

2025

WARD 5

STARR NEWSLETTER

RICHARD A. STARR, COUNCILMAN

SUMMER 2025

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A Word from Councilman

Richard A. Starr

Dear Ward 5 Family,

I have the privilege of serving currently as the Ward 5 representative on Cleveland City Council. I am delighted to share my commitment to making Ward 5 an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

As your council person, it is my responsibility to ensure that your voice is heard on important issues affecting our community, such as public safety, local infrastructure, and community development. I work closely with my fellow council members and other city officials to make informed decisions that positively impact our In the coming weeks, I will be canvassing the entire Ward 5 to get to know you and your neighbors.

It's important to note that this year Cleveland City Council undertook a significant redistricting process to reflect changes in our population. According to the Census, Cleveland's population has dropped and Cleveland City Council had an obligation to reduce the number of wards in the city from 17 to 15.

The census itself is vital to our community for key reasons such as Political Representation, Funding allocations and Decision-making. I invite you to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Also, my office holds regular meetings and community events where you can share your thoughts on how we can continue to improve our district and make it an even more thriving and welcoming place for all residents. Check for a listing of upcoming meetings and events in this newsletter.

If you aspire to stay connected with Ward 5's vibrant community– and I hope you do! – please scan the QR code on the right to join our frequent email communications. I've also included my biography in this newsletter, and I encourage you to follow our journey on social media:

