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WARD 8 in Motion

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Howse-Jones:**



A Word from Councilwoman Stephanie Howse-Jones

Greetings Ward 8 Neighbors:

As summer comes to a close, it is hard to believe that we are already nine months into my first year serving Cleveland's new Ward 8.

Since taking office in January, one of my priorities has been getting to know every corner of our newly configured ward and making sure City departments understand the needs of our neighborhoods. Beginning in May, my team and I launched **monthly Ward 8 tours**, getting out of City Hall and into the community with representatives from Building and Housing, Public Health, our Police Districts, Community Development, the Community Relations Board, Public Works, and our community development corporations.

These tours allow us to see firsthand what residents experience every day, identify concerns and opportunities, connect departments with community partners, and work together toward solutions.

But learning Ward 8 is about more than what we see from a car window. It is about listening to

you. Throughout these first nine months, I have continued meeting with residents, businesses, community organizations, and neighborhood leaders to better understand what is working, where challenges remain, and how we can work together to move our community forward.

Inside this newsletter, you will see some of the investments, programs, resources, and opportunities happening throughout Ward 8, and, most importantly, ways for you to get involved.

Progress does not happen through government alone. It happens when residents are informed, connected, engaged, and willing to lend their voices and talents to their community.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving you. I look forward to continuing this journey together.

Yours in Love and Service,

Stephanie Howse-Jones
Councilwoman, Ward 8

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Citizen Support
Specialist



**Rich
GREENE**
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Bridge Builder

Getting Out and Getting to Know Ward 8

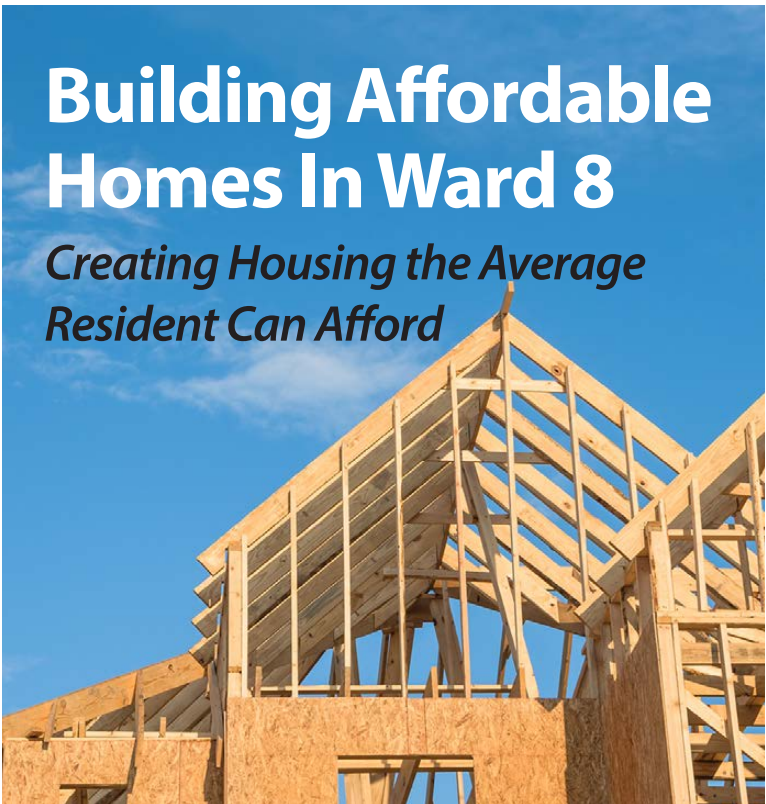
Since May, Councilwoman Howse-Jones and her team have been taking City departments and community partners directly into Ward 8 neighborhoods through monthly tours.

Representatives from Building and Housing, Public Health, Cleveland Police, Community Development, the Community Relations Board, Public Works, and our CDC partners have joined the Councilwoman to see neighborhood conditions firsthand.

