

Ward 4 News

A MESSAGE FROM Councilwoman Deborah A. Gray

Happy Fall, Ward 4 Residents!

As you know, in January 2026, most of Ward 4 will become Ward 3, and some parts of the current Ward 4 will shift to other wards. As the General Election for Council members approaches, I want to reassure you that my commitment to serving Ward 4 remains strong. Throughout 2025, I will continue to work hard for you—because it's both my promise and my responsibility.

Over the past few years, Ward 4 has made real progress. We've seen new housing, revitalized homes, and businesses choosing to invest here. Together, we've created a community master plan, and we continue to build on that vision.

In September alone, we've had two ribbon cuttings for new homes in Ward 4. Both Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cleveland and CHN Housing Partners see the promise in our ward.

A special shout-out goes to the young people who participated in my Job Beautification Program, now in its third year. This initiative engages youth in their own community, provides them with valuable work experience, connects them with local organizations, and teaches them how to identify and pursue employment opportunities.

I know the ongoing issues with the Shaker Square apartment developments have been frustrating. I remain closely involved and continue to monitor the legal process, with the goal of resolving these matters.

We have a lot to look forward to this fall, including our annual Halloween pool party and the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. I will continue to host community meetings, and I look forward to seeing you all there.

The new ward boundaries will be an adjustment for us all, but I want to express my deep appreciation to the residents, children, and families of Ward 4 for your trust and partnership.

Together, we've accomplished a great deal—and I look forward to continuing this important work with you.

Warm regards,

Deborah Gray
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WARD 4 UPCOMING EVENTS



**SAT.
OCT 18
1 P.M.** | **HALLOWEEN POOL PARTY**
Hamilton Rec Center
13200 Kinsman Rd.

**THURS.
OCT 23
5:30 P.M.** | **COMMUNITY MEETING**
Zelma George Rec Center
3155 Martin Luther King Jr Dr.

**THURS.
NOV 20
4 P.M.** | **THANKSGIVING DINNER**
Zelma George Rec Center
3155 Martin Luther King Jr Dr.

**THURS.
DEC 18
4 P.M.** | **CHRISTMAS DINNER**
Zelma George Rec Center
3155 Martin Luther King Jr Dr.

Hope Homes Grand Opening

Hope Homes, single-family housing scattered across the Buckeye-Shaker, Mount Pleasant, and Lee-Harvard neighborhoods, will welcome 30 new families. The CHN Lease Purchase program provides a pathway to homeownership.



"These new homes represent stability, opportunity, and hope for families in our community."
-Councilwoman Deborah Gray.



The Future of Shaker Square is Taking Shape

After years of planning and long-overdue repairs, Shaker Square is beginning its next chapter. Once at risk of being auctioned off, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress and Burten, Bell, Carr Development Inc.—with the Council and the City’s support—stepped in to save the nearly century-old shopping center.

Since then, neighbors have watched the Square come back to life. Crews replaced roofs, added new HVAC systems, lighting, awnings, and security cameras — the first steps in reversing two decades of neglect.

Now, a reimagined Shaker Square is starting to take shape. The plan calls for filling storefronts with more restaurants and shops, adding patios for outdoor dining, and creating redesigned walkways. New additions also include:

- wellness services
- co-working spaces
- appointment-based shops
- pop-up shops and events

“I’m so excited we’re making progress on Shaker Square,” said Councilwoman Deborah Gray. “This project is so vital to the community and the residents.



Shaker Square will soon become a destination again. Improved bike lanes, sidewalks, and parking — plus stronger transit connections — will make the Square easier and safer to reach. A redesigned central green will host daily activities and special events. The area will also feature murals, sculptures, and performances, thanks to partnerships with local schools and artists.

A reenergized Shaker Square needs to be inviting, inspiring, and connected, with new nearby housing to boost foot traffic, more cultural programming, and small businesses that reflect the community’s creative spirit.

There’s still a long way to go, and another \$5 million is needed to complete the transformation. But for the first time in years, Shaker Square’s future can be as vibrant as its past.



On September 14, Pope Leo XIV’s birthday, Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity held a groundbreaking ceremony for Pope Leo Village, a project to build *fifteen affordable single-family homes* in the Buckeye-Woodhill neighborhood of Cleveland.

The project is sponsored by the generosity of an anonymous donor who was inspired by Pope Leo’s vision and commitment to serve others, and Habitat affiliates across the country have launched similar Pope Leo Village efforts. Pope Leo Village will allow families to build and purchase homes with affordable mortgages, while also honoring the papacy of Pope Leo XIV, the first American pope.

