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City of Cleveland Daily News Updates - #345
*Mayor Jackson Promotes Two Officers, NFL Draft Update,
Greenhouse Reopens and More*

The City of Cleveland continues to take numerous precautions across multiple departments and divisions amid increasing cases of coronavirus (COVID-19). Below are some important updates. **Mayor Frank G. Jackson signed an order on March 31, 2021 extending the City's Proclamation of Civil Emergency through April 30, 2021.** [Click here to view the order.](#) Essential services such as Police, Fire, EMS, waste collection and Utilities will remain operational.

Mayor Jackson Promotes Two Cleveland Police Officers

Mayor Jackson today promoted 2 Cleveland Police officers to the ranks of Commander and Commissioner. [Click here to view video from the ceremony.](#) [View a photo from the ceremony.](#) The promoted officers are:

- **Michael Butler, Commander, First District**

The Commander of the First District oversees the daily operations of the First Neighborhood Police District. Commander Michael Butler was appointed to the Cleveland Division of Police in 1992. Butler served the city as a Patrol Officer in the Fifth District before being promoted to Sergeant in 1998, Lieutenant in 2009 and to Captain in 2016. Commander Michael Butler most recently served as the Captain of Field Operations and Special Events Coordinator, managing major events for the Division of Police including the Cavs Parade, Republican National Convention, Marine Week, Major League Baseball All-Star Week, and this week's NFL Draft.

He has accumulated over 28 years of service as an officer, earning several awards, including: multiple special Commendations, a Medal of Heroism, an Outstanding Community Service Officer Award, an Outstanding Service and Support Award for the 2020 Presidential Debate, and more.

He is a graduate of the Police Executive Leadership College. [View his headshot.](#)

- **Gordon Holmes, Commissioner, Bureau of Traffic**

The Commissioner of the Bureau of Traffic oversees the Bureau of Traffic, including the Mounted Unit and the Motorcycle Unit. Commissioner Gordon Holmes was appointed to the Cleveland Division of Police in 1993. Holmes served the city as a Patrol Officer in the Third District before being promoted to Sergeant in 2001, and to Lieutenant in 2002. Commissioner Gordon Holmes has also served the Division of Police as a supervisor in the Fourth District's Vice and Community Services Unit.

He has been serving as the Lieutenant in charge of the Bureau of Traffic since 2012, and has been the Bureau's lead on major events for the Division of Police, including the Cavs Parade, Republican National Convention, Marine Week, Major League Baseball All-Star Week, and this week's NFL Draft. He has earned a Medal of Honor, a Chief's Commendation, a Distinguished Service Medal, and several letters of appreciation.

He is a graduate of the Police Executive Leadership College as well as the United States Secret Service Dignitary Protection School. [View his headshot.](#)

City of Cleveland Held Press Conference Today Regarding the NFL Draft Safety

Mayor Frank G. Jackson, Public Safety Director Karrie Howard and Police Chief Calvin Williams held a press conference today regarding the 2021 NFL Draft. Commissioner of the Bureau of Traffic Gordon Holmes and Commander Michael Butler also joined them to discuss traffic changes and parking restrictions. [Click here to view the press conference.](#)

The City of Cleveland has also previously released several announcements and updates regarding the upcoming NFL Draft, such as road closures, parking restrictions, vendor zones and more. To view these updates, which are condensed into one post on the city's blog, [click here.](#)

Save the Date for a Special Tele Town Hall with Mayor Jackson

Mayor Frank G. Jackson invites you to join him for an important Tele Town Hall on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. This is a Tele Town Hall you won't want to miss. Participants can register to receive a phone call and be connected directly to the event by registering at www.clevelandohio.gov/teletownhall

Mayor Jackson will also take questions from residents listening by phone and watching online. The night of the event, registered participants will receive a phone call and will only need to answer the call to enter the telephone town hall. Those who are unable to participate by phone but would like to listen during or after the event, can tune in on the [City of Cleveland's Facebook](#) page where the call will be livestreamed.

