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City of Cleveland Daily News Updates - #356

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 April 29, 2021 extending the City's Proclamation of Civil Emergency through May 31, 2021.** [Click here to view the order.](#) Essential services such as Police, Fire, EMS, waste collection and Utilities will remain operational.

Collaborative Service Initiative Launched to Focus on Traffic Safety

The City of Cleveland, Cleveland Division of Police and the Ohio State Highway Patrol, along with the support of our community partners, are collaborating in an effort to reduce fatal crashes in Cleveland.

The purpose of the SERVICE CLE initiative is to bring awareness and education to the motoring public about the dangers of speed, driving impaired, distracted driving, and other leading crash-causing violations, along with the importance of safety belt usage, in an effort to reduce injuries and traffic fatalities. SERVICE CLE will be a summer-long, citywide initiative that began May 8 and will end in September.

In a message from Cleveland Director of Public Safety Karrie D. Howard and Cleveland Division of Police Chief Calvin D. Williams, "The number of traffic crashes and fatalities have been on the rise on the streets of Cleveland. It is our hope that this targeted and collaborative effort between the Cleveland Division of Police and the Ohio State Highway Patrol will not only decrease the number of serious crashes, but also educate the public on the dangers of unsafe driving and the importance of the consistent use of safety belts."

[Click here to read the full press release.](#)

City of Cleveland, Division of Animal Care and Control Begins Nuisance Wildlife Trapping Services

The City of Cleveland, Division of Animal Care and Control began this year's nuisance wildlife trapping services on May 1, 2021. Residents can call 216-664-3069 for services. Residents may be removed from the program if property conditions are deemed inviting for wildlife.

Residents who choose to trap wild animals may:

- Purchase your own trap and call the Division of Animal Care and Control for pick up and euthanasia
- Get your name added to a waiting list for Critter Control, a private company contracted with the City, who will set the trap and pick up for euthanasia (this method may be reserved for residents who are unable to set their own trap)
- Rent a trap from Animal Care and Control for a \$20 refundable deposit and then call the Division for pick up and euthanasia
- Hire a private exterminator at your own expense

Residents should be aware that it is illegal to poison, torture, deprive an animal of necessary sustenance, unnecessarily or cruelly beat, needlessly mutilate or kill, or impound or confine an animal without supplying it during confinement with a sufficient quantity of good wholesome food and water. It is also illegal to impound or confine an animal without affording it, during such confinement, access to shelter from heat, cold, wind, rain, snow or excessive direct sunlight if it can reasonably be expected that the animal would otherwise become sick or in some way other way suffer. (Cleveland, Ohio Code of Ordinances: 603.08, 603.09)

Reducing nuisance animal denning on your property:

While the Division provides nuisance wildlife trapping, it is not a recommended method for solving wildlife conflicts. If you remove an animal without modifying the habitat (your yard), another animal may simply move in. Most wildlife can be encouraged to move out of your yard by making it an uncomfortable place for them to den.

- If you see a wild animal in your yard, you may choose to leave it alone – it could just be passing through.
- Make sure trash can lids are secure. Use a bungee or weights to secure lids if needed. If possible, keep trash cans in a secured area, such as a closed garage or shed, until garbage day.
- Do not leave pet food outside – if you feed outside, remove food after your pet is done eating.
- Outbuildings, like garages and sheds that may create a denning area, should be kept closed.
- Do NOT feed wildlife. If you choose to feed songbirds, use a feeder that is inaccessible to other wildlife species. Clean up spilled bird food.
- Trim tree branches that overhang the house.
- Fix any holes or openings that allow access to attics, porches, basements, garages or sheds.
- Do not leave pets alone outside unattended.
- Note: Unless a wild animal is showing abnormal behaviors, it is not necessarily cause for alarm to see them out during the day, even if they are a nocturnal species.

Additional Resources:

The Humane Society of the United States offers the guidelines linked [here](#).

City Announces Neighborhood Street Improvements in Ward 5, Ward 9 and Ward 11

During the week of May 17, 2021, the City of Cleveland's Residential Resurfacing will begin in Ward 5 and Ward 11. Advance notice signs will be posted to advise the public of road improvements. The following streets will be resurfaced and completed by the end of July 2021.

Ward 5:

- Hillman Avenue (East 65th Street to Broadway Ave)
- East 57th Street (Francis Avenue to Maurice Avenue)
- East 61st Street (Scovill Avenue to Outhwaite Avenue)
- East 73rd Street (Central Avenue to Cedar Avenue)
- East 64th Street (Scovill Avenue to Quincy Avenue)
- Chamberlin Avenue (East 71st Street to East 74th Street)
- Montgomery Avenue (East 71st Street to East 74th Street)

Ward 11:

- West 102nd Street (Thrush Avenue to Jasper Road)
- West 94th Street (Denison Avenue to Almira Avenue)
- Parkhurst Drive (West 110th Street to Bosworth Road)
- West 98th Street (Lorain Avenue to S. Marginal Drive)
- Peony Avenue (Bosworth Road to Thrush Avenue)

During the week of May 24, 2021, the City of Cleveland's Residential Resurfacing will begin in Ward 9. Advance notice signs will be posted to advise the public of road improvements. The following streets will be resurfaced and completed by the end of July 2021.

