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Promises Made, Promises Kept: A Message to Ward 1 Constituents

Progress, Partnership, and a Vision for the Future



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Dear Ward 1 Residents,

As your Councilman, I have always believed that leadership is about action, commitment, and delivering on the promises made to the people I proudly serve. In partnership with Mayor Justin Bibb and his dedicated administration, we have turned bold visions into concrete achievements, ensuring that our community moves forward together.

Transforming Our Community: Major Investments and Developments

Together, we secured **\$100 million** for transformative development at the old JFK school site, with retail, new senior housing, market-rate and affordable living options, and a state-of-the-art library that will serve generations to come. This project is more than just development—it's about creating opportunities, homes, and vital spaces for every resident of Ward 1.

We have invested **\$50 million** into the complete redesign of Lee Road, which includes resurfacing, new sewer and water lines, bringing modern infrastructure and renewed vibrancy to one of our community's most important corridors.

An additional **\$20 million** has been secured for a mixed-use market-rate and affordable housing development at East 167th Street and Miles Avenue, which will help ensure that families of all backgrounds have access to quality homes. Additionally, **\$5.1 million** has been dedicated to a new, state-of-the-art JFK track and field stadium, providing our youth with world-class facilities to pursue their dreams.

We have not forgotten our cherished parks and recreation spaces. **\$356,000** was invested in Idelia Park for a new

playground, benches, and swings—making it a safer and more enjoyable place for our children and families. We have also raised essential funds to support our beloved little league sports teams, fostering teamwork and healthy competition among our youth.

Through collaboration with CHN Development Corp., we have facilitated the construction of 11 newly built homes, which will provide more families with the opportunity to establish roots and thrive in Ward 1.

Enhancing Safety and Infrastructure

Bringing safety closer to home has always been a top priority. That's why a new mini police station will soon open at the Lee-Harvard Shopping Plaza, providing increased police presence and faster response times. In the Mt. Pleasant community, **\$1.1 million** has been spent resurfacing roads and upgrading essential infrastructure, improving daily life for all residents.

We are leveraging technology to protect our neighborhoods by creating a digital community crime watch. By giving away and installing **2,000 Ring doorbells** for seniors in the ward, we are empowering our residents with the tools they need to feel secure in their homes.

Our Vision: Progress, Respect, and Community Pride

I am here to lead by example—to work tirelessly for every resident, to honor your trust, and to ensure that Ward 1 continues to rise to new heights. Through hard work, integrity, and partnership, we are building a community that is progressive, respected, and truly desired as a place to live, work, and raise a family.

Thank you for believing in our shared vision. Together, we will continue to make promises—and keep them.

With gratitude and commitment,
"I am honored to serve as your Councilman."

Councilman Joseph T. Jones

WARD 1 HIGHLIGHTS

JFK High School Stadium



MORE HIGHLIGHTS INSIDE

Lee Road’s Transformation: From Asphalt to Opportunity



Lee Road, a critical north-south corridor linking Cleveland and Shaker Heights, is poised to become a model of what 21st-century urban streets can be—green and connected. Stretching **1.1 miles from Miles Avenue to the Shaker Heights border**, this stretch of Lee Road is more than just pavement; it’s a gateway to community renewal.

Community meetings, sponsored by Councilman Joe Jones, have enabled residents to give their thoughts, opinions, and ideas for reimagining Lee Road and its connection to Shaker Heights.

The current roadway functions well for through traffic but offers limited comfort and safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users. Sidewalks exist along most of the corridor, but conditions vary, particularly between Harvard Avenue and Miles Avenue, where sections are cracked, narrow, and sometimes interrupted by driveways or on-street parking that has spilled into the pedestrian zone.

The redesign of Lee Road aims to balance the needs of all users, people driving, biking, walking, and taking transit, while making the corridor greener and more sustainable. Currently, the **tree canopy rate is only 18.1%**, significantly below its potential of **57.1%**. This project will change that dramatically. With **23 existing street trees**, the plan identifies **40 additional planting locations** and **57 new planting spaces** created through strategic **hardscape removal**.