Note to Media: NFL Draft Media Requests

Any and all media requests related to the NFL Draft should be referred to the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission or the NFL media relations team. This includes requests to utilize city-owned property during the event as they may already be reserved for Draft-related purposes.

City of Cleveland Urban Forestry Update of Tree-Related Service Requests:

The City of Cleveland's Urban Forestry (UF) section is continuing to address the tree-related emergencies that resulted from the snowfall that occurred during the evening of April 20th. UF has received over 450 tree-related requests for service. Priority was given to trees that were blocking the right of way and that had fallen on properties and/or utility lines. We are now addressing the multitude of service requests for fallen trees, fallen limbs and debris that we have received.

If you have a tree-related emergency, please contact the City of Cleveland's Citizen Support Specialists at 311 (within the City of Cleveland's city limits) or 216-664-2000 for assistance.

Rockefeller Park Greenhouse Re-Opens May 7

The Rockefeller Park Greenhouse, located at 750 East 88th St, Cleveland, OH 44108, will RE-OPEN to visitors on FRIDAY, MAY 7. Our regular hours of 10:00am to 4:00pm daily will resume.

Visitors to the indoor Greenhouse displays and areas will be asked to observe COVID-19 Safety Restrictions including:

- Use of face masks for visitors over 5 years of age;
- Maximum of 30 people permitted inside the building at one time;
- Maintain 6 ft. distance between groups;
- Currently prohibited indoor activities;
 - o No photography sessions;
 - o No use of tripods, lights, or other photo equipment;
 - o No drawing/painting;
 - o No eating/picnicking; and,
 - o Other activities as determined by Greenhouse staff.

Activities that require a permit such as weddings and wedding photography will resume when the City's Special Events Permitting Office opens back up. Contact the Greenhouse Manager at 216-664-3103 for the latest information.

The City of Cleveland Releases CDPH COVID-19 Non-Compliance Report

CDPH continues to monitor COVID-19 non-compliance complaints. Since Jan. 1, 2021 through April 27, 2021, CDPH has received 38 COVID-19 non-compliance complaints. This year, CDPH has received 7 mass gathering non-compliance allegations, 17 mask non-compliance allegations and 6 social distancing non-compliance allegations in the City of Cleveland. To view and download CDPH's COVID-19 non-compliance report, [click here](#).

Other Important Reminders

Media Availability on May 7, 2021 Following Tele Town Hall

The Mayor's Office of Communications (MOC) will schedule virtual media availabilities – at one per media outlet - the following day, May 7, by request. To submit your request, email covid19@clevelandohio.gov. The MOC will confirm reporters' requests as the date approaches. Additional details to follow.

The Cleveland Division of Police is Hiring Patrol Officers

The Cleveland Division of Police is accepting applications for Patrol Officers now through May 16, 2021. For additional information contact the City of Cleveland Public Safety Recruitment Team at (216) 623-5233.

[Click here to apply for the Patrol Officer Examination.](#)

Please read the entire bulletin before applying.

Opportunity Corridor Section 3 Public Notice

Work is underway for the 3rd and final section of the Opportunity Corridor Boulevard Project. Beginning Monday, May 3, 2021, Kinsman Road between Grand Avenue and Sidaway Avenue will be reduced to a single lane of traffic traveling northwest for a 60-day duration.

To view the flyer from the Ohio Department of Transportation and Kokosing Construction Company, which includes a map of the traffic pattern change, [click here](#).

Please reach out to the District 12 Public Information Office at 216-584-2007 or D12.public.information@dot.ohio.gov with questions. For more information, visit www.opportunitycorridor.transportation.ohio.gov.

