



WARD 5

STARR NEWSLETTER

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A Word from Councilman Richard A. Starr

Dear Ward 5 Family,

As we move through another busy season in our city, I want to take a moment to thank you for the trust you have placed in me to serve as your Councilmember.

Every day, I am reminded that Ward 5 is one of the most resilient, diverse, and historic communities in Cleveland. From Central and Kinsman to Midtown, Downtown, Slavic Village, and Forest City, our neighborhoods are filled with hardworking residents, dedicated businesses, committed faith leaders, and community organizations working to make a difference.

My commitment remains the same: to fight for safer neighborhoods, quality housing, economic opportunity, workforce development, stronger schools, and greater accountability from those entrusted to serve our residents.

Over the past several months, **we have continued advancing major investments throughout Ward 5, including new housing developments, business expansions, workforce initiatives, youth programming, neighborhood improvements, and community partnerships designed to improve the quality of life for residents.** At the same time, we continue addressing longstanding challenges related to housing conditions, public safety, vacant properties, infrastructure, and access to resources.

As Chairman of the Workforce, Education, Training & Youth Development Committee, I remain focused on creating pathways to opportunity for our residents. Whether through job training, apprenticeships, after-school programming, workforce development, or educational partnerships, I believe every resident deserves a fair chance to succeed.

I also want residents to know that **my office remains committed to constituent service.** If you have concerns about housing, public safety, illegal dumping, street maintenance, code enforcement, or any other city-related issue, please contact my office. While we may not be able to solve every problem overnight, we will continue working every day to connect residents with resources and advocate for solutions.

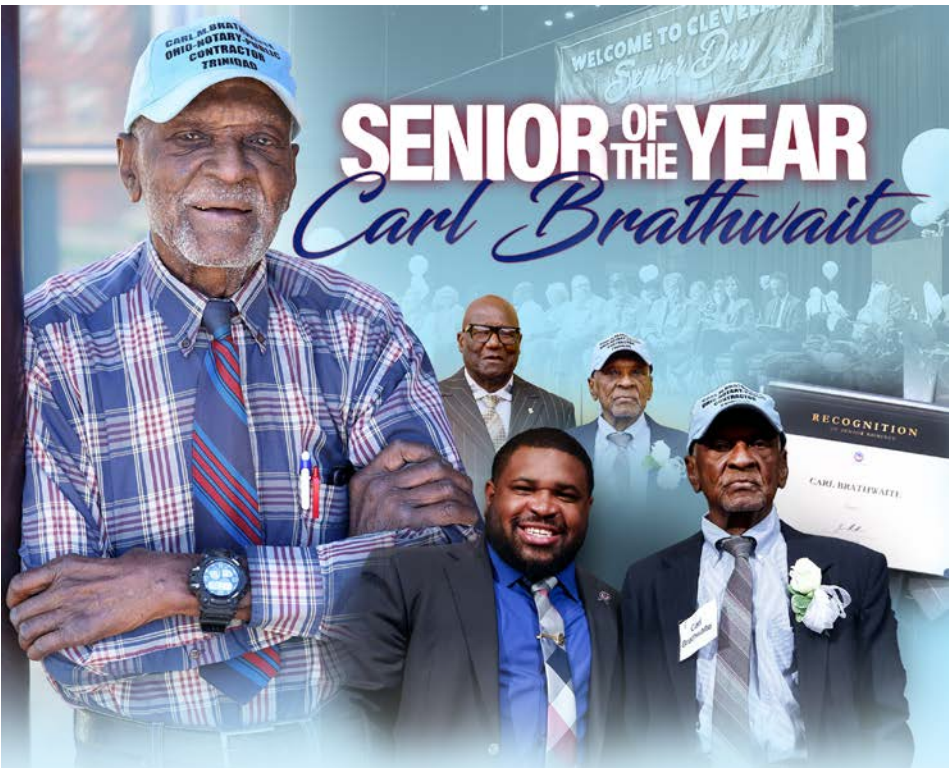
As someone who was born and raised in the Central neighborhood, I understand the challenges many of our families face because I have lived them myself. That perspective continues to guide my work and fuels my determination to ensure that Ward 5 receives the investment, attention, and opportunities our residents deserve.

Thank you for your continued engagement, support, and partnership. Together, we will continue building stronger neighborhoods, creating opportunities, and moving Ward 5 forward.

As always, my office is here to serve.