This green infrastructure will not only enhance the corridor’s beauty but also increase its resilience. Trees will shade sidewalks, calm traffic, and help reduce the **Urban Heat Index**, which is currently rated as “medium.”

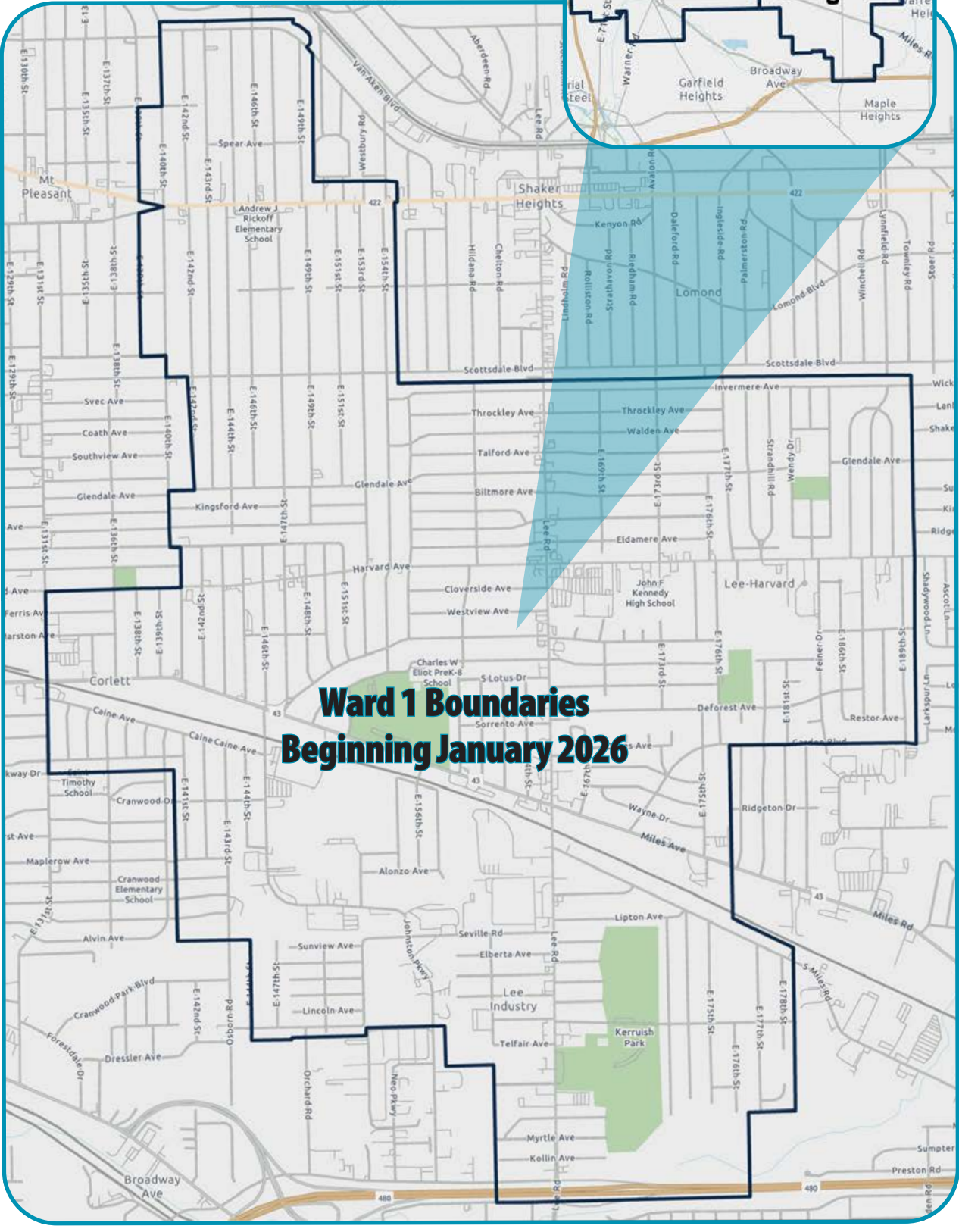
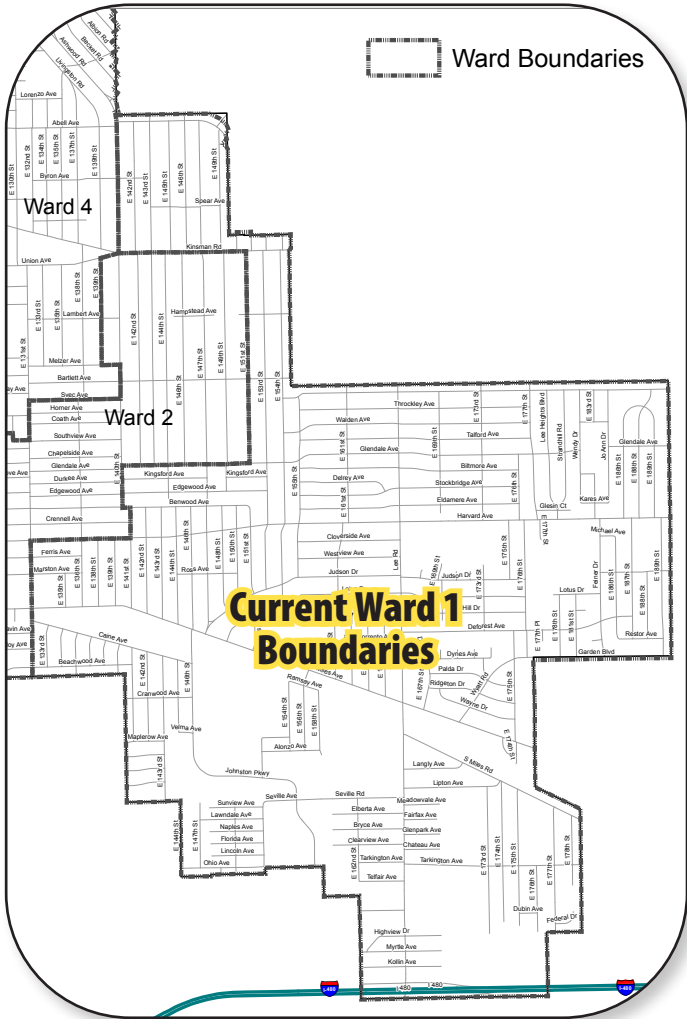
Transforming Lee Road into a **Complete Street** means designing it for everyone — not just drivers. Plans call for restored tree lawns, repaired sidewalks, improved and more visible crosswalks, street lighting improvements, and modern transit stops. Green buffers between traffic and pedestrians or cyclists will create a sense of safety and calm. Trees and plantings will soften the streetscape, while better lighting and paving will enhance accessibility and comfort.