City Makes Strategic Capital Investments Near Opportunity Corridor

The City of Cleveland is making strategic public safety capital investments in and around the Opportunity Corridor neighborhood. Together, these projects help embody the City's commitment to providing a variety of beneficial public safety enhancements in the area. The strategic locations can also help encourage future investments that benefit the social and economic well-being of the neighborhood. In total, these projects represent an estimated. [View an image of a map highlighting the projects.](#)

“These capital investments will help transform the delivery of services in the City of Cleveland now and years into the future.” said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. “Through these and other significant investments in the Division, we are creating the infrastructure to reduce crime while being more open and accessible to the community. Additionally, the location of these investments help lay the groundwork for additional public and private investments in the area.”

Three of the upcoming Public Safety projects include:

- **New Cleveland Division of Police Headquarters Campus at The Opportunity Corridor/East 75th Street:** In late 2019, the City of Cleveland announced the police headquarters as the first major project in the Opportunity Corridor. This new headquarters campus is intended to consolidate CDP Administrative functions into a single location as well as catalyze general investment within the Opportunity Corridor.

The new Public Safety Campus is part of Mayor Jackson's vision to move the delivery of Public Safety services into the future by allowing for the full integration of advanced Public Safety technology and capabilities. This new facility, along with other enhanced Public Safety services components, will serve to reduce crime, increase service delivery,

modernize operations and capabilities, and provide greater access and involvement with the community. It will be home to an estimated 650-700 full-time Public Safety employees. The project is expected to begin in 2021.

- **New Fire Station 26 at Kinsman/East 90th Street:** The Cleveland Division of Fire is merging Fire Stations 26 and 41 into a single, new firehouse to be located on a currently vacant site. The new site was carefully selected to ensure fire safety and EMS services for the vicinity. Designed to prioritize firefighter health and safety, this 16,500 square-foot building will house two fire engines and an EMS unit, as well as a separate community room for neighborhood use. Forming a “gateway” to the important Kinsman/East 93rd Street intersection, this investment will support the ongoing neighborhood redevelopment efforts in the vicinity as well as provide a welcoming, 24-hour public safety presence in the area. The project is expected to begin construction in 2022. The estimated hard costs for the station is \$8.3 million.
- **New Cleveland Mounted Police Stables at Thackeray Avenue and East 59th Street:** The Mounted Unit, vacating its obsolete, longtime facility to make way for future improvements to Interstate 90, is planning their new home just off the East 55th Street Corridor. Centrally located within riding distance of both downtown and University Circle, this 6.5-acre site was selected to accommodate the extensive indoor and outdoor areas required for an equestrian facility. Incorporating current best practices for maintenance, ventilation, and drainage will ensure that the design promotes the health and safety of the Mounted Unit horses, officers, and the neighborhood, while bringing the beauty of these animals to Cleveland’s residents.

In connection with its primary function as a new home for the Mounted Unit, the new stables presents an array of potential opportunities for community engagement in conjunction with the Unit’s public safety mission. The preliminary program includes:

- ⊖ A park at the Visitor entrance to the facility with views to the outdoor training areas.
- ⊖ An indoor arena for CMP horse training and exercise.
- ⊖ A multi-purpose community room, with views into the indoor arena, available for neighborhood and CMP use and programming.
- ⊖ A large paddock/pasture area, a portion of which can be used as an arena, where the horses will be visible from the neighborhood streets and CMP outdoor events can be held.

Currently in programming and design, the New CMP Stables is anticipated to begin construction in 2022. The estimated hard costs for the stables is \$7 million.

The Mounted Unit Stables Project process will include engaging community members and stakeholders as part of the Cleveland Division of Police’s commitment to serving the community. Upcoming socially-distanced, safely managed outdoor events will ensure that everyone interested in the development of this facility has the opportunity to learn about the project, have their questions answered, and provide input. Meeting the officers and their horses in person will provide the ideal way for the Mounted Unit to demonstrate

their mission: to continue engaging with residents and promote safety in Cleveland's neighborhoods through the beauty of horses.

In addition to the above Public Safety Investments, the City is also investing \$835,000 to update Division of Fire facilities to be more gender-inclusive.

