Councilman Charles J. Slife | Summer 2026

The Ward 15 Dispatch



A Message from Councilman Charles Slife

Summer is here, and great things are happening in the new Ward 15.

To the residents of the former Ward 17, it is an honor to continue working together with you on behalf of our great neighborhood.

To the residents of the former Ward 16 who are now in Ward 15, it is an honor to represent you and our West Park neighborhood.

My goals as your representative in City Hall focus on:

- **Investment in our neighborhood:** Whether it's the city fixing our roads and parks or encouraging private development, new investment makes our neighborhood stronger for the future.
- **Strong city services:** City tax dollars should be prioritized to bring you reliable and enhanced city services.
- **Quality of life:** Ward 15's greatest strength is its friendly and active residents – our robust community is what makes us a premier Cleveland neighborhood.

This newsletter offers just a taste of all that's happening in this neighborhood. **If you are on social media, consider following @CouncilmanCharlesSlife** on Facebook and Instagram for regular updates on what's happening in Ward 15 and at City Hall.

If you need information on city services, have questions about what is happening in the neighborhood, or seek information on municipal laws, please don't hesitate to reach out by dialing 216-644-4239 or emailing cslife@clevelandcitycouncil.gov

Charles J. Slife

Charles J. Slife
Councilman, Ward 15

Engage with Councilman Charles J. Slife:

CITY HALL	EMAIL	WEB
216-664-4239	cslife@clevelandcitycouncil.gov	clevelandcitycouncil.gov/ward-15

Field Trips Bring Civics to Life



By Seamus Love, Summer Intern

This past spring, **students from Campus International, Our Lady of Angels, Riverside, and St. Mark visited Cleveland City Hall and the Justice Center on field trips to learn about local government.** Offered alongside municipal judges (and Ward 15 residents) Ann Oakar and Bridget O'Brien, this curriculum targets grades 3 to 5 and provided a fun opportunity to learn beyond the classroom.

St. Mark's 4th graders allowed me to tag along throughout their field trip. **They began their day in City Hall in Council's committee room. An assistant to Mayor Justin Bibb answered questions about the mayor's role in government** and, playing Local Government BINGO, educated students on the different departments and divisions of Cleveland government and what they do.

Students then moved to the City Council Chamber, where

FIELD TRIPS CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

West Park Greenway

You may have noticed some signs popping up along Ward 15's quieter side streets for the West Park Greenway.

In recent years, Cleveland has made a concerted effort to expand infrastructure citywide for cyclists. Bike infrastructure is more than just a lifestyle amenity. In a city where 1 in 4 households lack a car, a bike can be a lifeline. But too often, people do not feel safe riding bikes through our city.

Cleveland's focus has largely been on creating off-road trails and painting bike lanes, yet neither is a silver bullet. Off-road trails can be quite expensive to implement. Even if a road can accommodate a bike lane – many cannot – data show that many bike riders do not feel safe when riding alongside moving vehicles.

Greenways are a low-cost, quickly installed solution that can bolster Cleveland's bike network. They help to guide bike riders through traffic along side streets with lower traffic volumes, where people are already inclined to ride their bikes leisurely. The



West Park Greenway is signed along a north-to-south route through Ward 15 and offers a safe alternative to busier streets like Rocky River Drive or Warren Road/ West 150th Street.

This summer, jump on a bike and try the West Park Greenway! It is a great way to save some money, wave at neighbors, and get a little exercise.

they held a mock council meeting to experience how laws are debated and passed. One student, the "mayor," introduced legislation to implement a $5 fee to play at Impett Park's playground. Other students participated as council president, clerk, members, and citizens. Between the rowdy observers, moving public comments, and thoughtful questions from councilors, it was clear that the legislation would not pass. The legislation failed, and Impett Park remains free!

The classes spent the middle of their day eating lunch in the City Hall rotunda and touring Cleveland Public Library's Public Administration Library.

At the Justice Center, the students engaged in more role-play through mock trials. Classes were split into two courtrooms, each with a classmate on trial for "failure to complete homework." With assistance from local judges, public defenders, prosecutors, and bailiffs, the students received a hands-on demonstration of the justice system's functions.

The trial became intense when students, as prosecutors and defense attorneys, examined and cross-examined their teachers. The defense presented evidence, including a photo of the teacher's cute pet that might have eaten the assignment when the teacher took it home to grade. Both sides made compelling arguments. In one courtroom, the student was exonerated. In the other, the student jury quickly ruled that their classmate was guilty. He was immediately sentenced to 6 months in jail and escorted from the courtroom.

Many students later expressed their interest in becoming lawyers and judges when they grew up.

The classes ended their trip at the Cleveland Police Museum, where they learned about the history of the Division of Police and viewed various artifacts from the Division's collection and Cleveland's criminal history.

Seamus Love is a Ward 15 resident and student at Ohio State University. He is interning this summer in Councilman Slife's office.

WARD 15 Snapshots
SPRING 2026



STEM at Gunning Rec / March 26





Ward 15 Easter Egg Hunt / March 28





2026 City of Cleveland Budget Hearings



OUR WARD 15 SENIOR OF THE YEAR Sue Eyerman



Sue Eyerman is a passionate, engaged, and wise resident of Ward 15. Born in Cleveland, she moved to Lakewood after high school before returning to the West Park area in 1973 with her husband, Ed. They have lived in the same home ever since and have two children, Jeff and Becky, three grandchildren, and recently welcomed their first great-grandchild.

Sue began her career at Cleveland Trust in the 1960s and 1970s. She later spent 34 years at Jacob's Entertainment in the Flats, working as the owner's assistant and in human resources. She appreciated the variety of the work, the people she met, and the chance to contribute to improvements in the community.

Her community involvement has remained strong. Sue is active at Our Lady of Angels Church, where she volunteers in several roles and serves as President of the Women's Guild. She is also involved in the garden club and the West Park Book Club.

Sue also has a deep interest in creative writing. She is working on a memoir, has been published in Cleveland Public Library anthologies, and writes as a community journalist for The Land, focusing on West Park.

Sue's life reflects a lasting commitment to family, creativity, and the West Park community.



Join Councilman Slife in congratulating Sue on this well-deserved honor!

The Cleveland Department of Aging's Senior Day event was held May 20, 2026.

Preserving Ward 15's Past, One Landmark at a Time

Cleveland City Council established the Cleveland Landmarks Commission in 1971 to safeguard the city's heritage by preserving sites, structures, and districts that speak to Cleveland's cultural, social, economic, political, and architectural history. Since then, City Council has designated prominent buildings, like City Hall and the West Side Market, as landmarks, along with more modest structures that have an important historical story to tell (for example, the birthplace of John Heisman, the namesake of the Heisman Trophy, in Ohio City).

Council also establishes landmark districts where there is a cohesive historic story to tell about a particular area (e.g., Little Italy).

Formally designating a property as a landmark bestows several additional benefits. Members of the Landmarks Commission assist property owners in ensuring that exterior renovations enhance a building's historic character. The designation also helps property owners compete for historic tax credits from the State of Ohio that can help them redevelop and invest in their properties.

Ward 15 has a deep and interesting history, but has few designated landmarks and no districts. Upon entering office in 2019, there were only two landmarks in what was then Ward 17:

- **The McGinty-Jowett House** at 4666 Grayton Road
- **St. Patrick Church** at 4395 Rocky River Drive

With the West Park Historical Society as a partner, my goal is to increase the number of landmarks and landmark districts in Ward 15. Recently, two properties in the ward achieved this designation—the Kamm's Corners Bank Building and the Old John Marshall High School. A special thanks to Landmarks Commission staff who researched each property thoroughly, with a special hat tip to the commission's secretary and Ward 15 resident Dan Musson.

The Kamm's Corners Bank Building

This building is located prominently at the northeast corner of Lorain Avenue and Rocky River Drive. Work began on the Kamm's Corners branch of the **Cleveland Trust Company** in September 1926 and was completed in May 1927. Through multiple name changes and acquisitions, the Key Bank branch that operates here is a direct descendant of the original bank.

To the surprise of many, its now iconic clock is not original. The McClintock Chime Clock was installed in Kamm's Corners in 1998. It was originally installed in 1926 at the First National Bank of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania. Our clock has a twin, located on a bank building in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

> ***"...my goal is to increase the number of landmarks and landmark districts in Ward 15."***
>
> *– Councilman Charles Slife*

The corner unit of the building is currently undergoing renovation and will open as Premier Hair Replacement, operated by Theo Challouf from the West Park Barber Shop.

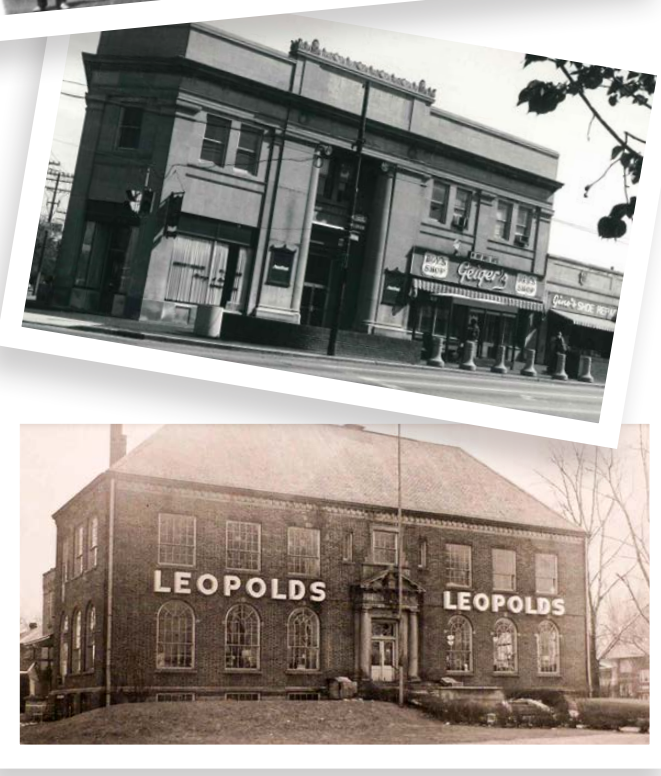
Old John Marshall High School

No, not the John Marshall on West 140th Street that was demolished. The one before that one.

Population growth in Rockport Hamlet necessitated the establishment of a central school building. In 1899, Central High School opened at what is now the corner of Lorain Avenue and West 152nd Street. The incorporation of West Park Village led to the school being known as West Park Lincoln High School. Multiple additions were made to accommodate the growing student population in the village.

After West Park residents voted to be annexed by Cleveland, the building was renamed John Marshall High School. Further population growth led the school to relocate to West 140th Street. That structure was demolished, and a new high school opened on-site in 2015.





PHOTOS (top to bottom): The Cleveland Trust Company; West Park Bank Building; Leopold Brothers Furniture

Prior to the 1957 opening of the existing YMCA, the original John Marshall was used as a YMCA branch. Subsequently, the building became the home of Leopold Brothers Furniture. In 1961, the store built a showroom along Lorain Avenue; this is currently the location of The Wash House and Café.

After the furniture store closed, the property became a car dealership and later served as the offices of Glass Block Headquarters. More recently, the owner has invested significant funds to restore much of the original structure's historic character and to use its space more productively.

Although the history of the Old John Marshall High School property may not be obvious to all while traveling along Lorain Avenue, it is nevertheless central to the growth and development of our neighborhood.

New Safety Tech for Fire Trucks

Cleveland's fire trucks are getting a much-needed tech upgrade to keep both first responders and drivers safer on the road, thanks to some creative budgeting by Councilman Charles Slife.

Slife recently chipped in $11,000 from his ward's discretionary funds to install **HAAS Alert's "Safety Cloud" tracking system** across the city's entire active fleet of 36 fire engines and ladder trucks. Presently, 25% of them do.

A simple, yet intuitive concept, these location-tracking devices sync right up with the trucks' emergency lights. As firefighters flip on their lights and sirens, the system instantly blasts out real-time digital alerts to nearby drivers. Instead of relying solely on blaring sirens, motorists are alerted directly through navigation apps, like Apple Maps and Waze, or through compatible dashboard screens.





According to local news reports, **this tech gives drivers about a 30-second warning window to decelerate and pull over before the truck even comes into view.** Councilman Slife pointed out that meeting drivers where they look—on their phones and screens—is a common-sense, budget-friendly approach for mitigating dangerous conditions, reducing roadway accidents, and protecting Cleveland's first responders. Councilman Slife hopes to partner with Councilwoman Nikki Hudson (Ward 11) to expand installation to EMS ambulances in the future.

PRESORT STD.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
CLEVELAND, OH
PERMIT NO. 2893



The Ward 15 Dispatch

WARD 15 COUNCILMAN

Charles J. Slife

City Hall Office:
601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 220
Cleveland, OH 44114

Visit clevelandcitycouncil.gov/ward-15

Executive Assistant: Mary Breitweg
Phone: 216-664-4239 **Fax:** 216-664-3837
Email: cslife@clevelandcitycouncil.gov



2026 Summer Senior Walks

Walk on Wednesdays at various locations, now through through September 16

The Department of Aging is sponsoring 16 walks at some of Cleveland's most scenic and historic locations — including Ward 15's Impett Park *(see the box below for details).*

Meet new friends and stay active — this is a great way to stay connected and healthy all summer long. Walks are **FREE**, and participants can go at their own pace! Those who need assistance or use mobility aids are welcome. Every participant receives a Senior Walk T-shirt and resource bag.

WAYS TO REGISTER

CALL
216-664-6152 (registration and details)

EMAIL
aging@clevelandohio.gov

ONLINE
Forms.office.com/g/mHiHBkiTu7

SCAN THE QR CODE

Walk #9 will be at Impett Park

(3170 West 153rd St)

Wed., July 29 at 9:00 a.m.



FEATURING
Fresh Produce
5000 Pounds will be distributed compliments of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank

Pickleball
Watch a demonstration and join in!





2026 Cleveland Waste Collection Schedule

JANUARY

	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					H	2	3
B	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	H	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

FEBRUARY

	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
B	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	H	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

MARCH

	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
B	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31				

APRIL

	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
				1	2	H	4
B	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30		

MAY

	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
						1	2
B	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	H	26	27	28	29	30
	31						

JUNE

	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5	6
B	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15	16	17	18	H	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30				

JULY

	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
				1	2	3	4
B	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	

AUGUST

	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
							1
B	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30	31					

SEPTEMBER

	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1	2	3	4	5
B	6	H	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30			

OCTOBER

	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1	2	3
B	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

NOVEMBER

	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
B	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	H	27	28
	29	30					

DECEMBER

	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1	2	3	4	5
B	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	H	26
	27	28	29	30	31		

H One Day Delayed Collection — Bulk Week — H Holiday with Regular Pickup — B BULK WEEK *(3 items only)*

About Recycling

The City of Cleveland encourages residents to **recycle all paper, cardboard boxes, metal cans, plastic bottles and jars, and glass bottles and jars.** These items are accepted in most recycling programs nationwide.

Cleveland residents must enroll in the City's "opt-in" recycling program to receive a recycling cart and recycling service. Single-family homes and multi-family homes up to four (4) units are eligible. The City of Cleveland provides one 64-gallon, blue recycling cart per enrolled household. There is no additional cost to enroll. Contact 3-1-1 to start recycling at your home.

About Waste

The City of Cleveland provides a **96-gallon, black cart for waste** collection services at single-family homes and at multi-family homes up to four (4) units.

To further reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill, the City encourages residents to enroll in the recycling program, and to compost household food scraps.

The black waste cart should NOT be used for:

- ✖ Hazardous waste
- ✖ Construction and demolition debris
- ✖ Electronic waste

Waste and Recycling Setout Guidelines

- All waste must be inside the cart.
- Do not place items in carts that exceed the height of the cart.
- Place carts curbside the night before collection.
- Place carts so the opening faces the street.
- Place carts at least 3 feet apart to allow room for the truck's arm to grip them.
- Do not lean items against carts, or put them in front of the carts.
- Please use off street parking on collection day, if possible.
- Weekly setout limits: all City-issued carts, up to 20 bundles of brush/tree branches, 20 bags of yard waste, and 4 tires without rims.
- During bulk pickup week, residents may set out up to 3 bulk items (furniture, appliances, wrapped mattresses).
- Larger, uncontained setouts could result in citations.

Failure to follow these guidelines may result in a violation notice.

Special Collection Services & Disposal Guidelines

- **Service for people with physical disabilities:** Residents may request smaller 64-gallon carts or exemption service by calling 3-1-1.
- **Bulk waste:** Up to three bulk items are collected on the regular trash day during the first full week of each month (appliances, televisions, furniture with fabric and mattresses that are wrapped).
- **Yard waste:** Branches must be bundled, and grass dippings or plant debris must be bagged.
- **Latex paint:** Latex paint is not hazardous but, it requires special handling before placement in trash. It must be fully dried before disposal.
- **Construction debris:** Construction and demolition debris is not collected.
- **Household hazardous waste:** Accepted the first Friday of each month at Carr Center (5600 Carnegie Ave.) and Ridge Road Transfer Station (3727 Ridge Road).
- **E-waste:** Wired or battery-powered equipment like TV's, computers, etc. may be dropped off at Carr Center (5600 Carnegie Ave.).