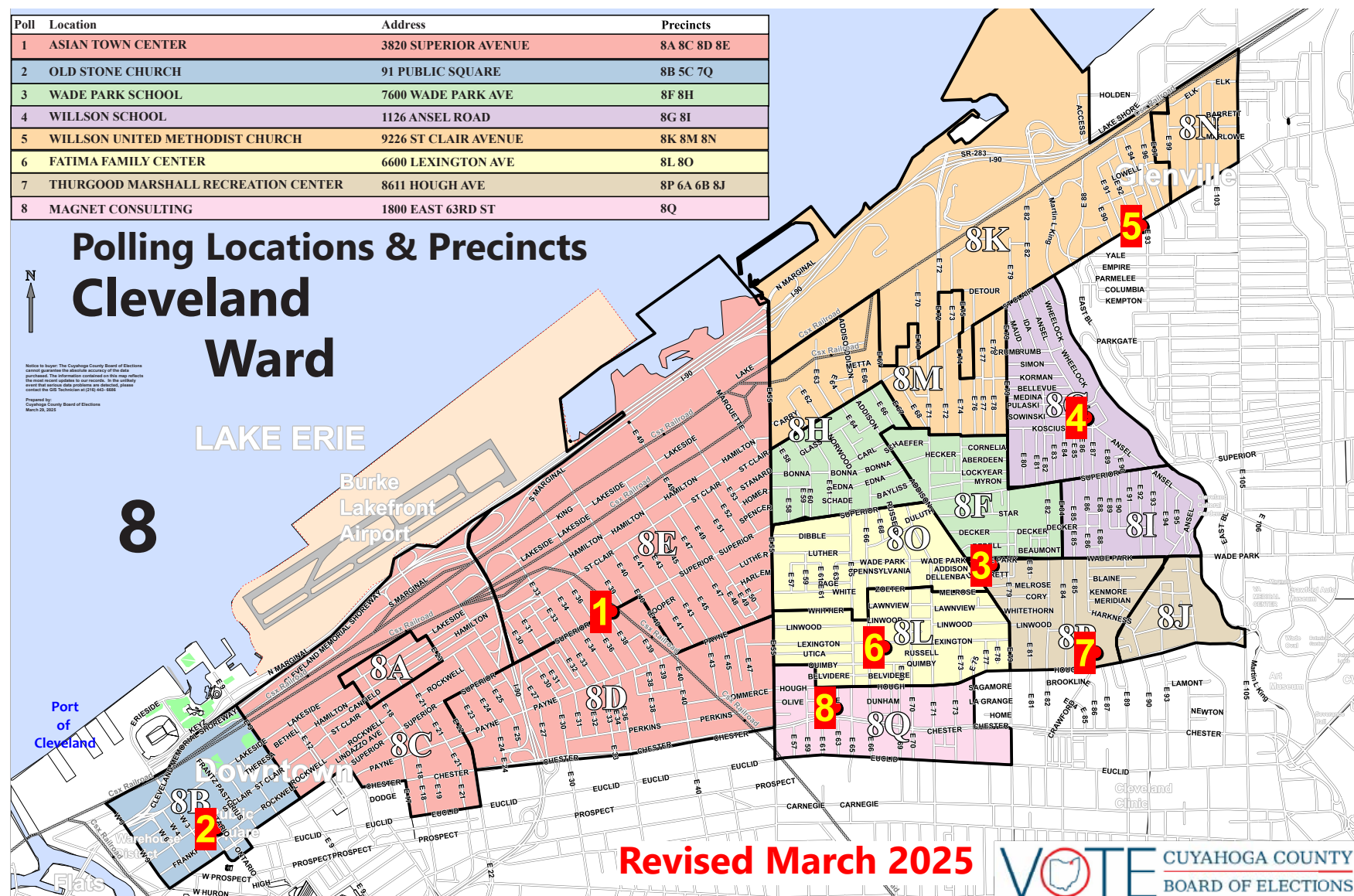
To find your polling location call the Cuyahoga Board of Elections at 216-443-8683 or visit boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/ voters.



The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections has moved its headquarters!

All operations, including registration and voting, will now take place at
1803 Superior Ave,
Cleveland, OH, 44114.

VOTE CUYAHOGA COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS



PRIMARY - September 9th, 2025

Aug. 11	Voter Registration Deadline
Aug. 12	Early In-Person / Absentee voting opens
Sept. 2	Absentee ballot applications due (by 8:30 p.m.)
Sept. 7	In-person voting ends (by 5 p.m.)
Sept. 8	Absentee ballot U.S. postmark deadline
Sept. 9	Election Day (6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.)