The city's public safety investments in and around the Opportunity Corridor strongly complement the mayor's Neighborhood Transformation Initiative (NTI). The goal of NTI is to invest in disadvantaged neighborhoods just outside growth zones and encourage the private market to return to these areas without the need of public incentives. The new facilities provide a significant public sector investment to potentially kickstart private investment and provide momentum for additional construction.

For more information on these and other investments in the neighborhood, visit www.clecityhall.com and search the tags: stables; mounted police unit; division of safety; police headquarters

Update on Temporary Outdoor Dining for Restaurants

In order to better serve restaurants and their patrons during the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Cleveland has established guidelines and regulations for permitted businesses to use private parking lots, streets and on-street parking areas as outdoor restaurant spaces as part of Mayor Frank G. Jackson's ReStart CLE plan. This legislation provides restaurants with additional dining space that allows them to safely operate.

Businesses will need to acquire permits for outdoor dining. Permits issued for a Temporary Expansion Area (TEA) may be revoked at any time for failure to comply with the provisions of this ordinance, the codified ordinances and applicable rules and regulations of the City of Cleveland or laws of the state of Ohio, including Ohio Department of Health (ODH) orders. Businesses must adhere to the following regulations:

- **Permit Fee Duration:** A TEA permit, is valid through Nov. 1, 2021, unless terminated earlier or revoked. No fee will be required for a TEA permit application.
- **Patio Elements:** An application for a Temporary Expansion Area permit shall include detailed plans drawn to scale showing the number and location of patio elements, including standard tables, chairs, and umbrella. Additional elements such as tents, generators, and other structures may require additional approvals. All elements must remain within the approved site plan area of operation.
- **Spacing Requirements:** All patio furnishing must be organized to allow for appropriate social distancing between tables in compliance with ODH orders.
- **Protective Barrier Structure for patio area expansion:** All expanded patio enclosure areas must contain the appropriate protection between the patio area and vehicular traffic. This will require a much stronger barrier than a typical patio enclosure. The structure must be removable at the end of business hours (if necessary) or after any designated period approved as part of the application. In the case of a full street closure, or where, in the determination of the City, additional buffers are needed, the City may provide the necessary protective barrier structure at no cost.

- **Maintenance:** Permittees shall maintain the TEA in accordance with all City, County, and State laws, regulations, and orders. Permittee shall be responsible for keeping TEAs clean and safe.

To learn more about the permit application process, outdoor dining and public space typologies and outdoor dining guidelines and regulations, [click here](#).

[Click here to view Outdoor Dining and Public Space Typologies.](#)

City of Cleveland Seeks Applicants for CMSD Board Appointment

Mayor Frank G. Jackson has announced that applications will be accepted from now until Monday, May 3, 2021 for appointment to four seats on the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) Board of Education. The four seats are for expiring terms ending Wednesday, June 30, 2021. New terms will begin July 1, 2021 and expire June 30, 2025.

To be considered, applicants must be residents of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Interested parties can mail their applications to the Nominating Panel at 601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 227, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, attention Dr. Monyka Price; email to Dr. Price at MPrice@city.cleveland.oh.us; or drop off applications at City Hall. Applications must be turned in by close of business Monday, May 3, 2021.

To obtain an application please visit www.city.cleveland.oh.us, www.cpl.org and www.clevelandmetroschool.org or contact Dr. Price at (216) 420-8087 for more information. Applications can also be found at City of Cleveland Neighborhood Resource & Recreation Centers.

- [Click here to obtain an English language application](#)
- [Click here to obtain a Spanish language application](#)

Mayor Frank G. Jackson Announces Return of the Exterior Paint Program

The City of Cleveland invites residents to take advantage of its 2021 Exterior Paint Program. Applications must be received by April 30, 2021.

The Exterior Paint Program provides paint and materials to homeowners who wish to paint the exterior of their homes. Labor is not included. The goal for 2021 is 500 homes with a total allocation of \$500,000 for the program.

