

Ward 2 Informer

A Message From Councilman Kevin L. Bishop

Dear Residents,

I hope this message finds you enjoying the sunshine and all that this summer has to offer! Can you believe it's already the middle of 2026?

As I put together this newsletter, I was thinking about all the people I haven't had a chance to say a proper "hello" to yet. To all the new faces, welcome to Ward 2! I'm truly honored to serve as your Councilman. **My biggest passion is working with you to figure out how we can keep making our neighborhoods the kind of safe, supportive places where families can thrive.**

And for those I've known for a while, I'm so glad we get to keep this partnership going. We've really made some great progress together in Ward 2, and I'm ready to tackle what's next!

For me, keeping Ward 2 moving forward is all about teamwork. It's not just me in an office; it's about me working closely with you and my colleagues at City Hall. We need policies that keep us safe and provide our kids with great opportunities, and you can count on me to always make sure Ward 2 has a very strong voice and its fair share of resources.

A lot of this comes down to the simple things that make life better: making sure our streets are well-maintained, keeping our neighborhood beautiful and clean, and helping folks keep up their homes. But we also must dream a little bigger! I'm really excited about development and bringing new businesses to our area. I can't wait to see what we can build together.

Now, as much as I love a good Cleveland summer, we all know it gets pretty toasty! Please, please look out for one another. If we have a heat emergency, take a minute to check in on our senior neighbors or anyone who might have mobility issues. The heat can be tough, and we want to make sure everyone is safe and has a cool place to be.

If you ever need to beat the heat, don't forget that the city opens cooling centers, and your nearest Cleveland Public Library is a great place to relax. **If you're not sure where to go, just call my office at (216) 664-4945. We are happy to help!**

Have a safe, happy, and fun rest of your summer.

Best,



Kevin Bishop, Councilman, Ward 2



Engage with Councilman
Kevin L. Bishop

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Ward 2 2026 Community Meetings

Killingsworth Meeting Place
4175 E 131st Street, Cleveland, OH 44105
6 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, August 25
Tuesday, September 29
Tuesday, October 27
Tuesday, November 24 - **TBD**
No December Meeting

Kids Eat Free!

education.ohio.gov/KidsEat
886-348-6479



No Registration
Age 18 or Younger



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2026 SENIOR OF THE YEAR

Debra Lewis-Curlee

Councilman Kevin Bishop honored Mrs. Debra Lewis-Curlee as the Ward 2 Senior of the Year for her strong commitment to civic engagement as a long-standing member of the ward club and for her legacy of service and community connection in Cleveland.



Ward 2 Launches Pilot Drone Technology Program for Youth at Earle B. Turner Recreation Center



As technology continues to shape the future workforce, Councilman Kevin Bishop is launching a new Pilot Drone Technology and STEM Program at the Earle B. Turner Recreation Center. This innovative initiative aims to prepare young people for emerging career opportunities.

Developed in partnership with Cleveland Drones, the program is designed to introduce youth to the rapidly growing field of drone technology while helping them build valuable STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) skills. The pilot program initially serves a cohort of 10 to 15 students from Ward 2, focusing on youth ages 14 to 18.

The curriculum, created by Christian Hunter, President of Cleveland Drones, is flexible and intended to engage students through practical instruction and interactive learning. Participants will explore three key areas:

- **Aviation Fundamentals:** Students learn the basics of flight safety, responsible drone operation, and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations.
- **Technical Skill Development:** Hands-on instruction teaches students how to safely maneuver, operate, and maintain drones while building confidence with emerging technologies.
- **Career Exploration:** The program introduces students to industries utilizing drone technology, including real estate, emergency services, infrastructure inspection, construction, and other high-demand career fields.



The Pilot Drone Technology Program reflects Councilman Kevin Bishop's commitment to investing in Ward 2 youth, expanding access to STEM education, and preparing the next generation with skills and knowledge needed for future success. By introducing students to emerging technology in a supportive community environment, the program helps inspire innovation and create pathways to future educational and career opportunities.



Plaza Renovation Project

Community Meeting

NuPoint Community Development Corporation invites residents and stakeholders to community meetings about the upcoming plaza renovation project. These meetings will keep the community informed, engaged, and involved throughout every phase of the project.

Thursday, August 13 at 6 p.m.

Killingsworth Meeting Place
4127 E. 131st St. Suite 200



Street Name	From – To
E. 124th Street	Miles Avenue to Beachwood Avenue
E. 126th Street	Miles Avenue to N. Parkway Drive
E. 128th Street	Miles Avenue to Beachwood Avenue
Force Avenue	Warner Road to Turney Road.
Gay Avenue	MLK Drive to E. 131st Street
Gertrude Avenue	E. 57th Street to E. 65th Street
Hosmer Avenue	E. 57th Street to E. 65th Street
Jesse Avenue	E. 119th Street to MLK Drive
Polonia Avenue	E. 68th Street to E. 71st Street

HEAP Summer Crisis Program



The Home Energy Assistance Summer Crisis Program provides eligible Ohioans with one-time cooling assistance **from July 1 through September 30.**

Eligible households may receive help with electric bills, central air conditioning repairs, or the purchase of an air conditioner or fan.

Who is Eligible for the Summer Crisis Program?

Ohioans with a household income at or below 175% of the federal poverty guidelines (FPG) and have a household member who is either:

- Households with a member age 60 or older
- Someone with a certified medical condition
- Those facing electric service disconnection, shutoff, or establishing new service.

For July-September 2026, the income levels for eligible households with up to seven members are:

Size of Household	12-Month Income Limit	30-Day Income Limit
1	\$27,930	\$2,295.62
2	\$37,870	\$3,112.60
3	\$47,810	\$3,929.59
4	\$57,750	\$4,746.58
5	\$67,690	\$5,563.56
6	\$77,630	\$6,380.55
7	\$87,570	\$7,197.53

For households with eight 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
8	\$97,546	\$8,017.48
9	\$99,667	\$8,191.81
10	\$101,787	\$8,366.05
11	\$103,908	\$8,540.38
12	\$106,029	\$8,714.71

You can start your Summer Crisis Program or Winter Crisis Program application online, but you'll need to make an appointment with your local Energy Assistance Provider.

For more information or to apply visit:
tinyurl.com/EnergyAssistance1

Naila's Nook

News you can use from Naila R. Deskins
Executive Assistant to Councilman Bishop
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Wildlife Issues

The City of Cleveland Division of Animal Care & Control launched a new pilot program using Freeman Nuisance Animal Removal and Remedy to control nuisance wildlife including groundhogs, raccoons, and skunks. This pilot program will operate through October 31, 2026.
For information on these services, call 440-647-8772.



Any injured wild animal should be reported to 216-664-3069. Any complaints about vacant properties that are attracting wildlife should be directed to **311**.

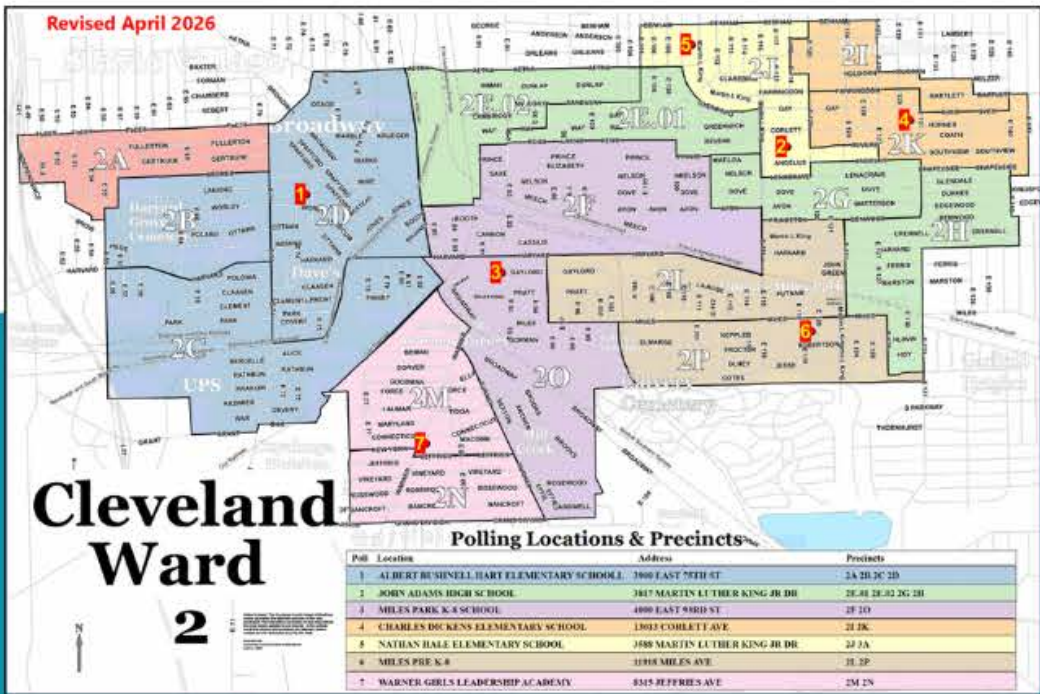
Prevention For Wildlife

- **Secure trash can lids;** store cans in a garage or shed until pickup if possible.
- **Do not leave pet food outside;** remove it after pets finish eating.
- **Keep garages, sheds, and other outbuildings closed** to prevent denning.
- **Do not feed wildlife.** If using bird feeders, choose wildlife-resistant models and clean up spilled seed.
- **Trim tree branches** that overhang your home.
- **Seal holes and openings** leading to attics, porches, basements, garages, and sheds.
- **Never leave pets unattended outdoors.**

HAS YOUR POLLING LOCATION CHANGED?

Know before you go to the poll! Check the Ward 2 map below before Election Day to see if your polling location has changed.

The voter registration deadline for the November 3, 2026 General Election is **Monday, October 5**. The start of absentee voting is **Tuesday, October 6**.



For more election information visit: boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/

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2026 YOUR SUMMER SOUNDTRACK

This summer, the City of Cleveland invites you to press play on Summer Soundtrack 2026! In partnership with organizations across the city, we're offering safe, engaging opportunities that help young people and families learn, grow, and thrive.

Whether you're a teen looking for your first job, a student eager to keep learning, or a parent planning a fun and meaningful summer, Summer Soundtrack is your guide to opportunities, connection, and experiences across Cleveland.



SCAN HERE
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register for summer
programming!

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Health and Community

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DJ Professional

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Councilman Bishop Welcomes John Adams' Youth Council to Cleveland City Hall

Councilman Bishop hosted John Adams' Youth Council for a day of civic engagement and education. The students had the opportunity to speak with the councilman about the legislative branch and members of the administration. They also toured City Hall, including the council offices and chambers.