The redesign will also reconnect neighborhoods, helping residents move easily between homes, schools, parks, and businesses. The corridor’s improvements will support local shops and attract new investment, strengthening the identity of the **Lee-Harvard commercial district** as a welcoming and vibrant place to live, work, and visit.

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 below for a comparison of Ward 1's current boundaries to the new ward boundary lines that will be in effect in January 5, 2026.



Cleveland’s general election is Tuesday, November 4th.

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**.



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.)



WARD 1 HIGHLIGHTS
Grandparents Day 2025



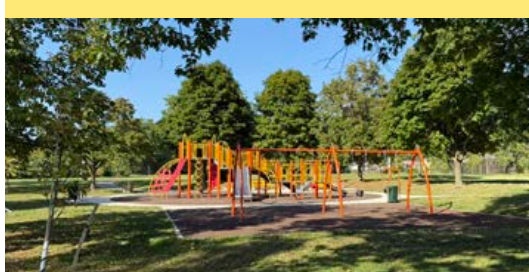
COUNCILMAN JONES
Around Town!



WARD 1 HIGHLIGHTS
New Mini Police Station
Coming to Lee-Harvard
Shopping Plaza Next Year



WARD 1 HIGHLIGHTS
Idelia Park Renovated
Playground



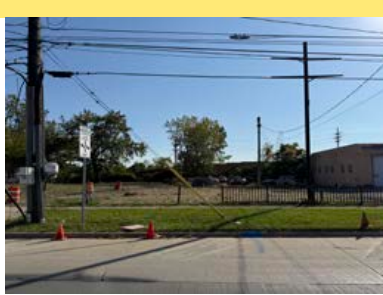
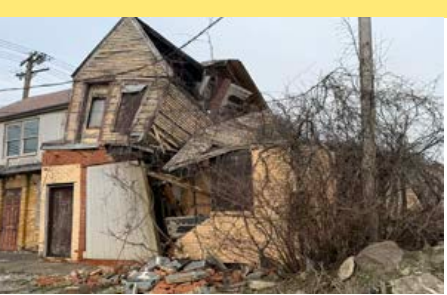
WARD 1 HIGHLIGHTS
Arthur R. Johnson Park
Clean Up Day



WARD 1 HIGHLIGHTS
CHN Rehabbing Homes



WARD 1 HIGHLIGHTS
Demolition - after 45 years, old building
taken down



WARD 1 HIGHLIGHTS
Housing Court Resource Event



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Upcoming Holiday and Bulk Week Collections

B Bulk Week

H One Day Delayed Collection

H Holiday with Regular Pickup



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

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Dec. 25th - Christmas Day
(1) day delay all week

Age-Friendly Home Investment Program 2026

The Cleveland Department of Aging's Age-Friendly Home Investment Program **helps Cleveland homeowners with one major home repair**. Eligible residents must be 60 or older, or 18–59 with a disability, own and live in their home for at least one year, and meet low- to moderate-income guidelines *(for example, up to \$39,125 for one person or \$80,375 for a family of four)*. Applicants must be current on property taxes and not in foreclosure or bankruptcy.

Funds are limited, so apply as soon as possible!

Download the application at www.clevelandohio.gov/aging under *Resource Links* (eligibility criteria is listed on page one of the form). Completed Applications can be submitted to the Cleveland Department of Aging by:

- **MAIL or IN PERSON** 75 Erieview Plaza, Room 201, Cleveland, OH 44114
- **EMAIL** aging@clevelandohio.gov
- **FAX** 216-420-8076 (Attn: AFHIP)

For assistance, call 216-664-3757 or email aging@clevelandohio.gov.



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Lee-Harvard Neighborhood is a Great Place to Call Home

This summer, Councilman Joe Jones hosted Ohio State Treasurer Robert Sprague at a home in the Lee-Harvard neighborhood that is being renovated under the Middle Neighborhoods Program. The Middle Neighborhoods Project is operated by Cleveland Neighborhood Progress (CNP), which is investing more than \$2 million in Lee-Harvard to enhance its commercial corridors and increase homeownership opportunities. Councilman Jones encouraged CNP to seek support from the City of Cleveland and from the State of Ohio for this program.

Treasurer Sprague toured a 900-square-foot house that is being transformed into a 1,400-square-foot home with a new 2-car garage. With Councilman Jones' assistance, CNP has already listed the first renovated home for sale, and several more are on their way. The new homeowners will strengthen their surrounding neighborhood and help persuade banks, realtors, and potential new residents that the Lee-Harvard neighborhood is a great place to call home.



WASTE COLLECTION HOLIDAYS

Dial 311 for missed pickup

ONE DAY DELAYED COLLECTION for the rest of the week for the listed holidays.

- New Year's Day

► Martin Luther King Jr. Day

► Memorial Day
- Independence Day

► Labor Day

► Thanksgiving Day

► Christmas Day

Snow Heroes

Be a Snow Hero this Winter

Volunteer to shovel snow for older adults and neighbors with disabilities in Cleveland. Help keep sidewalks safe and build a stronger, more connected community one snowstorm at a time.

What Does a Snow Hero Do?

- ✓ Shovel sidewalks, stairs, ramps and a 36" path to the door
- ✓ Bring your own shovel or snowblower & dress for the weather
- ✓ Complete assignments within 48 hours of 3+ snowfall
- ✓ Snow Hero will be matched with a resident in need of snow removal

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