 Councilmember_RichardStarr

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Upward,



Richard A. Starr

Ward 5 Councilman - City of Cleveland



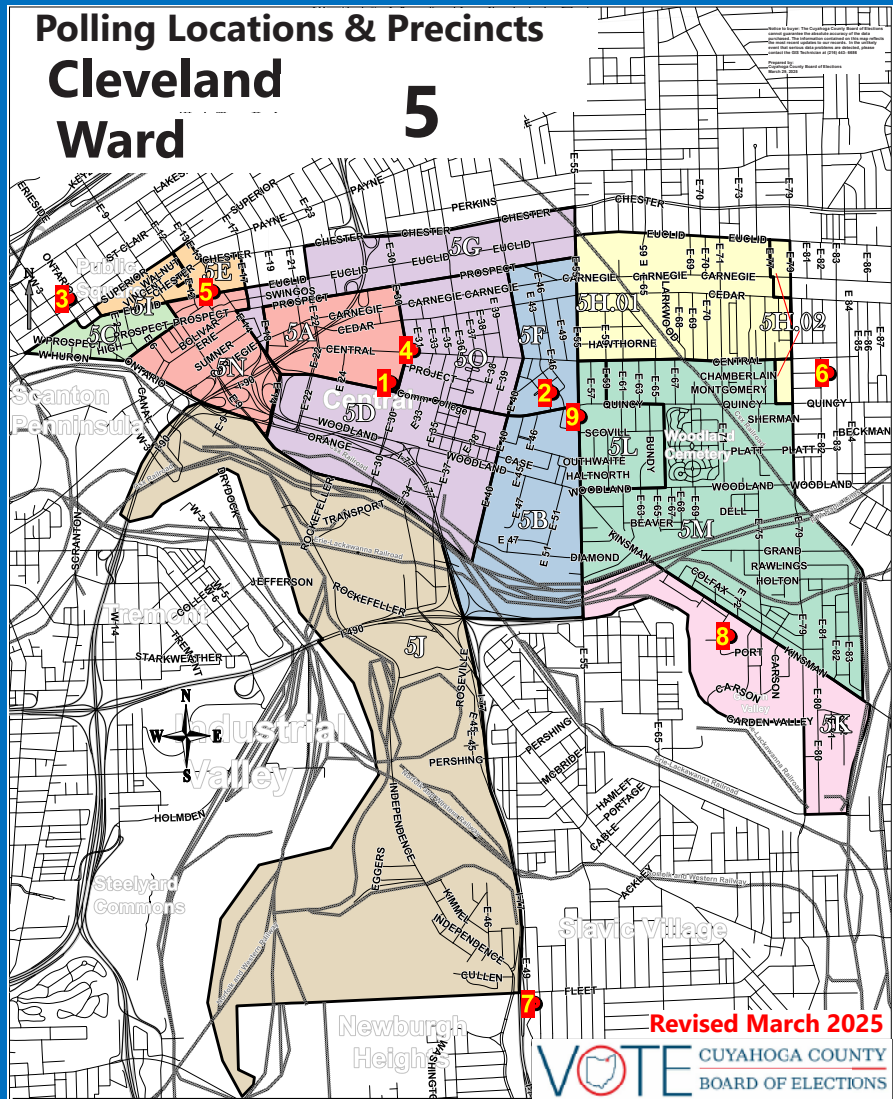
New City of Cleveland Ward

Boundaries Take Place in 2026

Changes to Voting Locations Take Place Immediately

Polling Locations & Precincts

Cleveland Ward 5



Poll Location	Address	Precincts
1 SANKOFA VILLAGE APARTMENTS	2390 EAST 30TH ST	5A 5N
2 FRIENDLY INN SETTLEMENT	2386 UNWIN ROAD	5B 5F
3 OLD STONE CHURCH	91 PUBLIC SQUARE	5C 7Q 8B
4 MARION STERLING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3033 CENTRAL AVENUE	5D 5G 5O
5 THE CITY CLUB OF CLEVELAND	1317 EUCLID AVENUE	5E 5I
6 FAIRFAX RECREATION CENTER	2335 EAST 82ND STREET	5H 01 5H 02 6J 6L
7 CLEVELAND COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL	4906 FLEET AVENUE	5J 2A
8 ANTON GRDINA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	2955 EAST 71ST STREET	5K 3K
9 EAST TECH HIGH SCHOOL	2439 EAST 55TH ST	5L 5M

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 CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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 at right, or visit boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/voters.



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.)



Luthell "Mama Cookie" Perry moved from Fort Myers, Florida to Cleveland with her parents when she was three. She has spent the majority of her life in Cleveland, with over 35 years in the Central Neighborhood.

A proud graduate of John F. Kennedy High School, Ms. Perry pursued studies in accounting at Cuyahoga Community College then built a career at the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority where she worked across multiple departments. She also volunteered with the Local Advisory Council at CMHA, passionately organizing events and collecting as many as 300 uniforms for back-to-school drives.

Ms. Perry is the proud mother of four children—David, Kenya, Will, and DeShawnta. She cherishes her role as grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. Her home is known for warmth, laughter, and helping kids with homework. Even after a stroke put her in a wheelchair, she stays active by reading, solving crossword puzzles, and



cheering for Cleveland sports.

A true pillar of our community, Luthell has touched countless lives with her kindness and unwavering spirit. **"Mama Cookie" has known Councilman Starr since he was a young boy and continues to enjoy the beauty and vibrancy of her neighborhood.** Her legacy is not only in her family but also in the hearts of all those she has welcomed, mentored, and inspired throughout her life.

Congratulations Ms. Luthell!

Previous Ward 5 SENIOR OF THE YEAR HONOREES

Kathy
McDonald
2024

Mary Lee
Gray
2023

Mattie
Polk
2022



**Toss the junk from your yard, garage,
or curb with zero fuss!**

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 23**

**2971 E 63th Street
Cleveland, OH 44127
3013 E. 65th Street
Cleveland, OH 44127**

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 30**

**2209 E. 46th Street
Cleveland, OH 44103
2218 E 37th Street
Cleveland, OH 44115**



**WARD 5 COUNCILMAN
Richard A. Starr**

Join me for these information-packed meetings!
— Councilman Richard A. Starr

MONTHLY
Ward 5 Meetings

**1st Thursday
of the Month**
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Friendly Inn Settlement
2386 Unwin Road, 44104

2025 UPCOMING MEETINGS
SEPTEMBER 4
OCTOBER 2
NOVEMBER 6
PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

**WARD 5 COUNCIL MEMBER
Richard A. Starr**

OFFICE: 216-664-2309
clevelandcitycouncil.org/ward-5

STARR POWER

**Councilman
Richard A. Starr's
TRACK RECORD
Serving Ward 5:**

- S Lead an initiative to declare Gun Violence a Public Health Crisis.
- S Championed an effort to ensure Cleveland Metropolitan School District students received \$20 million of one-time spending from McKenzie Scott's gift to the district. The money will be used to broaden students' horizons, strengthen support for staff and principals, and make improvements that benefit the district and community. Students will decide how the money is spent.
- S Secured and brought home \$300 million of Development for Ward 5 during his first 3 years as councilman.
- S Secured \$550,000 from Major League Baseball to build a state-of-the-art Digital Arts Studio.
- S Secured \$2,817,615.42 for 800 residents to pay down light bill debt with Cleveland Public Power.
- S Raised \$50,000 for a brand-new playground, creating a safe and vibrant space for neighborhood children.
- S Spearheaded a \$200,000 donation for a basketball skills and training program, which will offer young athletes access to premier development opportunities.
- S Led efforts to recruit and retain 175 youth into Boys & Girls Club programs by providing mentorship, structure, and guidance.
- S Secured \$210,000 to bring a new Teen Center at East Technical High School to life.
- S Partnered with Benedictine High School to provide Ward 5 students a tuition-free education—an initiative valued at \$150,000.
- S Secured \$160,000 from the City of Cleveland for the Cleveland Municipal League youth football league.
- S Led the initiative to demolish 85 nuisance properties in preparation for development.
- S Secured over \$4.5 million for pay for street resurfacing across all areas of Ward 5!