- Saywell Avenue (Lakeview Road to East 123rd Street)
- Amor Avenue (East 105th Street to Parkwood Drive)
- Grantwood Avenue (E 105th Street to Parkwood Drive)
- Olivet Avenue (East 99th Street to East 105th Street)

One lane of traffic will be maintained for local traffic for the duration of each project and no detours are expected. Access to all businesses, residences and side streets will be maintained during construction. On-street parking will not be allowed during construction.

2021 Road Resurfacing Project Description:

- This work represents an investment of \$12 million in the City's Residential Roadways.
- With the completion of the Pavement Management Study in 2017 and the continued evaluation of the City's roadway network, the City has a grading system that allows streets in the greatest need of resurfacing to be selected for repair. The City is using the 'worst first' approaches for road resurfacing.
- The City estimates it will resurface approximately 76 residential streets in 2021.
- The City will also be using the 'fix-it-first' approach to restore a high pavement condition rating to streets that are fair condition.
- The City estimates it will employ this method on 11 residential streets.

Questions? Contact the City's Administrative Manager, Cherita Anglen at (216) 420-7605.

****Editor's Note:*** Road construction invariably presents hazards to the public. All travelers are urged to use caution in construction zones. Public safety and the safety of workers is a top priority.

Other Important Reminders

City of Cleveland Distributes COVID-19 Vaccines

Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) will be distributing COVID-19 vaccines to students, parents and community members ages 16 and up. Walk-ins are welcome or [click here to register](#) or call the CDPH at (216) 664-2222, Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

View the distribution dates below:

- Saturday, May 15 at Bethany Christian Church at 3940 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday, May 15 at Urban Kutz Barbershop at 4491 Pearl Rd. from Noon to 4:30 p.m.

Application Deadline Extended for CMSD Board Appointment

Mayor Frank G. Jackson has announced that the application deadline has been extended from now until Monday, May 17, 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 17, 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](#)

Crime Stoppers Offering Double Cash-Rewards for Solving Violent Crimes

Murders and other crimes of violence involving a firearm have drastically increased in Cuyahoga County the past year. Crime Stoppers Chairman Dr. Rustom Khouri today announced that the Crime Stoppers Board of Directors has approved an increase in their reward payments for information on violent crimes. Crime Stoppers will now pay anonymous tipsters rewards up to \$5,000 for tip information on Murders and violent crimes involving a firearm.

Crime Stoppers recognizes that Homicides, Drive-by-Shootings, and Car-Jacking's are increasing at an alarming rate in Cuyahoga County. Crime Stoppers is hoping that an increase in reward money will encourage more people to provide information that will aide law enforcement in identifying and prosecuting violent criminals.

The Cleveland Division of Police greatly appreciates the hard work done by Crimestoppers of Cuyahoga County, Inc. each day. It is our hope that the increase in the reward monies offered will encourage more people to come through with information for our investigators.

Crime Stoppers of Cuyahoga County operates under the direction of the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department. Crime Stoppers assists all local and federal law enforcement agencies in Cuyahoga County. Crime Stoppers receives several hundred anonymous tips each year that result in the identity and prosecution of violent offenders.

Anonymous Tips can be called-in directly to the TIP-LINE at 216-25CRIME (252-7463) or sent electronically at www.25crime.com.

Crime Stoppers Media Contacts:

- John Minek (216) 443-7234
- Richard McIntosh (216) 443-7234

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 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.

Upcoming Cleveland Transformation Alliance Meetings

The Cleveland Transformation Alliance Committee (CTA) is currently hosting public meetings via Zoom or Microsoft Teams. For more information on these meetings, please visit <http://www.myCLEschool.org>. See details for upcoming meetings below:

Cleveland Plan Progress Committee Refresh Retreat

May 20 at 12 p.m. via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82540245006?pwd=UitTY1hhUkR0T1VQRmI2SWtLVGtldz09>

Meeting ID: 825 4024 5006

Passcode: 137013

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Charter Review Committee

May 26 at 2 p.m. via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/93672703571?pwd=aklpLzNHKzRmWTIxakZwT29ScFZ1UT09>

Meeting ID: 936 7270 3571

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Cleveland Transformation Alliance Board Meeting

June 14th at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/98910223903?pwd=cEk2SjI5YllabGJPSEYyS2xESEVUUT09>

Meeting ID: 989 1022 3903

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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.