THE GOAL: To see what residents see, strengthen coordination between departments and community partners, and identify opportunities to improve our neighborhoods.



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Councilwoman Howse-Jones continues working with the City, developers, and community partners to bring quality, affordable housing, and homeownership opportunities to Ward 8.

Plans are underway for **10 new homes near East 67th Street and St. Clair Avenue** in St. Clair-Superior, as well as **10 homes in Hough along East 65th and East 66th Streets** between Wade Park and Superior avenues.

But the work does not stop there.

Councilwoman Howse-Jones continues visiting housing developments, talking with organizations, and exploring innovative housing models to learn what is working in other communities and how those approaches could benefit Ward 8.

Her focus is simple – how do we create quality homes that the average Ward 8 resident can actually afford?

The goal is not simply to build more houses. It is to create opportunities for residents to rent, own, remain in their neighborhoods, and build wealth.



Greening & Restoring Ward 8

\$10 Million Investment in Hough & St. Clair-Superior

The Bezos Earth Fund awarded \$10 million to The Western Reserve Land Conservancy, in partnership with the City of Cleveland, to restore publicly owned vacant land in Hough and St. Clair-Superior.

Through the Vacant Land Restoration Initiative, work is underway to improve vacant lots and create greener, healthier neighborhood spaces. The work also includes caring for and planting trees, removing dead trees from tree lawns, and repairing sidewalks damaged by trees.

You may already see teams conducting Vacant Lot Check-Ups throughout the neighborhoods to assess conditions and identify areas needing additional care.

This investment is helping turn neglected spaces into safer, greener, and more welcoming places for Ward 8 residents.

Western Reserve Land Conservancy
812 Huron Road E. Suite 840
Cleveland, OH 44115 440.528.4150
info@wrlandconservancy.org
wrlandconservancy.org

We looked at the city-owned vacant lots on your street to see how they're doing.

You may have seen us out on your street today checking on the vacant lots nearby.

We used an app on our phone to document common issues on city-owned land: overgrown grass, illegal dumping and litter, uneven ground, damaged sidewalks, and trees that needed care. We also took a photo to capture what we saw.

The City of Cleveland is working in Hough and St. Clair-Superior to provide extra care to the land it owns. They recommended we take a look at this area.

Interested in purchasing a vacant lot near you? We're happy to point you in the right direction. Give us a call or send an email, our info is above. We want to hear from you.

Western Reserve Land Conservancy
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Celebrating Our 2026 Senior Honoree Mittie Imani Jordan

Councilwoman Stephanie Howse-Jones was proud to nominate **Mittie Imani Jordan**, who was honored as **Ward 8's 2026 Senior Honoree** during Cleveland's 36th Annual Senior Day celebration.

A longtime Hough resident, Mittie has dedicated decades to uplifting communities through **education, the arts, faith, neighborhood restoration, restorative justice, and urban agriculture**. Her connection to Hough spans nearly her entire life.

Through her leadership at St. Matthew United Methodist Church and Brookdale Orchard, Mittie continues helping transform vacant land into productive community spaces while creating opportunities for healthy food, education, connection, and future wealth-building. The orchard's development has been supported by hundreds of volunteers.

Congratulations, Mittie, and thank you for your lifetime of service to Hough, Ward 8, and Cleveland!





BUILDING WARD 8

FROM THE INSIDE OUT

FROM AN IDEA TO A NETWORK

Investing in People

Councilwoman Stephanie Howse-Jones created the Grassroots Grant Initiative with a simple belief: the people who live in our neighborhoods should have a voice in shaping and strengthening them.

Working in partnership with Neighborhood Connections, the initiative invested in resident leadership through Network Weavers, Neighbor Nights, Action Clinics, and grassroots grants. The original program created paid Network Weaver positions to engage neighbors and organize community-building activities.



Today, that work continues to grow through the Ward 8 Network, with additional investment helping strengthen and expand resident-led connections throughout the ward.

THE WARD 8 NETWORK

Neighbors Connecting With Neighbors

The Ward 8 Network connects neighbors from Hough, AsiaTown, St. Clair-Superior, Glenville, Midtown, and Downtown Cleveland for relationship-building, mutual support, and community care.

Ward 8 Network Weavers work throughout our neighborhoods to build trust, connect residents to one another and community resources, and strengthen the relationships that help communities thrive.

JOIN THE WARD 8 NETWORK

Find support. Share resources.
Meet neighbors. Bring your
ideas. Get involved.

Scan the QR code to join the
Ward 8 Network and help
weave belonging back into our
social fabric.



MEET YOUR

WARD 8 NETWORK WEAVERS



COME TO A NEIGHBOR NIGHT

Meet your neighbors, share what's happening on your block, exchange resources, and turn community ideas into action.

THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
6:00–8:00 PM
Neighborhood Connections
1971 E. 66th Street



HAVE AN IDEA FOR WARD 8?

There May Be Money to Help Make It Happen!



Ward 8 Grants provide funding specifically for projects and programs happening within Ward 8.

Have an idea that could bring neighbors together, improve your community, or create something positive in your neighborhood?

Don't just think about it. See if a Ward 8 Grant can help make it happen.



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CONNECT WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

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WARD 8 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
 Thursday, September 24 5:30–7:30 PM  Church of Christ at the Boulevard 8837 St. Clair Ave. 	 Tuesday, October 13 5:30–7:30 PM  Midtown Collaboration Center 1974 E. 66th St. 	 Thursday, November 12 4:00–6:00 PM  Saint Martin de Porres 6202 St. Clair Ave. 

**SAVE THE DATE!**

WARD 8 HOLIDAY PARTY



 Friday, December 4 | 5:00–8:00 PM
 East Professional Center
1349 E. 79th St.

**MORE WAYS TO CONNECT**

**3rd District Police Community Meeting**
 Third Tuesday of the Month | 6:00–7:00 PM
Third District Community Room
4501 Chester Ave.
 Contact Tiffany McClellan, 216-664-3861,
Tmcclellan@clevelandohio.gov

**5th District Police Community Meeting**
 Third Wednesday of the Month | 6:00–7:00 PM
Locations rotate.
 Contact Miguel Booker, 216-664-3482,
Mbooker2@clevelandohio.gov

These meetings are opportunities for residents to engage directly with Cleveland Police officers, identify neighborhood problems, learn about resources, and become involved.

**E-NEWSLETTER**

STAY WITH THE FLOW

Join our weekly E-Newsletter and keep up with everything moving in our community: www.bit.ly/Ward8CLE.





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YOUR VOICE. YOUR VOTE. YOUR WARD.

2026 GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 3, 2026



VOTE EARLY IN-PERSON STARTING OCTOBER 6
at the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections headquarters.
(1803 Superior Ave, 44114)

IMPORTANT VOTING DATES

REGISTER TO VOTE
October 5

EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING BEGINS
October 6

VOTE-BY-MAIL/ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS
October 6

ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION DEADLINE
October 27 at 8:30 PM

LAST DAY OF EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING
November 1

**ELECTION DAY**
Tuesday, November 3
POLLS OPEN: 6:30 A.M. – 7:30 P.M.

VOTE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Visit boe.cuyahogacounty.gov or scan the QR Code.



ENGAGE 8 CHALLENGE

TAKE THE

Can you encourage 8 people who don't normally vote to participate in the November General Election? Think about your family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and others in your circle!

- ▶ CHECK their voter registration.
- ▶ PLAN when they will vote.
- ▶ REMIND them before Election Day.
- ▶ ENCOURAGE them to make their voices heard.

8 PEOPLE CAN START A RIPPLE. WARD 8 CAN MAKE A WAVE.