DID YOU KNOW? 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

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ESTD 2021

SCAN ME! TO JOIN OUR CONTACT LIST

MAKE SURE YOU'RE STAYING UPDATED WITH ALL THINGS GOING ON IN WARD 5	DON'T MISS OUT ON ANYMORE EVENTS OR BIG ANNOUNCEMENTS	MORE INFORMATION: (216) - 664-2309
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FOLLOW COUNCILMAN STARR ON INSTAGRAM AT
@COUNCILMEMBER_RICHARDSTARR

Have you heard about 311?

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



MISSED
TRASH PICKUP



POTHOLE



GRAFFITI



ILLEGAL
DUMPING



DAMAGED
GUARDRAIL



HANGING
BRANCH

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

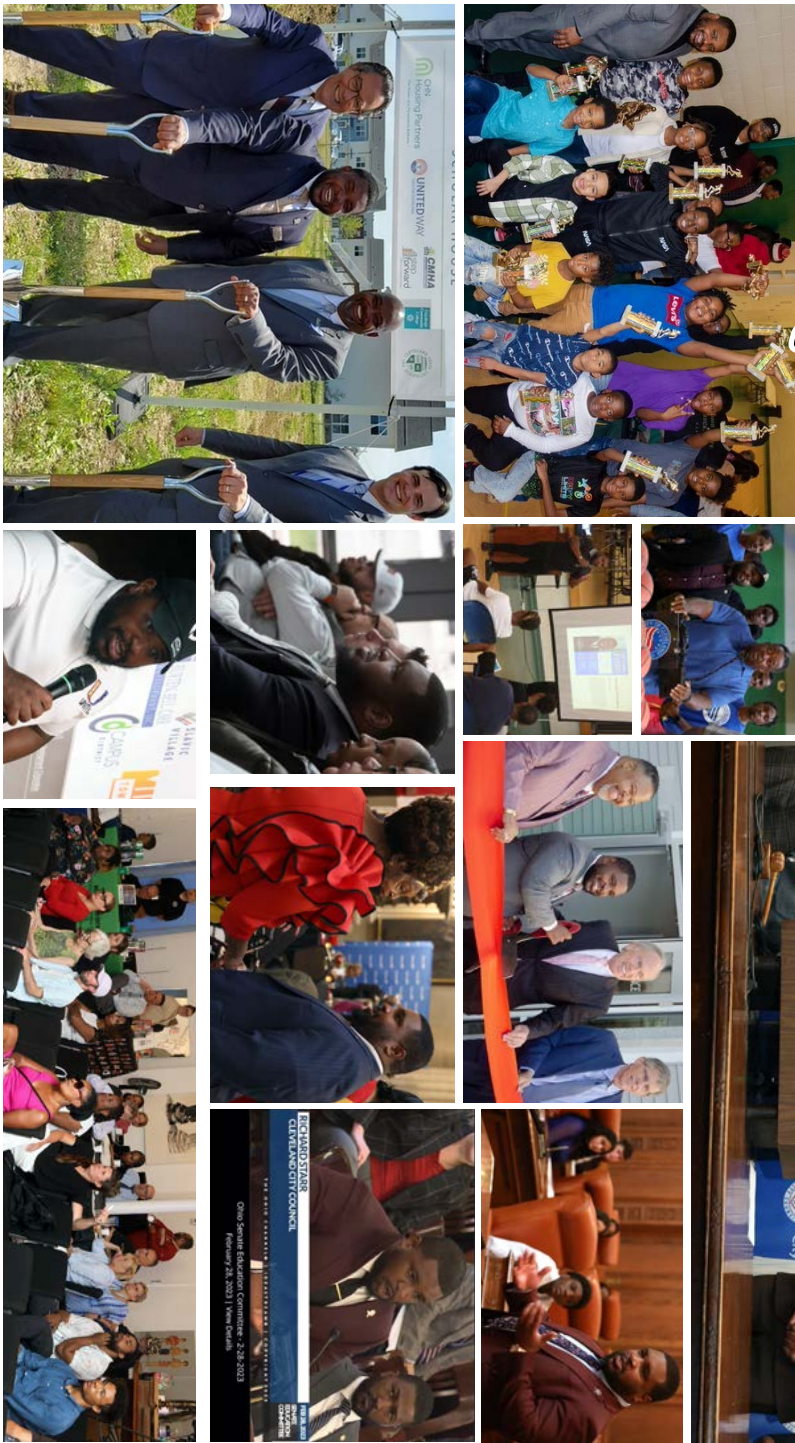


311 or 216-664-2000 | clevelandohio.gov/311

WARD 5

Snapshots

FROM 2022 TO PRESENT



GET READY...

Coming again this holiday season,
Councilman Richard Starr will present
THESE COMMUNITY EVENTS
for Ward 5 residents:

NOVEMBER

WARD 5
Hot Meal Distribution

DECEMBER

WARD 5
Community Health Expo



Life is better with you here.

Did you know that suicide is the second cause of death in Black kids aged 10-14, and the third cause of death in Black teens aged 15-19?

Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation in partnership with:

ADAMS BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY

There is hope in help.
withyouhereCLE.org