

Ward 2 Informer



A Message From Councilman Kevin L. Bishop

Dear Resident:

First, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your support over the past eight years. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Councilman for Ward 2.

As you may know, the City of Cleveland has recently reduced the number of City Council wards from 17 to 15. This change will take effect on January 5, 2026.

The redistricting process means that our existing Ward 2 has been redefined. This message is to notify all current residents that while some homes will remain in the new Ward 2, others will be transferring to an adjacent ward as of the new year. I understand this may be confusing, and I want to provide clarity and assurance during this transition.

For Residents Moving to a New Ward: If your home is transferring to a different ward, my office is committed to assisting you as you transition to your new representation. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need assistance connecting with your future Council office. To find your new representative and Ward boundaries, please visit the Board of Election's official redistricting website or the Cleveland City Council's website.

For Residents Remaining in the New Ward 2: If I have the opportunity to serve you, I look forward to the privilege of continuing my service as the Councilman for the new Ward 2. My dedication to our community remains absolute, and I am eager to continue our work together to make our neighborhood stronger and more vibrant in the years ahead.

Regardless of your new boundary line, my office is here to help in any way we can during this period of change.

Thank you once again for the privilege of serving you.

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Bishop
Councilman, Ward 2
Cleveland City Council

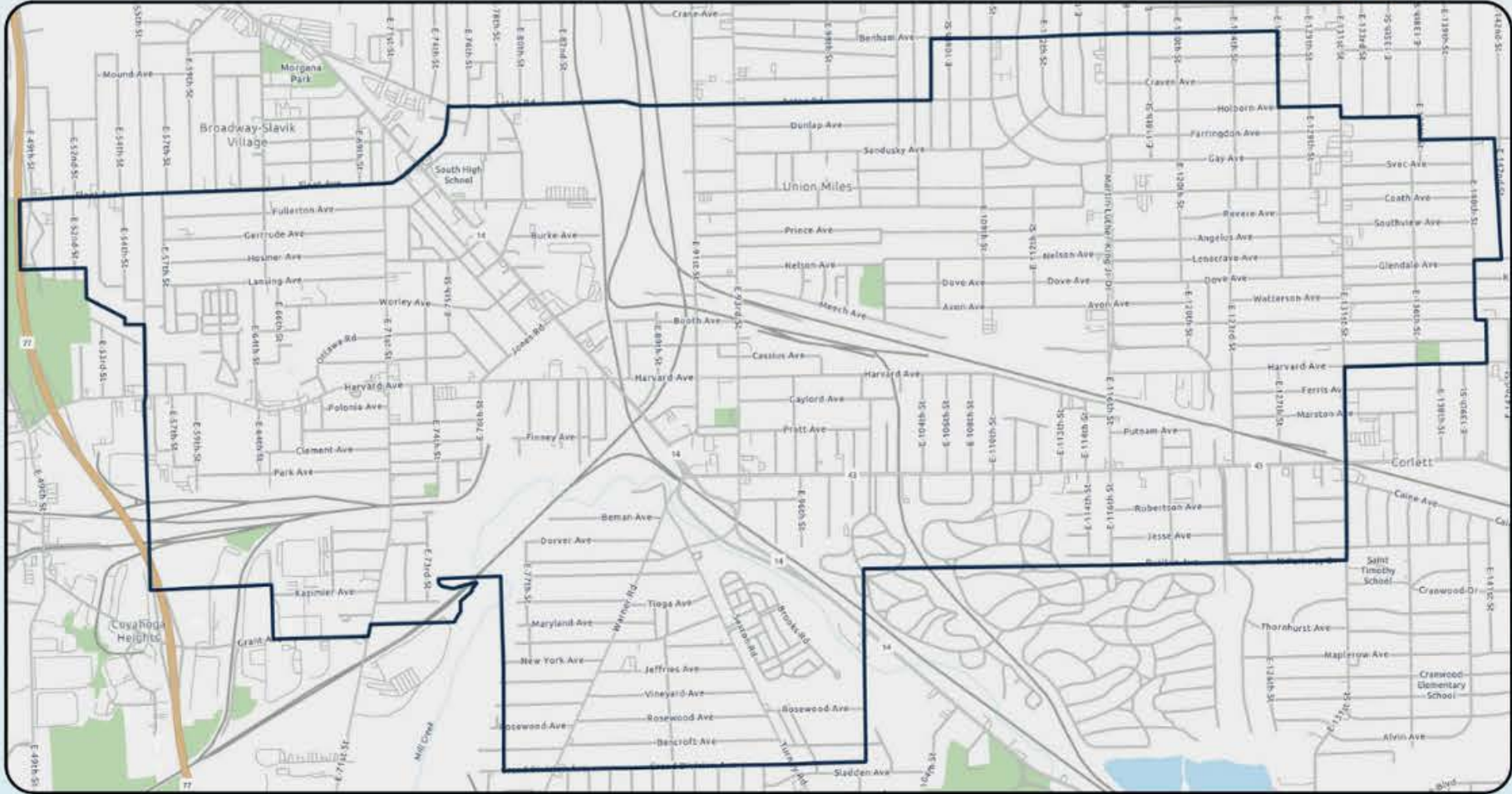


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Kevin L. Bishop

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JAN. 5, 2026

Ward 2 Takes a New Shape





Naila's Nook

News you can use from Naila R. Deskins

Executive Assistant to Councilman Bishop

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Taxpayer Assistance Program

The Cuyahoga County Treasurer's Office has expanded eligibility for the Taxpayer Assistance Program to property owners aged 67 or older with incomes of \$70,000 or less.

Are you Eligible?

To be eligible for the Taxpayer Assistance Program in 2026 property owners must:

- Be 67 years of age, or older, at the time of application (expanded age requirement for 2026!)
- Have an annual income at or below \$70,000 (Does not include social security)
- Have a certified delinquent balance*
- Be the deeded owner and have primary residence at the property
- Have owned the property for at least 3 years and plan to continue living in the property for the next 3 years
- Not have received previous funding through the CHN Taxpayer Assistance Program

What you can receive

Qualifying residents can receive up to \$10,000 in a one-time financial assist which must be used for:

- Payment of certified delinquent property taxes
- Payment of late property taxes
- Payment of current property taxes
- Payment of foreclosure fees and court costs related to a pre-existing foreclosure
- Satisfaction of pre-existing tax lien certificates

If you think you may be eligible and are considering applying for 2026, please email: TAP@cuyahogacounty.gov or call 216-443-7698.

Department of Aging

2025 Chore Services Program

The purpose of this program is to assist older adults and adults with disabilities that need help maintaining their properties.

Qualifications:

- Must be at least 60 years of age or under 60 and receiving disability.
- Do not reside with an able-bodied individual capable of assisting with the service.
- The house may be a single or two family dwelling. Multi-family homes do not qualify.
- Home must be owner occupied and located within the City of Cleveland *Non homeowners and apartment residents may receive indoor chore services.

Chore Services

- Grass Cutting
- Leaf Raking
- Snow Shoveling
- Indoor Chores

For more information call the Cleveland Department of Aging Chore Office at 216-664-3998 OR 216-664-4694.



Lower Your Energy Costs by Comparing Gas Providers

If you've noticed your natural gas prices increasing—as I have—it may be time to comparison shop.

Ohio offers an Apples-to-Apples tool through the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to help residents compare both natural gas and electric suppliers

You can find it at:

<https://www.energychoice.ohio.gov/ApplesToApplesCategory.aspx?Category=NaturalGas#> (or simply search PUCO apples to apples).

Scan here to compare energy providers:



When reviewing options, remember that your bill includes two types of charges:

- SCO Rate – This rate is fixed.
- MRR Rate – This is the rate that prompted me to look for a new supplier. It varies and can significantly affect your total cost.

You can compare the price per Mcf across suppliers to find a lower rate. Just be sure to check whether a plan includes:

- A fixed rate for a set period (and whether there's a fee for switching before the term ends).
- A variable rate, which can increase or decrease each month.


Rates can change quickly, so even if you're not switching now, it's worth checking regularly. If rates drop significantly, you may be able to lock in a lower rate for 12 to 36 months.





WARD 2 COUNCILMAN

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Ward 2

Community Meeting

Killingsworth Meeting Place • 4127 E. 131st St., Cleveland, OH 44105

6:00 – 7:30 P.M.

No January Meeting

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

No July Meeting

August 25, 2026

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

Tuesday, November 24, 2026 – TBD

No December Meeting

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is a federally funded program that provides eligible Ohioans assistance with their home energy bills. This one-time benefit is applied directly to the customer’s utility bill or bulk fuel bill.

Am I Eligible for HEAP?
Ohioans with a household size of eight or less, and income at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, are eligible for the program.

For July 2025-May 2026, the income levels are:

Size of Household	12-Month Income Limit	30-Day Income Limit
	175% FPG	175% FPG
1	\$27,388	\$2,251.03
2	\$37,013	\$3,042.12
3	\$46,637.50	\$3,833.22
4	\$56,262.50	\$4,624.32
5	\$65,887.50	\$5,415.41
6	\$75,512.50	\$6,206.51
7	\$85,137.50	\$6,977.60
8	\$94,762.50	\$7,786.70

For households with nine or more members, the income levels for 60% of the State Median Income (SMI) are:

Size of Household	12-Month Income Limit	30-Day Income Limit
	60% SMI	60% SMI
9	\$96,944	\$7,968.00
10	\$99,007	\$8,137.56
11	\$101,069.00	\$8,307.04
12	\$103,132.00	\$8,476.60

Apply In-Person

Step Forward Offices provide walk-in services and inquiries **Monday-Thursday from 8am-12pm** at the following locations:

- 1801 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114 (Enter from 21st St.)
- 2203 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114

Apply Via Mail

Send your application and required documents to:

- Energy Assistance Programs
- P.O. Box 1240
- Columbus, Ohio 432

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Visit www.ClevelandCityCouncil.gov/ward-2

Have you heard about 311?



DEAD ANIMAL
PICKUP



DAMAGED
SIGNAL



HANGING
BRANCH



POTHOLE
REPAIR



311 or 216-664-2000
Clevelandohio.gov/311

2026 Cleveland Waste Collection Schedule

- H** One Day Delayed Collection
- B** Bulk Week
- H** Holiday with Regular Pickup
- B** BULK WEEK (3 items only)

HOLIDAYS & DELAY SCHEDULE

- Jan. 1ST - New Year's Day (1) Day Delay
- Jan. 19TH - MLK Day (1) Day Delay
- Feb. 16TH - Presidents Day No Delay
- April 3RD - Good Friday No Delay
- May 25TH - Memorial Day (1) Day Delay All Week
- June 19TH - Juneteenth No Delay
- July 4TH - Independence Day No Delay
- Sept. 07TH - Labor Day (1) Day Delay All Week
- Nov. 26TH - Thanksgiving (1) Day Delay All Week
- Dec. 25TH - Christmas Day (1) Day Delay All Week

SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WASTE COLLECTION



Located at 5600 Carnegie Ave.
Call 3-1-1
Visit clevelandohio.gov

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