“Habitat was founded on the belief that faith in action can change lives,” said John Litten, President and CEO of Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity. “Pope Leo Village is a chance to live that out in Cleveland. Families, youth, and faith partners of all traditions will join us in building a neighborhood rooted in stability and hope.”

Work on Elwell Avenue in Ward 4 is already underway. Cleveland City Council’s commitment of \$5 million to Habitat helped catalyze construction. Eleven homes are scheduled for completion in 2026, with the remaining homes to be completed by 2027.

“These new homes mean so much to Ward 4 residents. They’re truly needed and have lifted the spirits of our community,” said Councilwoman Deborah Gray. “And Habitat is bringing positive change through other nearby housing projects as well.”

Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity plans to hold a dedication ceremony to celebrate the naming of Pope Leo Village and honor the individuals and families involved.

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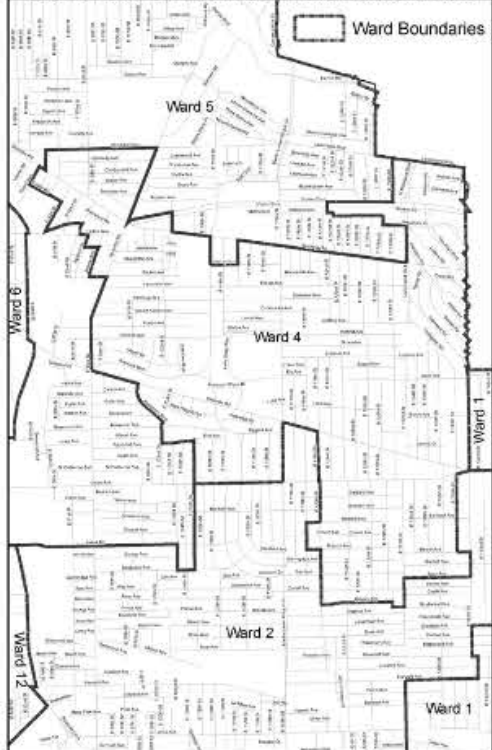


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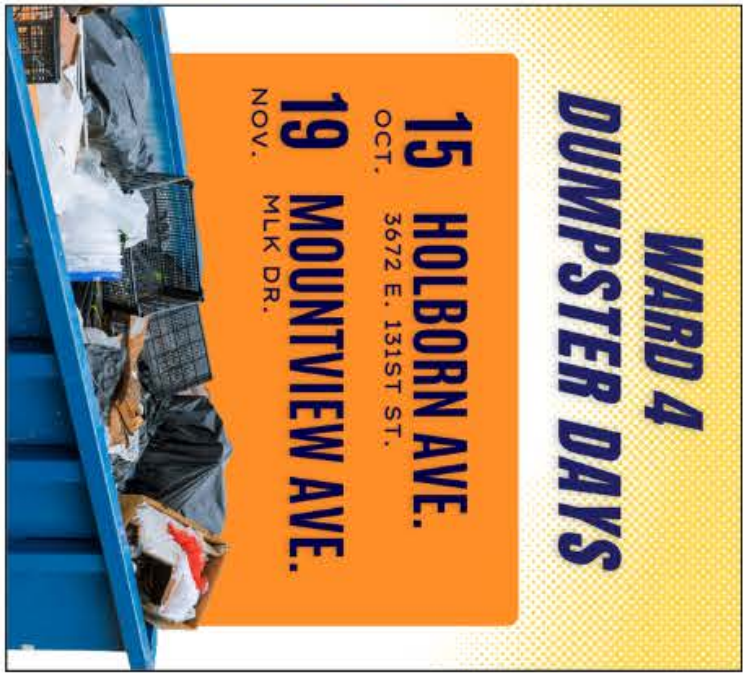
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Current Ward Boundaries



9413 Sophia Ave.

Councilwoman Gray gathered with community members and project leaders for another milestone in the 9413 Sophia Avenue Project, turning a former condemned house into a community-designed structure using its deconstructed materials. This pivotal project has created a new communal space for Ward 4 along with a public art installation.



WARD 4 DUMPSTER DAYS

15 HOLBORN AVE.
OCT. 3672 E. 131ST ST.
19 MOUNTVIEW AVE.
NOV. MLK DR.

Goodbye Ward 4, Hello Ward 3!

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 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 4's current boundaries to the new ward boundary lines that will be in effect in **January 5, 2026**.

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