“The goal of this program is to help residents protect their home investments, improve housing stock in our neighborhoods and create a better, more equitable quality of life,” said Mayor Frank G. Jackson.

Homeowners, as well as tenants, who meet income guidelines, are welcome to apply for the program. Funds cover the cost of up to \$1,500 for owner occupants or up to \$750 for tenants in paint and materials, though restrictions do apply. Inspections of the property must also be conducted. Applications must be received by April 30, 2021 and the painting must be completed by October 31, 2021.

The Department of Community Development's Division of Neighborhood Services administers services on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested Cleveland residents can obtain applications by calling (216) 664-2045.

Exterior Paint Program Income Guidelines

FAMILY SIZE	INCOME LEVEL	FAMILY SIZE	INCOME LEVEL
1	\$51,600	5	\$79,600
2	\$59,000	6	\$85,500
3	\$66,350	7	\$91,400
4	\$73,700	8	\$97,300

[Governor Dewine Announces Guidance to Vaccine Providers on Phase 1c and Phase 2](#)

City of Cleveland Establishes Call Center to Answer General Vaccine Distribution Questions

The City of Cleveland has established a call center that is currently available to answer general questions pertaining to the City's vaccine distribution efforts and assist eligible individuals in scheduling an appointment to receive the vaccine.

- Call Center Number: (216) 664-2222
- Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

As a reminder, only individuals who meet the Ohio Department of Health's criteria are eligible to receive the vaccine at this time. Due to limited supply, it will take time for eligible individuals to receive the vaccine. We ask for your patience. As we receive additional supply, we will be opening up additional vaccination sites and scheduling appointments for eligible individuals to receive the vaccine.

Calls Regarding COVID-19 Complaints

With the passage by Cleveland City Council of an ordinance authorizing penalties for non-compliance with Mayor Jackson's mask mandate, enforcement is now in effect. There are two numbers Clevelanders should call regarding non-compliance:

- **Business complaints:** CDPH hotline at (216) 857-7165
- **Individual or private residence complaints:** Cleveland Police non-emergency line at (216) 621-1234

Cleveland City Council recently approved the mandatory use of masks in public spaces as well as certain penalties for individuals and businesses that do not comply. On July 3, Mayor Jackson signed an amended order mandating the use of masks in public in the City of Cleveland to slow the spread of the highly contagious coronavirus. This includes mandatory use in bars, restaurants, shared office settings, rideshares and other shared spaces.

Citations may be issued with fines for the following:

- Any business or person violating the mask or safe-seating order (which maintains social distancing of at least six feet between patrons) is subject to civil penalties in accordance with Ordinance No. 556-2020, specifically chapters 602 and 236.
- Any business in the City of Cleveland with an employee who becomes ill with the coronavirus is required to immediately disinfect and sanitize the premises. Following a

warning, they may be subject to a civil penalty of \$1,000 for the first offense and a civil penalty of \$3,000 for each subsequent violation.

CodeRED

Sign up for CodeRED alerts to receive calls and emails with important info regarding the coronavirus. To sign up online, visit <https://bit.ly/CLECodeRED>. Get mobile alerts by downloading the CodeRED app via the Apple or Google Play stores. Seniors who need assistance signing up are welcome to call the Department of Aging at (216) 664-4383 for periodic phone call messaging.

Previous COVID-19 Updates from the City of Cleveland

[Click here to view previous updates.](#)

For more information about COVID-19, visit the following:

- www.cdc.gov/coronavirus
- <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/>
- <http://www.clevelandhealth.org/>

About the City of Cleveland

The City of Cleveland is committed to improving the quality of life for its residents by strengthening neighborhoods, delivering superior services, embracing diversity and making Cleveland a desirable, safe city in which to live, work, play, and do business. For more information on the City of Cleveland, visit online at www.clevelandohio.gov, Twitter at @cityofcleveland or Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofcleveland.