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"Working Together to move East Cleveland Forward"

UPWARD BOUNDS FOR EAST CLEVELAND

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2016 has been an uphill battle to keep the momentum of moving forward toward progress in this great city. There has been much media attention around our police force, the naming of commissioners, recall elections, and potholes just to name a few. What doesn't get reported are the GREAT things that the city is doing to try and make a difference.

A significant change in how the City of East Cleveland functions has been the collaboration efforts between City Council and the Administration. Building relationships and collaboration is a key motto for moving forward in every aspect of

business functions not only departmentally, but locally Council members work the community, businesses, while also keeping their ears open to residents living within the 3-mile stretch of land.

To-date significant accomplishments to ensure the health and safety of residents. Legislation was recently passed for the acceptance of grant awards from SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grant funds in the amount of \$1, 713,056.00 to hire and retain Firefighters. In addition to this Council passed legislation for the acceptance of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$102,296.00

to purchase needed equipment for the Fire Department. Neighboring communities Mayfield Hts. and Woodmere have donated emergency vehicles in order to further support the city. We are extremely grateful for the efforts of Chief Richard Wilcox and the administration for their leadership and initiative. In addition, Council members and residents are excited to see legislation that is helping to increase the services that are pertinent to the health and safety of East Cleveland residents. The East Cleveland Police Department has also secured grants to increase it's staff. See page 3 for more details.

Council Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday

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.

KEEPING THE COMMUNITY INFORMED

This is the second installment of **The City Council News** newsletter. The goal is to provide this on a bi-monthly to quarterly basis. This publication is made available to all of the East Cleveland citizens. There are already several ways for citizens to stay in-

formed of the latest developments in East Cleveland. Citizens that DO NOT have internet access may call the Council Office at 216-681-2310 or stop by City Hall to room 107 or the Mayor's Office to get the latest news. For computer savvy citizens, visit

our website at www.eastcleveland.org and subscribe to receive meeting notifications weekly OR just click on **"EC COUNCIL NEWS"**. You may also visit our new Face Book page by searching **"EAST CLEVELAND CITY COUNCIL OFFICE"**.

EC COMMISSIONERS-WHO ARE THEY?

This past August, three commissioners selected from a pool of 22 candidates that applied after a Press Release was issued. These individuals will represent the City of East Cleveland during possible annexation negotiations with the City of Cleveland.

Sandra Morgan is an East Clevelander who has lived in the city for over 10 years. She feels very passionate about the city. She will act as the Commission spokesperson. She



currently works as the Director of External Affairs and Communications at Kent State University. Andrew Jackson hails from the City of Cleveland and has a background in Business Administration. He is the current President /CEO of Elson's International among other small businesses in the community. He brings to the table experience in economic development. Lastly, Chris



Glassburn is a native of North Olmsted and has extensive experience in public policy at the state and local levels. He's currently the Senior Policy Advisor and Deputy Transition Director for Cuyahoga County. All of the candidates are very passionate about the future of East Cleveland and strongly embrace what is in the best interest of the residents. All commission meetings will be open to the public.



HERE'S WHAT'S NEW FOR YOU



The East Cleveland MLK Center located at 14801 Shaw Ave. has opened up its new Walking Track. This is a wonderful way to get in some exercise right here in your city. Residents can enjoy the track anytime.

The Salvation Army currently offers food for the needy the last Thursday of each month right on the corner of Doan/Mayfair Ave. You must have an ID. Bags of food are prepackaged. The facility will also offer services to address physical, social, psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs. It will



service everyone in the community. A special thanks to the contractors who have offered to provide new sidewalks around the facility at NO COST to the city.



November 8th is ELECTION DAY. Early voting begins October 20th. Everyone that is eligible should be registered to VOTE. Councilor Nathaniel Martin will be having a "Get Out and Vote" rally on October 20th from 4:30pm.-7:00 p.m. at the East Cleveland Public Library.

CITY BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS-CITY DEMOLITIONS

Have you been by Hayden Avenue where the old Hot Sauce Williams and supermarket use to be? Well it's all gone! Demolition of these old buildings is complete. Over 50 abandoned homes have already been demolished out of the list of 144 currently in Ward 3. Demolitions are a very tedious and ongoing process given the number of structures that need to come down in the city. However things are moving along at a steady pace and we are on

track. Residents have contacted Council Office to find out when homes will be coming down on their streets. We are working with the Community Development Department and the County Land Bank to obtain a demolition schedule to make available to residents as they request this information. The blight is surely being removed. If you've been inside City Hall lately, you will notice the lights are on, the elevator is working, and the

roof has been repaired. All of this has been completed over the last month thanks to Mayor Gary A. Norton Jr., and the administration team who have been working progressively.



COPS CORNER– NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT WEB PAGE



The Police Department has added web page to the East Cleveland website where anyone can access police reports.

Accessing these reports is very user friendly. You click on the available link and search for reports using any of the four options: by report number, by date, by street name, or by last name. This is in effort to be more transparent in the community.

In addition, the webpage allows you to view missing and wanted persons, a calendar of upcoming events, and the ability to reach a community policing officer or Chief Michael Cardilli directly.

Chief Cardilli and his team recently was awarded the COPS Grant for \$366,434 to hire additional police personnel over the next three years. This will help bring some relief to the reduced level of services to combat crime in the city. This comes at a time that is very much needed in light of the recent smash-n-grabs, break-ins,

and shootings. Remember, 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. <http://www.nnpc.org/topics/home-and-neighborhood-safety/neighborhood-watch>

GOOD NEIGHBOR AMBASSADORS

A classic cliché from our President; so timely and true as “WE” continue to move our great city forward. As part of this overall endeavor to help supplement city services, City Council spearheaded the idea of having “Good Neighbor Ambassadors”. The response to this effort has been tremendous and far reaching across the city and county. The list includes students, adults, agencies, and groups that have volunteers their time and service to help the City of East Cleveland.

City of Mayfield Hts.

City of Oakwood Village

Jayquon Tillman

Devontri Jordan

Devonte Smith

Andre Goodwin, Jr.

Monay Tolbert

Jane Sheets

Voices for My People

NOAH

National Caucus & Center on Black Aging, Inc.

Ambulance donation

Ambulance donation

Council Office beautification

Council Office beautification

Council Office beautification

Council Office beautification

City beautification

Voter Registration

Community wide cleaning

Pattison Park Rehab

Senior Employment

For more information on GOOD NEIGHBOR AMBASSADOR – please contact the Office of City Council and ask for Councilor Brandon L. King.



EAST CLEVELAND HISTORY TRIVIA AND PUZZLE CORNER

1. What has been the percentage decrease in population from 2010 to 2014 based on the last documented Census numbers?
2. What is the square mileage of the city?
3. How many mayors have been elected to office since 1908?
4. Name two other titles the current Presiding Judge in East Cleveland holds?

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6	5		4	3			
	2			7			
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	7	2			3	1	5
			7	1			

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5	7	2	6	1	4	3	8	9
4	3	1	8	7	9	5	2	6
8	9	6	5	2	3	7	1	4
9	1	7	2	3	6	4	5	8
2	6	4	9	8	5	1	7	3
3	8	5	1	4	7	9	6	2
1	5	9	3	6	8	2	4	7
6	4	3	7	5	2	8	9	1
7	2	8	4	9	1	6	3	5

- Answers
1. 2.3% drop, 17,843 to 17,432
 2. 3.09 miles
 3. 5
 4. Author, Motivational Speaker



Message from President Wheeler

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We are on the Web!
www.eastcleveland.org

Dear Neighbor,

As we come to the holiday season, I'd like to first wish you and your family a happy and healthy one. As I reflect on my childhood days of being raised in East Cleveland, I recall Mr. Colts on Melbourne starting to put up his Christmas lights and Mr. Lumpkins at Lawson's putting up holiday signage in his store. It was exciting to see G.E. put up their holiday lighting for families to enjoy. It was just special to witness people in the community taking the time to beautify the city. Candy, food, gifts, and laughter. For those of you who can remember even further back, going down the "Grandpappy Hill" slay ride. This was a great time. We may not be able to relive the past, but we can build upon the pride that East Clevelander's have had for over 50 plus years.

Peace & Blessings

YOUR COUNCILORS-WARD LEADERSHIP

Earlier this year in January, Councilor Thomas J. Wheeler was appointed to President, Councilor Brandon L. King was appointed Vice President and continues to serve the community at-large, Barbara J. Thomas was re-elected another four-year term as Councilor for WARD 2, Councilor Nathaniel Martin, an 18 year veteran who also serves the community at-large. Newly elected official for Ward 4 Councilor Joie N. Graham newly appointed City Council Clerk Office Administrator, Dr. Khadijah Guy recently joined the team this past January. Please feel free to contact your WARD leaders and Council Clerk any-time.

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Thomas J. Wheeler	Council President, WARD 3	216-681-2310
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Barbara J. Thomas,	Councilor, WARD 2	216-346-6847
Joie N. Graham	Councilor, WARD 4	216-755-4283
Nathaniel Martin	Councilor At-Large	216-860-4239

Special thanks to all of the City Hall Departments for all their hard work given the limited resources and staffing. We are truly "Working Together To Move Our City Forward"