



Scenes & Sounds of 7

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**Stephanie
Howse-Jones:**



A Word from Councilwoman Stephanie Howse-Jones

Greetings Ward 7 Residents:

As we close out 2025, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to every resident, neighbor, partner, and community champion who continues to stand strong for our neighborhoods, especially during times when the federal government is cutting back on the very resources our families rely on. In moments like these, we are reminded that we are our own greatest asset when we support, uplift, and care for one another.

In 2026, we will continue to build the kind of community where no one is left behind. I invite you to participate in our **Grassroots Grant Initiative**, a program designed to support resident-led projects that strengthen our blocks, empower our neighbors, and bring our shared vision to life. I also encourage you to join the

Mutual Aid Network we are building, a space where we can share skills, support one another, and respond collectively to community needs.

I am thankful every day for the opportunity to serve you, work alongside you, and grow with you. **I am inspired by what we will accomplish together as we transition from Cleveland's Ward 7 to Cleveland's new Ward 8 beginning Monday, January 5, 2026.** Please don't hesitate to reach out at 216-664-2908 or showsejones@clevelandcitycouncil.gov if we can be of service in the future.

With appreciation and partnership,

Stephanie Howse-Jones

CITY HALL 216-664-2908 EMAIL showsejones@clevelandcitycouncil.gov WEB www.clevelandcitycouncil.gov/ward-7



PART TIME COUNCIL AIDE – 20 -29 HRS/WEEK

What You'll Do:

- Help residents with city services
- Support office operations and communication
- Assist with events, research, and community outreach
- Work at Cleveland City Hall (hybrid option after training)

What We're Looking For:

- Strong communication and organization
- Community-minded and reliable
- Familiar with Cleveland neighborhoods
- Able to work 20 -29 hours per week
 - **PAY:** \$15–\$20/hr based on experience
 - **DEADLINE:** January 5, 2026

Apply Today! Send your resume, cover letter, and three business references to:
mcraig@clevelandcitycouncil.gov

Help spread the word– someone in the new Ward 8 could be our next great teammate!

Grassroots Grants Initiative: Get Involved!

Councilwoman Howse-Jones, along with Neighborhood Connections and local partners, are launching the Grassroots Grants Initiative (Ordinance 727-2025) to strengthen neighborhoods and support resident-led projects across our community.

What the Initiative Does:

Train Local Leaders: Learn tools to lead and solve community challenges.

Host Neighbor Nights & Action Clinics: Connect, share ideas, and turn them into projects.

Offer Grassroots Grants: Residents decide how to fund projects.

Share Residents' Stories: Celebrate local successes.

Positions Available:

Network Weavers

\$15/hour, up to 17 hours/month

- Knock on doors and invite neighbors
- Organize Neighbor Nights and Action Clinics

Grant Making Committee

\$1,200 yearly stipend

- Serve on a 5-member team reviewing and funding neighborhood projects



Interested? Scan the QR Code below to complete your application. If you have trouble accessing the application contact Myrna Craig at 216-664-2908 or mcraig@clevelandcitycouncil.gov.

GRASSROOTS GRANT INITIATIVE

Building Stronger Neighborhoods Together

What This Initiative Does

- Train Local Leaders – Learn tools to lead, collaborate, and solve community challenges using Asset-Based Community Development and the "Neighbor Up" model.
- Host Neighbor Nights – Monthly gatherings where residents connect, share ideas, and take action together.
- Support Action Clinics – Hands-on workshops that help turn ideas into real community projects.
- Offer Grassroots Grants – Residents decide how to fund projects that strengthen their neighborhood.
- Share Residents' Stories – Celebrate and highlight local voices and successes.

Goal: Grow local leadership, strengthen neighborhood connections, and support families so our community can thrive together.

Positions Available

Network Weavers

Compensation: \$15/hour, up to 17 hours per month

What You'll Do:

- Knock on doors and invite neighbors to get involved.
- Organize and host Neighbor Nights and monthly Action Clinics to strengthen community connections.

Grant Making Committee

Compensation: \$1,200 yearly stipend

What You'll Do:

- Serve as part of a 5-member team that reviews and selects neighborhood projects for funding.
- Support the decision-making process to ensure resources benefit local residents and initiatives.

