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City of Cleveland Daily News Updates - #360

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.

Cleveland Land Bank Web Map Viewer Now Available

The City of Cleveland Land Reutilization Program (aka Land Bank) is one of five legacy land banks in the United States, and was established in 1976 to foster the return of nonproductive land in the City of Cleveland to productive reuse. The program aims to contribute to the economic, social, and environmental betterment of the City of Cleveland by transferring abandoned property into the hands of responsible parties committed to restoring it.

The City of Cleveland Land Bank has over 13,000 vacant parcels that are available for public sale as sites for new home constructions or as side yards for existing homeowners. As the inventory of Cleveland Land Bank lots has grown in recent years, public interest in acquiring and developing those properties has increased. The Department of Community Development is launching a public website to improve customer service by highlighting the availability of the City's Land Bank inventory and providing an online tool for submitting applications to acquire Land Bank property. To view the website, [click here](#).

This website has been developed in collaboration with The City of Cleveland's CD GIS Team and the Cleveland GIS team. The web map will improve customer service for parties seeking to acquire and redevelop vacant lots owned by the City of Cleveland Land Bank, and increase the operational efficiency of city staff. The public can access the location of Cleveland Land Bank's available parcels on this web map along with property information from a link to online County records. This map will be updated every two weeks, the second Monday and the fourth Monday of each month. The map viewer includes a user-friendly online application submission tool to streamline the process for submitting Land Bank applications. Also, the map includes layers that identify CDC service areas, Wards, Cleveland neighborhood boundaries, and possible large lot / small lot configurations.

For more information about the Cleveland Land Bank program, you may leave a message at (216) 664-4126 or send an email to CD-DND@city.cleveland.oh.us.

Virtual Public Information Presentation: Lorain Avenue Rehabilitation and Bicycle Facilities

Mayor Frank G. Jackson, Ward 3 Councilman Kerry McCormack, Ward 15 Councilwoman Jenny Spencer, the Mayor's Office of Capital Projects and the Division of Engineering and Construction invite you to participate in a Virtual Public Information Presentation regarding the Lorain Avenue Rehabilitation and Bicycle Facilities. This presentation will include conceptual plans and preliminary construction cost estimates for bicycle facilities along Lorain Avenue, from West 65th St. to West 20th St. To participate, visit www.LivingLorainCycling.com from May 24, 2021 to June 18, 2021.

Public input is wanted to finalize the type of bicycle facilities to be included in the road rehabilitation project. These are the choices:

1. Sidewalk-level cycle-track from W. 44th to W. 20th
2. Sidewalk-level multi-purpose trail
3. Street-level dedicated bike lanes
4. Combination or hybrid options

The rehabilitation project will also include pavement repair or replacement; new asphalt surface course; new walks and curb ramps to make pedestrian walkways compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); multi-modal transportation enhancements; drainage and utility replacements and improvements; new signage and pavement markings; and traffic signal upgrades.

Construction cost estimates vary depending on the type of bicycle facility. The construction schedule also varies depending on the selected bicycle facility since additional construction funding will be needed for some of the options.

To see the full flyer for this presentation, [click here](#).

Cleveland Hopkins International Airport Passenger Travel Data

Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE), like other airports worldwide, has had a dramatic drop in air service and travelers due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Concerns over health and safety, as well as quarantines, coupled with many businesses cancelling travel and leisure travelers staying home, have impacted flights.

We are currently averaging 10,426 passengers for the week of May 9 to May 15, compared with the 314 passengers we reported in April 2020. [Click here to view regularly updated numbers on airport travel on the Hopkins website](#).

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:

- Friday, May 21 at Saint Ignatius High School at 1911 W. 30th St. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday, May 22 at Central Catholic High School 6550 Baxter Ave. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Other Important Reminders

Cleveland Department of Public Health Releases (CDPH) COVID-19 Case Summary

CDPH has been notified of 522 new coronavirus cases in city residents for May 2 – May 8. This brings the total to 31,962 confirmed cases in the City of Cleveland and 472 fatalities. [Click here to view the entire COVID-19 case summary.](#)

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

Dille Road Closure to Through Traffic

On Tuesday, May 25th, Cleveland Cliffs will be closing Dille Road between Independence Road and Broadway Avenue to all through traffic to complete a railroad crossing replacement project. Dille Road will remain closed to through traffic through Thursday, May 27th. Detour signage will be posted.

- Through traffic from Broadway Avenue will be diverted either North or South.
- All traffic from Independence Road will be diverted either North or South.
- Cleveland Cliffs employees that utilize the Dille Road parking lot will have access from Broadway Avenue.

This project consists of replacing the railroad track structure, ballast, crossing panels and pavement on 6' of both sides of the crossing.

Road construction invariably presents hazards to the public. We urge all travelers to use caution in the construction zones. Your safety and the safety of our workers are our greatest concern. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this important public improvement project.

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/>

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