



WARD 9 NEWS

The Drumbeat of the Community

Serving the University Circle, Glenville, Collinwood, and Forest Hills Neighborhoods

100 Years of Royal Blue and Gray



At Collinwood High School

For over one hundred years, Collinwood High School stood as more than just a building on St. Clair Avenue—it was the heartbeat of the Collinwood community. Opened in the fall of 1926 to serve a booming, working-class Northeast Cleveland, the home of the Railroaders quickly became an anchor for generations of families. It was a place where blue-collar grit met high expectations, and where families, students, and alumni learned the importance of standing up for their neighborhood and paying forward what previous generations had done for them.

As the decades rolled on, declining neighborhood enrollment and shrinking district-wide budgets took their toll. As part of its consolidation plans, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District made the painful decision to close Collinwood's doors and transition its current students to Glenville High School.

Before that happened, however, Collinwood High needed to hold its final commencement. Alumni fiercely advocated against holding the 2026 graduation at another high school and that it be held at a location worthy of their school's storied history: Collinwood's historic John D. Opie Auditorium.

A beautiful sea of royal blue and gray inside the auditorium made it clear that this wasn't just a graduation. It was a gathering of the Collinwood family – perhaps the final gathering within the walls of 15210 St. Clair – to say goodbye.

Generations of alumni packed the seats, ensuring that the final thirty-three seniors felt the love and legacy they were carrying forward. Though the school doors were closing, the gathering made it clear that the spirit of the Wood can't be shuttered.

Alumni stepped up to ensure the final class was motivated to go out and do great things—not just for themselves, but for others. Through scholarships, senior day support, and advocacy, the community showed what Railroader loyalty really means.

As graduation drew to a close, the Class of 2026 and decades of alumni lifted their voices to sing their beloved Alma Mater one last time, leaving its words echoing through the Opie Auditorium: **"And as we come to take our leave of thee, we pledge our love, our faith, and loyalty"—now and forever!**





A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN KEVIN CONWELL

Residents,

I'm Kevin Conwell. **A lot of you know me. I've represented Glenville on Cleveland City Council for twenty-five years.** Redistricting last year meant Council lost two seats, so the remaining 15 of us have larger wards. You can see on the ward map above that Ward 9 is now pretty big, with people from Collinwood and Forest Hills joining folks from Glenville and University Circle.

This newsletter focuses heavily on Collinwood. **I haven't lost any of my love for Glenville, but I've been representing my section of Collinwood since January 6 of this year,** and I started working for you on day one. I want to show you what we've accomplished in seven months and what you can expect from me as your Councilman.

My philosophy as a Councilman is simple: **you fix problems, and you deliver for your ward.** Ask your friends who live in Glenville, and they'll tell you: Kevin Conwell delivers. Now that it's part of Ward 9, It's my job to deliver for Collinwood, too. I think we're off to a good start.

In this newsletter, you'll find information about the 40 new homes we're working with Cleveland Housing Partners to build between St. Clair Avenue, East 152nd Street and Woodworth Road. There's a table on the back page listing the streets we're repaving this year, and many of them are in Collinwood. We're getting ready to renovate Coit Playground, and I've been holding monthly community meetings in Collinwood. And we've got a lot more to do.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. There's a chance we'll run into one another out in public, so please come over and say, "Hi!" And rest assured, **I'm busy working to deliver for our ward and your neighborhood.**

Kevin Conwell

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Ward 9 Councilman

40 New Homes Coming to South Collinwood!

Thanks to our partnership with CHN Housing Partners, Ward 9 is getting 40 new Lease-Purchase homes! New Lease-Purchase Homes are coming to Ward 9! CHN Housing Partners (CHN) plans to build 40 single-family homes designed to help families who are at or below 60% of the area's median income achieve the dream of homeownership.

CHN's nationally recognized Lease Purchase Program gives families a 15-year pathway to homeownership and has helped create more than 1,800 homeowners so far.

This \$14.6 million investment is located between St. Clair Avenue, East 152nd Street, and Woodworth Road and will include 36 two-story and four accessible one-story, three-bedroom homes. Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2027, with the homes anticipated to be completed in Fall 2028.

