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*"Working Together to
move East Cleveland
Forward"*

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Council Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

(216) 681-2310

*Hours may vary on some days due to the extended meeting schedules. The Council Clerk works on flexible schedule 40 hours per week.

COUNCILMAN THOMAS J. WHEELER WINS RECALL ELECTION

On June 21st a recall election was held to remove Councilman Wheeler from his seat as Council President. This was the second attempt by some residents within the last 10 months. The last recall election in December 2015 indicated the number of those voting was 9% less than those voting this year which indicates that a few more registered voters are participating. Last year, 45.2% of Ward 3 voters were for the recall while 54.7% were against the recall.

The election was held for WARD 3 voters of which 47.7% of the voters in Ward 3 were for the recall and 52.2 % were against the recall. Going forward

Councilman Wheeler expresses his thanks to everyone that supports the efforts to give the city hope for the future.

The city is in a financial crisis which means that every dollar spent toward recall elections reduces the overall budget by approximately \$15,000. Over the next two years, the city has to cut upwards of \$2.1 million dollars from the overall budget. This means more services will be cut over the next two years. While it is every citizen's right to petition for an election, it is also imperative that the citizens of this community consider the consequences of the fiscal bottom line. Councilman Wheeler



reaches across the line to work closely with other Council members, the Administration, the Finance Department, and the state Auditors to make the best possible decisions fiscally and for the health and safety of citizens. Councilman Wheeler pledges his support to all citizens.

KEEPING THE COMMUNITY INFORMED

The City Council News Letter will be a bi-monthly publication that will be available to all of the East Cleveland citizens. There are already several ways for citizens to stay informed of the latest developments in East Cleveland. This will be another added

medium. Citizens that have internet access may go to www.eastcleveland.org and subscribe to receive meeting notifications weekly. When you receive an email link, you must opt-in to begin getting your notifications. The Council Page on Facebook is temporarily

disabled but will soon be back up and running. If you do not have computer access, all notifications are posted on the bulletin boards at City Hall or you can just contact the Council Office at 216-681-2310 during business hours for updates.

EC CITY MERGER WITH CLEVELAND

On June 23rd, City Council issued a Press Release to begin a search for candidates who would be on the Annexation (Merger) Commission where three individuals would be named to lead negotiations with the City of Cleveland. This will lead to legislation that will be passed by Council once the three people have been identified. This is a major step in the process. The deadline for individuals that met the requirements to submit their resumes was Friday January 17 at 2 p.m. The deadline was extended from January 3rd. City



Council is now in the process of reviewing resumes and will narrow their selection down to five people who will be interviewed by Council members. A backup group will also be selected should someone is unable to fulfil the obligations of the Commission through the process. The Annexation Commission's goal will be to research, collaborate, negotiate, and make recommendations to City

leaders. The other option that will be taking place is a feasibility study that will be conducted by Conway MacKenzie, a national financial and management consulting firm that specializes in crisis management and turnaround. Lastly, the City has also explored bankruptcy as an option to secure the remaining few assets it has so that the city can continue to function while these solutions are being implemented. City Council will continue to update residents through community meetings and notifications.

PATCH-A-POTHOLE PROGRAM AND GRASS CUTTING

The Adopt-A-Pothole Program was first implemented in June 2014 by Council President Wheeler in effort to get community residents on his street of Brewster to work together and collect enough funds to patch pot holes on their street. The residents came together and raised \$300 and were successful with their goal. This year, Councilman Brandon King At-Large asked all residents to come together and raise money to supplement the general fund given the financial crisis the city currently faces to respond to

residents complaints to "patch pot-holes" on their streets. Thus, the name Patch-A-Pothole Program was born. To-date \$600 has been raised and put in the city's General Fund to support the purchase of coal patch for designated streets. RTA pitched in

"Community is about helping each other, helping our city, and having solutions to a problem"

with the help of Councilman Nathaniel Martin, to get a stretch of Euclid Ave. patched. The following streets have been repaired or repairs have begun: Holyoke, Forest Hill, Euclid, Mont, Allegheny, Manhattan, Stanwood, Elderwood, Garden, and Graham. Grass has been cut in over half the city. Superior Hill and Coventry area were the most recent. Coal patching will only be done on Fridays during the summer. For further updates, contact Council Office.

CITY BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS

As you know, there are a large number of abandon buildings and vacant lots in our city. Many of the vacant homes were subject to foreclosures and/or neglect. As a way to render a solution to this problem of blight and ensuring the public safety and health of our citizens, Council is working with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District and the County Land Bank to identify these areas and beautify these locations by means of leveling the old structures and creating spaces that will add-value to the

city's economic development efforts or overall landscaping that would not come from tax-payers money. These two entities will utilized their own government funding to assist our city with these beautification efforts that will either contribute to future economic development, sewer infrastructure, parks, and preservation of city dollars that would normally cost the city \$1,200 per land plot to maintain. Other efforts include a local youth group, The Voice of East Cleveland, are working hard weekly to keep the



"Let's make East Cleveland beautiful"

streets of East Cleveland clean. They meet every Saturday at noon in the East Cleveland Shopping Plaza by Best Gyros Steak House.

For more details, contact Councilor Joie N. Graham at 216-755-4283.

COPS CORNER-COMMUNITY SAFETY

Recently, the city has experienced a number of break-ins at local businesses and residential homes. The terminology “smash and grab” refers to burglars attempts to run a vehicle into a business window and steal the ATM machines. Thieves have been openly



invading homes and in some cases have taken the lives of innocent people. It’s imperative that we look

out for each other as neighbors and citizens. If you see something, don’t hesitate to report it to the police.

Take special care to lock your doors and windows especially at night. Check your security equipment to make sure that it is in working condition. Dial 911 for emergencies. For all non emergency issues call 216-451-1234.

The National Neighborhood Watch (NNW) is another way to keep your street safe from crime. Get your neighbors involved . Neighborhood

Watch is one of the oldest and most effective crime prevention programs in the country. This solution brings citizens together with law enforcement to deter crime and make communities safer. For more information about starting a Neighborhood Watch go to the following web-sites:

1. <http://www.ncpc.org/topics/home-and-neighborhood-safety/neighborhood-watch>
2. <http://www.nnw.org/>

YOUR COUNCILORS-WARD LEADERSHIP

Earlier this year in January, Councilor Thomas J. Wheeler was appointed to President, Barbara J. Thomas was reappointed another 4 year term as Councilor for WARD 2, and two new appointees were sworn: Councilor Joie N. Graham as Councilor for WARD 4 and a new City Council Clerk, Dr. Khadijah Guy. Please feel free to contact your WARD leaders and Council Clerk anytime.

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EAST CLEVELAND HISTORY TRIVIA AND PUZZLE CORNER

1. What year did East Cleveland originate as a township[?]
2. What year was the Mayor-Council format of government first adopted?
3. Name the nationality of people that founded East Cleveland.
4. What was the name of the bowling Alley in East Cleveland?

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- Answers
1. 1805
 2. 1910
 3. Scottish Immigrants
 4. Shaw Lanes

Microsoft

Primary Business Address
Address Line 2
Address Line 3
Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555

Fax: 555-555-5555

E-mail: someone@example.com

Business Tagline or Motto

We're on the Web!
example.com



Organization

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a

listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a

regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



Caption describing picture or graphic.