(216) 664-2908

mcraig@clevelandcitycouncil.gov



SCAN TO APPLY



WARD 7 UPDATES

Stay Connected: Ward 7 (Soon Becoming Ward 8) News & Events!

Hello Ward 8 Residents,

Did you know that you can be among the first to know about the exciting activities and events happening in our community? Stay informed and connected by signing up for our newsletter services!

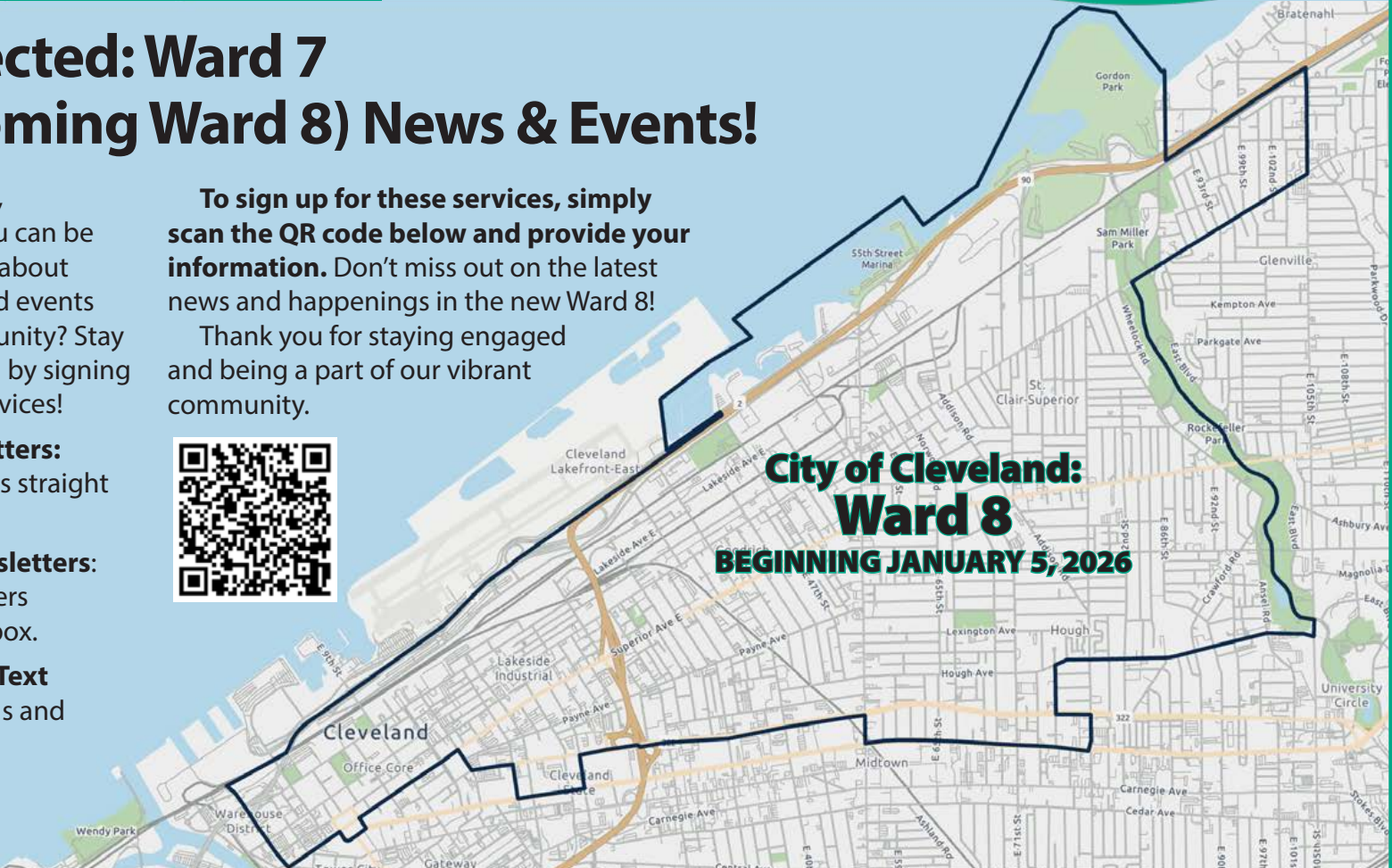
- **Weekly Email Newsletters:** Receive weekly updates straight to your inbox.
- **Quarterly Postal Newsletters:** Get quarterly newsletters delivered to your mailbox.
- **Bi-Monthly Calls and Text Messages:** Receive calls and texts about events and important updates.