And in other news involving CHN, the Emerald Senior Building they're constructing at East 111th Street and Superior Avenue will be completed by the end of the year. Emerald Senior's units won't be leased to the public, though. They'll be leased to veterans from the Cleveland VA and through referrals from Cuyahoga County's Continuum of Care.



HAS YOUR POLLING LOCATION CHANGED?

Know before you go to the poll! Check the Ward 9 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**.



Congratulations

Councilman Kevin Conwell



20 YEAR FATHERHOOD TRAILBLAZER AWARD

The Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative proudly honored Councilman Conwell with this award in recognition of encouraging fathers to be active, engaged, and present in the lives of their children. Councilman Conwell is also the recipient of the National Father of the Year award from Washington, D.C. (2001).

2026 SENIOR OF THE YEAR

Gail Grace Alazhar

Councilman Kevin Conwell honored Ms. Gail Grace Alazhar as the Ward 9 Senior of the Year in recognition of her years of dedicated service to the community. As the founder of the Shabazz Community Center, she has made a lasting impact on countless residents. Affectionately known as "Sister Gail," she is a respected and beloved member of the Ward 9 community.



Councilman Conwell Featured on TV 20's Creative Focus

Sharing His Journey Through Music, Leadership, and the Arts



Councilman Conwell was featured on Creative Focus, where he spoke with host Cornell Calhoun III about his life beyond serving as a council member. He also discussed how music has shaped his life and influenced his leadership, and how it has also fueled his commitment to creating opportunities for young people through the arts, while highlighting his role as a passionate advocate for arts and culture.

SCAN HERE

to watch Councilman Conwell's episode of Creative Focus



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GLENVILLE HIGH / GINN ACADEMY TRACK & FIELD TEAM

2026 OHSAA STATE CHAMPIONS

DIVISION III BOYS TRACK

Congratulations on achieving a record 19th OHSAA State Track and Field Championship!

KEVIN CONWELL AND THE FOOTPRINTS CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH



Celebrating freedom, heritage, and community! Councilman Conwell and the Footprints Band performed at the African American Culture Garden's Juneteenth celebration

Councilman Conwell is working alongside the Association of American Cultural Gardens to complete our garden in Glenville.

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WARD 9 STREET REPAVING

STREET NAME	FROM - TO	COST
Osceola Avenue	E.123th Street to E.125 th Street	\$90,920.00
E. 115th Street	Juniper Road to Wade Park Avenue	\$140,173.33
E. 111th Street	Orville Avenue to Ashbury Avenue	\$103,573.33
Churchill Avenue	E.108 Street to E.110 Street	\$85,244.44
Beulah Avenue	E.115th Street to E.120th Street	\$90,835.56
Beulah Avenue	E.120th Street to Lakeview Avenue	\$58,782.22
Churchill Avenue	E.105th Street to E.107th Street	\$50,151.11
Churchill Avenue	E.107th Street to E.108th Street	\$69,666.67
Mistletoe Drive	Wade Park Avenue to South End	\$104,715.56
E. 106th Street	Ashbury Avenue to Wade Park Avenue	\$69,653.33
Idarose Avenue	Coit Road to Wemple Road	\$19,586.67
E. 141st Street	St. Clair Avenue to Idarose Avenue	\$119,720.00
Wemple Road	From Idarose Avenue to Woodworth Avenue	\$76,875.56
E. 131st Street	From Shaw Avenue to Arlington Avenue	\$243,182.22
E. 131st Street	Arlington Avenue to City Limits	\$175,013.33
Total Cost		\$1,498,093.33

Ward 9 Community 2026 Meeting Schedule

Every 1st Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Greater Faith Missionary Baptist Church
13816 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44110

✓ April 2nd • ✓ May 7th • ✓ June 4th • ✓ July 9th
August 6th • September 3rd • October 1st

Every 3rd Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
True Vine Baptist Church
711 E. 105th Street Cleveland, OH 44108

✓ April 16th • ✓ May 21st • ✓ June 18th • ✓ July 16th
August 20th • September 17th • October 15th



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