GENERAL ELECTION - November 4th, 2025

Oct. 6	Voter Registration Deadline
Oct. 7	Early In-Person / Absentee voting opens
Oct. 28	Absentee ballot applications due (by 8:30 p.m.)
Nov. 2	In-person voting ends (by 5 p.m.)
Nov. 3	Absentee ballot U.S. postmark deadline
Nov. 4	Election Day (6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.)

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Stay Connected with Ward 7 News and Events!

- Hello Ward 7 Residents,**

Did you know that you can be among the first to know about the exciting activities and events happening in our community? Stay informed and connected by signing up for our newsletter services!

 - **Weekly Email Newsletters:** Receive weekly updates straight to your inbox.
 - **Quarterly Postal Newsletters:** Get quarterly newsletters delivered to your mailbox.
- **Bi-Monthly Calls and Text Messages:** Receive calls and texts about events and important updates.

To sign up for these services, simply **scan the QR code below** and provide your information. Don't miss out on the latest news and happenings in Ward 7!

Thank you for staying engaged and being a part of our vibrant community.



DUMPSTER DAYS

Dumpster Days allow residents to easily part with bulkier items or items that require more careful disposal. Hosts of Dumpster Days will have a dumpster dropped off to them around 7 or 8 a.m., with it being picked up around 5 or 6 p.m. Dumpsters can only be placed on private property (with the property owner's consent), or on vacant lots adjacent to the person's property.

Saturdays are preferred days for hosting a dumpster, but weekday dates are also accepted.

If you are interested in hosting a Dumpster Day in the months of August, September or October, please reach out to our office. You can contact Myrna Craig at mrcraig@clevelandcitycouncil.org, or on the office phone line at 216-664-2908.



2025 WARD 7 STREET REPAVING

Project Name	From — To	Cost
E. 24th St.	Superior — St. Clair	\$112,800
E. 47th St.	Payne — Superior	\$250,424
E. 59th St.	Superior — Prosser	\$77,084
E. 64th St.	St. Clair — Varian	\$75,600
E. 73rd St.	Chester — Hough	\$118,351
E. 89th St.	Superior — Morris Ct.	\$116,480
Carl Ave.	Addison — Norwood	\$125,502
Crawford Ct.	E. 89th — East End	\$36,827
Decker Ave.	E. 79th — E. 86th	\$229,172
Erin Ct.	E. 30th — E. 27th	\$70,702
Lockyear Ave.	E. 71st — E. 74th	\$92,920
Morris Ct.	E. 80th — E. 90th	\$27,487
Sowinski Ave.	Kosciuszko — E. 82nd	\$79,626
Sowinski Ave.	E. 82nd — E. 79th	\$91,632
Varian Ave.	E. 64th — Addison	\$39,444
Total Cost		\$1,544,032

Have you heard about 311?

Your link to city services
—just one call or click away



MISSED TRASH PICKUP



POTHOLE



GRAFFITI



HANGING BRANCH



ILLEGAL DUMPING



DAMAGED GUARDRAIL



Whether you're reporting a pothole, missed trash pickup, or even finding resources like senior programs, 311 is here to make it simple.

[311 or 216-664-2000](http://311.or 216-664-2000) | cleveland.ohio.gov/311

Remember to utilize the City of Cleveland's Citizen Support

Hotline, 311! This line can be used for a variety of non-emergency local concerns, including trash pick-up, tall grass, tree damage on city property, open abandoned buildings, potholes, and many other issues. When you dial 311, a support specialist will record your information and send it to the appropriate department, as well as providing you with a reference number that you can check on the status of your request with.

If the city still hasn't resolved your issue, feel free to call our office at 216-664-2908 with your reference number, so that we can follow up on the case.

Litter Crew

In May, the brand new Ward 7 Litter Crew set out for their first assignment! Composed of four members split evenly between two trucks, the crew picks up trash and cleans up streets throughout Ward 7, ensuring brighter and safer neighborhoods for all residents.



Ward 7 Senior of the Year MR. RICO ESCORTT



On May 14th, community member Rico Escrott was named Ward 7 Senior of the Year at the annual Cleveland Senior Day event.

Mr. Escrott, a loving father of three and a proud grandfather to six, takes immense pride in beautifying his community. He has transformed three vacant lots near his home into spaces for community events, painted in his mother's favorite colors—yellow and white. He also devotes his time to maintaining and beautifying Carrie Cain Park across the street from his home, where a memorial angel stands in honor of his mother. He finds peace in fishing, yard work, healthy living, and learning from the wisdom of elders. Please join us in congratulating Mr. Escrott on his dutiful service to our community!