Onward,

Richard A. Starr, M.B.A.
Council Member, Ward 5
Cleveland City Council



Councilman Richard Starr proudly recognizes Carl Murchison Brathwaite as the 2026 Ward 5 Senior of the Year. Born in Trinidad and Tobago and a longtime Ward 5 resident, Mr. Brathwaite has devoted his life to hard work, service, and community leadership. A skilled fabricator, certified welder, union member, business owner, and advocate, he has contributed for decades to communities across the country and here in Cleveland. His work with CMHA, public agencies, local businesses, and community organizations has made a lasting impact on Ward 5 and beyond. A devoted member of Messiah Missionary Baptist Church, he continues to inspire others through his positive spirit, lifelong learning, and encouragement of young people. **At 89, Mr. Brathwaite remains a shining example of dedication, perseverance, and service. Ward 5 proudly congratulates him on this well-deserved honor.**

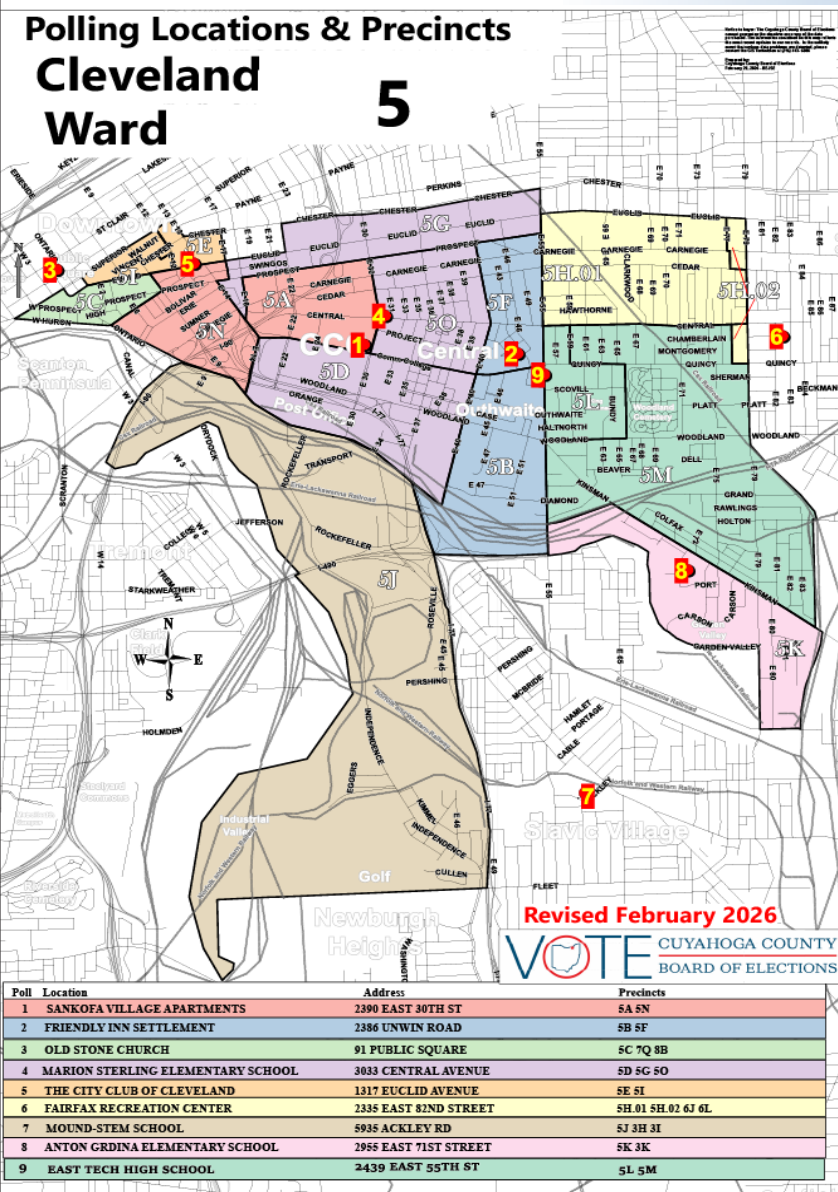
Starr Power

As someone born and raised in the Central neighborhood, I understand what disinvestment looks like. That's why I fight every day to ensure that the people who stayed through the hard times are the same people who benefit from the good times. Development must create wealth, opportunity, and stability for the residents who call Ward 5 home.

— Richard A. Starr

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO TO THE POLL!

Check the Ward 5 map below before Election Day to see if your polling location has changed.



IMPORTANT VOTING DATES

OCT 5 | Close of Voter Registration

OCT 6 | Opening of Early In-Person and Vote-by-Mail

OCT 27 | Vote-by-Mail Application Deadline

NOV 1 | In-person Voting Ends (by 5 pm)

NOV 3 | Election Day (6:30 am - 7:30 pm)

THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS HAS MOVED ITS HEADQUARTERS! All operations, including registration and voting, will now take place at 1803 Superior Avenue

boe.cuyahogacounty.gov
216-443-VOTE(8683)

BUILDING TOMORROW'S LEADERS THROUGH SERVICE

2026 Ward 5 Summer Interns



Pictured, from left to right: Ward 5 Council Aides Marvin Conkle and Letita Nall; Summer Interns Lauren Smith, Kyle Owens, Amiya Conwell, Tréyah Gray; and Ward 5 Executive Assistant Lamont Johnson

Councilman Richard A. Starr is proud to introduce the 2026 Ward 5 Summer Interns!

This outstanding group of future leaders brings talent, passion, and a strong commitment to public service. Throughout the summer, they will gain hands-on experience in local government, community engagement, constituent services, public policy, and civic leadership while serving the residents of Ward 5.

Please join us in welcoming our Summer Interns:



Tréyah GRAY

Age 23

Graduate of Wright State University with a B.S. in Marketing

FUN FACT:

Tréyah has an art business where she sells custom art pieces.



Kyle OWENS

Age 21

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Liberal Studies with a concentration in Pre-Law

FUN FACT:

Kyle is a Black Diamond-level skier.



Amiya CONWELL

Age 20

Hampton University, Sociology

FUN FACT:

Amiya likes to collect Sonny Angels and Smiskis.



Lauren SMITH

Age 20

Cleveland State University, Social Work

FUN FACT:

Lauren enjoys yoga and traveling.

WARD 5 DUMPSTER DAYS

HELP BEAUTIFY OUR COMMUNITY!



Ward 5 Councilman
Richard A. Starr

Dumpster Days will be held on the dates and at the locations listed below:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

- 3828 Cedar Avenue
- 2169 E. 33rd Street

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026

- 7031 Colfax Road, Cleveland, OH 44104
- 7322 Colfax Road, Cleveland, OH 44104

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

- 2245 E. 76th Street, Cleveland, OH 44103
- 2257 E. 73rd Street, Cleveland, OH 44103
- 2238 E. 78th Street, Cleveland, OH 44103

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

- 2272 E. 43rd Street
- 2209 E. 46th Street
- 6303 Quincy Avenue

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

- 2666 E. 68th Street, Cleveland, OH 44104
- 2374 E. 65th Street, Cleveland, OH 44104
- 2660 E. 61st Street, Cleveland, OH 44104

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

- 2812 E. 69th Street, Cleveland, OH 44104
- Property adjacent to 6940 Colfax Road

QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE WARD 5 OFFICE AT 216-664-2309

DUMPSTER DAYS RULES & GUIDELINES

On select dates, dumpsters will be placed throughout the ward to make it easier for residents to **dispose of unwanted items from yards, garages, and streets.**

Dumpsters are for **RESIDENTS ONLY**. Contractors are **NOT** permitted.

DO NOT DUMP THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:
Liquids or Chemicals (Paint, Gas, Oil)
Batteries or Auto Parts • Tires • Appliances
Electronics • Hazardous Waste • Asbestos
Concrete



NEED HELP WITH UTILITY BILLS?

The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District's

Utility Assistance Resource Fair

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SATURDAY AUG. 8
9:00AM - 12:00PM

TRI-C METRO CAMPUS RECREATION CENTER

**1063 E. 30TH ST.
CLEVELAND, OH. 44115**

CORNER OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE AVE. & E. 30TH ST.

- Scan the QR code for registration instructions
- Or you can call **216-881-8247** for help with registration



- ADVANCED REGISTRATION PREFERRED (USE QR CODE OR CALL TO REGISTER)**
- REGISTERED CUSTOMERS WILL BE PRIORITY**
- LIMITED WALK-INS (10AM UNTIL CAPACITY)**

IMPORTANT INFO

Please bring **(3) photocopies** of all of the documents listed below. (A copy machine will be available on site)

WHAT TO BRING

In order to complete applications to enroll in assistance programs, **you must bring:**

- Proof of household's total gross income** (e.g. paystub, social security, disability, pension letter, or most recently filed IRS 1040)
- Birth certificate(s)**
- ID (driver's license or state ID)**
- Social Security Card**
- Lease Agreement (if a renter)**
- Supplemental Medical Insurance**
- Current Electric Bill**
- Current Gas Bill**
- Current Water and Sewer Bills (if applicable)**
- Bring **COPIES** of the above documentation for all members of your household

*Program enrollment based on eligibility.

Federal Poverty Guidelines: <https://www.irs.gov/efile>



WARD 5 Neighborhood Meeting Schedule



Ward 5 Councilman
Richard A. Starr

Residents are invited to join Councilman Starr at these **community-centered** meetings to share concerns and discuss ideas for **improving our community.**



Thursday, August 13, 2026 • 4 PM - 6 PM
Grant Park - Stanley Tolliver & E 38th St.
Cleveland, OH 44115

Thursday, August 27, 2026 • 4 PM - 6 PM
Lonnie Burton Rec Center - 2511 E 46th St.
Cleveland, OH 44104

Thursday, September 10, 2026 • 4 PM - 6 PM
Phyllis Wheatley - 4450 Cedar Ave. #1
Cleveland, OH 44103

Thursday, September 24, 2026 • 4 PM - 6 PM
Skyline Towers - 2250 Community College Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44115

Thursday, October 8, 2026 • 4 PM - 6 PM
King Kennedy High Rise - 2501 E 59th St.
Cleveland, OH 44104

Thursday, October 22, 2026 • 4 PM - 6 PM
Winton Manor Apartments
1012 Prospect Ave E Cleveland, OH 44115

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