To sign up for these services, simply scan the QR code below and provide your information. Don't miss out on the latest news and happenings in the new Ward 8!

Thank you for staying engaged and being a part of our vibrant community.



City of Cleveland:
Ward 8
BEGINNING JANUARY 5, 2026



Your Voice Matters – Help Shape Our 2026 Community Meetings!

Did you know Councilwoman Howse-Jones hosts seven community meetings every year? These gatherings are where neighbors, business owners, and local partners come together to learn about city and county services, Ward updates, and exciting



community events – all while connecting with one another.

Each meeting takes place in a different spot throughout the Ward so everyone gets a chance to attend close to home. **For 2026, we want your ideas** on where we should meet and who should join the conversation in the New Ward 8!

When suggesting locations, please keep these things in mind:

- **ADA accessible**
- **Space for 50–75 people**
- **Willing to host** a weekday evening meeting

When suggesting guests, think about what matters most to you — home repairs, aging services, vacant lots, small business support, safety, and more!

Send your ideas by Monday, December 29, 2025 Myrna Craig at mcraig@clevelandcitycouncil.gov. Include the location's name, address, contact person, their email and phone number, and who you'd like us to invite. You may also **scan the QR Code** below to submit your community meeting location suggestions.



Let's make 2026 a year of connection, collaboration, and community!

Did You Know?

How Street Resurfacing Really Works in Cleveland

Each year, Cleveland City **Council Members** receive about **\$850,000 to resurface streets in their wards**. While it may sound like a lot, resurfacing costs add up quickly! Our office prioritizes streets **based on their condition grade (A–F)**, upcoming utility or construction projects, traffic volume, and potential development impacts.


We often combine funds from other city sources and grants to stretch the budget further. For example, Wade Park Avenue is scheduled for resurfacing through a special grant in 2027.

To have your street considered, email mcraig@clevelandcitycouncil.gov. We're proud to share that every street requested during our first four years was completed—and we're hopeful yours will be next!




2025 WARD 7 STREET REPAVING

Project Name	From — To	Cost
E. 24th St.	Superior — St. Clair	\$112,800
E. 47th St.	Payne — Superior	\$250,424
E. 59th St.	Superior — Prosser	\$77,084
E. 64th St.	St. Clair — Varian	\$75,600
E. 73rd St.	Chester — Hough	\$118,351
E. 89th St.	Superior — Morris Ct.	\$116,480
Carl Ave.	Addison — Norwood	\$125,502
Crawford Ct.	E. 89th — East End	\$36,827
Decker Ave.	E. 79th — E. 86th	\$229,172
Erin Ct.	E. 30th — E. 27th	\$70,702
Lockyear Ave.	E. 71st — E. 74th	\$92,920
Morris Ct.	E. 89th — E. 90th	\$27,467
Sowinski Ave.	Kosciuszko — E. 82nd	\$79,626
Sowinski Ave.	E. 82nd — E. 79th	\$91,632
Varian Ave.	E. 64th — Addison	\$39,444
Total Cost		\$1,544,032



WARD 7 COUNCILWOMAN

Stephanie Howse-Jones



OFFICE: 216-664-2908
www.clevelandcitycouncil.org/ward-7

Ward 7 Food Distribution Resource List

Second Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church (Hot Meal)

1881 East 71st St., 44103
(216)391-2100

2nd & 4th Monday

4:00pm – 5:30pm

Liberty Hill Baptist Church (Hot Meal)

8206 Euclid Ave., 44103
(216)791-5841

3rd Saturday

11:00am – 1:00pm

St. Timothy Missionary Baptist Church (Hot Meal)

7101 Carnegie Ave., 44103
(216)391-0064

4th Wednesday

12:00pm – 1:30pm

Fatima Family Center (Pantry)

6600 Lexington Ave,
Cleveland, OH 44103

Last Tuesday

Church of The Lion of Judah (Pantry)

1486 East 55th St., 44103
(216)5563043

Nov. 15th & Dec. 27th

9:30am – 11:30am

Manna House Recovery Resource Center (Pantry)

8019 Cedar Ave., 44103
(216)432-2598

3rd Saturday & Last Wednesday

2:00pm & 1:00pm – 3:30pm

Emmanuel Christian Church (Pantry)

8201 Superior Ave., 44103
(216)624-7716

4th Saturday

10:00am – 12:00pm

St. James Food Closet (Pantry)

8401 Cedar Ave., 44103
(216)2313562

4th Saturday

12:00pm – 2:30pm

Famicos Foundation (Pantry)

8555 Hough Ave., 44103
(216)624-7116

Call For Details

East Mount Zion Lifeline Community Resource Center (Pantry)

9990 Euclid Ave., 44106
(216)231-0408

4th Saturday

8:45am – 10:45am

Cant Make It? – Call In

Nov. 10th

9:30am – 10:30am

Cuyahoga Public Library Mobile Food Pantry


Snow-Parma Branch

2121 Snow Rd. Parma, 44134
Dec 2nd, Jan 6th, Feb 3rd
3:30p-5:00p

Warrensville Branch

4415 Northfield Rd. Warrensville Heights, 44128
Dec. 11th, Jan 8th, Feb 12th
1:30p – 3:00p

Verified by the office of Councilwoman Howse-Jones.



Stakeholder Meeting October 2025 Recap

Councilwoman Howse- Jones hosts **three to four Stakeholder Meetings each year** to bring together community organizations, nonprofits, religious institutions, local businesses, and other partners. These gatherings create space to share updates, discuss community priorities, and explore how we can collectively strengthen the ward.

At our year end meeting in October, we focused on the importance of Mutual Aid — neighbors helping neighbors, sharing resources, and using our existing strengths to meet community needs. Together, we discussed how collaboration can lift one another up, build stronger connections, and ensure every neighborhood has the opportunity to grow and thrive.

If you or your organization would like to join the partners already committed to this work, please contact Myrna Craig at mcraig@clevelandcitycouncil.gov.

Our next Stakeholder Meeting is planned for February 2026.

Don't Forget Cleveland 311


Remember to utilize the City of Cleveland's Citizen Support Hotline, 311! This line can be used for a variety of **non-emergency local concerns**, including trash pick-up, tall grass, tree damage on city property, open abandoned buildings, potholes, and many other issues. **When you dial 311, a support specialist will record your information and send it to the appropriate department**, as well as providing you with a reference number that you can check on the status of your request with.

If the city hasn't resolved your issue in excepted time given please feel free to reach out to our office with your reference number, so that we can follow-up on your case.

FOOD BANK RESOURCES


Our Community Resource Center

Offers a one-stop shop with a free healthy-choice market and 15+ onsite agency partners who can assist with healthcare, employment, housing and more. Learn more at GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org/CRC




Pantry Locator Tool


Enter your ZIP Code to generate a list of partners that serve your area with food pantries, hot meals, and mobile distributions. Each partner is different, so we recommend calling ahead to check their hours and requirements. Visit GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org/Map for more.



GCFB Help Center

Our Help Center - dedicated to connecting food-insecure individuals with the assistance they need – allows callers the opportunity to complete an application for several government assistance programs. Our Help Coordinators can assist with over-the-phone applications for SNAP, Medicaid, and other public benefits. Calls are free and confidential. Call us today at (216) 738-2067.








Greater Cleveland Food Bank

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank
(216) 738-2067
15500 S. Waterloo Rd.
Cleveland, OH 44110
Website: GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org

Find us on social media!

@CLEFoodBank




Project LIFT

GROUNDING THROUGH CHANGE

MEN'S WELLNESS GROUP

Join us for a powerful, restorative wellness circle designed to help you reconnect with your body, breath, and inner stability. Through guided breathwork, movement, and reflection, we'll explore what it means to stay grounded through life's changes.



11 AM - 2 PM

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

CULTER CENTER FOR MEN

3999 RICHMOND RD


BEACHWOOD, OH 44122


REGISTER HERE!

AGES 18 & UP

SESSION DATES

11/22/25
1/17/26
2/21/26
3/21/26







@projectliftus

projectliftservices.org
(216) 465 - 2000


Our CDC's Community Development Corporations



Famicos Foundation | famicos.org
1325 Ansel Rd • PH: 216-791-6476



MidTown Cleveland Inc. | midtowncleveland.org
5000 Euclid Ave #100 • PH: 216-391-5080



St. Clair Superior CDC | stdairsuperior.org
6413 St. Clair Ave • 216-881-0644

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PLEASE NOTE: Ward 7 will officially become Ward 8 beginning January 5, 2026!



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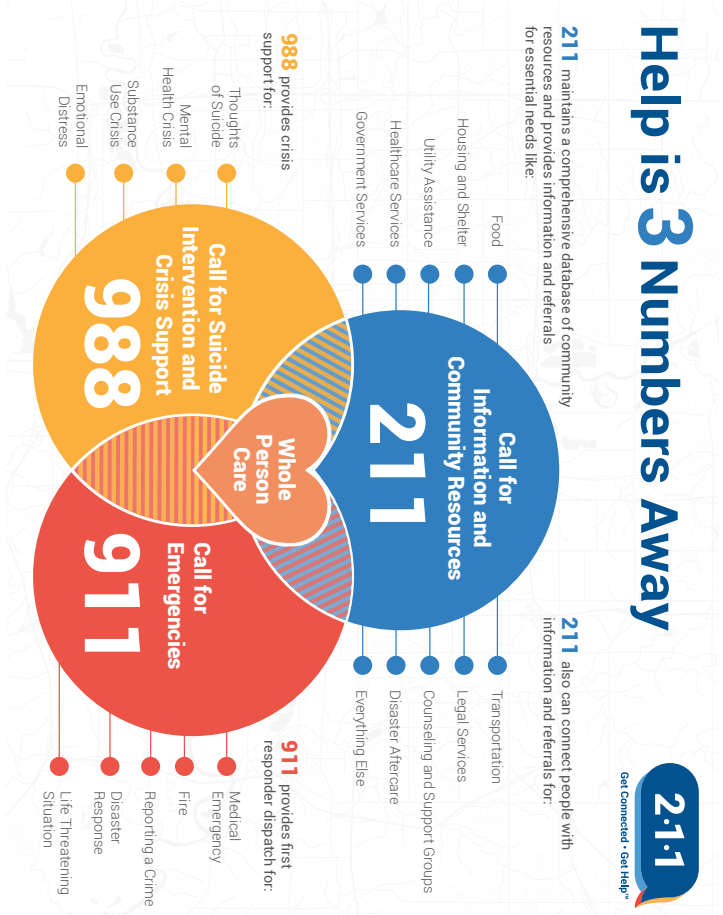
Hope Starts Here: Who to Call When You Need Support

Life can be challenging, and sometimes we all need a little extra support. Whether you're looking for mental health resources, community programs, or someone to talk to in a moment of crisis, help is just a call or click away.

United Way 211 | Dial 2-1-1 or visit www.211.org to connect with local services. From food and housing assistance to mental health counseling and financial support, trained specialists are available 24/7 to guide you to the right resources in your community.

Project LIFT | Project LIFT empowers youth and young adults through innovative programs combining vocational training, mental health support, and life-skills development. Their mission is to help participants build confidence, independence, and meaningful pathways into the future. projectlift.org

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline | If you or someone you know is in emotional distress or thinking about suicide, please call or text 988, or chat online at 988lifeline.org. You'll be connected to trained counselors who offer free, confidential support—anytime, day or night.



Ward 7

HOLIDAY PARTY

Join us for our annual
Holiday Party.

**MUSIC | FOOD
PHOTOS WITH SANTA**

**Friday, December 19
5 P.M. – 8 P.M.**

Slovenian National Home
6417 St. Clair Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44103



Stephanie Howse-Jones
Ward 7 Councilwoman

Questions? Contact the
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