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City of Cleveland Daily News Updates - #379

The City of Cleveland today made the following announcements:

City of Cleveland Announces the Passing of Officer James Butler; Flags Will Be Lowered

The Cleveland Division of Police is deeply saddened to announce the passing of one of our Officers. Detective James A. Butler passed away on June 16, 2021. James A. Butler served the Division of Police for over 27 years. In recognition of his service, Mayor Frank G. Jackson has authorized the lowering of the American Flag at all police stations in the City of Cleveland from sunset today, June 18, until sunrise the day after funeral services.

Detective James A. Butler, 62 began his career with the Division of Police in 1994. After the completion of the Police Academy, he was assigned to the former Sixth District where he served for many years. James also spent time as City Council Security before joining the Sex Crimes and Child Abuse Unit in 2002.

City of Cleveland Drafts Legislation Recognizing Juneteenth as a Holiday

Council Leaders Kevin Kelley, Blaine Griffin and Jasmin Santana are thankful for Congress' actions and President Joe Biden's signature to create a new federal holiday - the Juneteenth National Independence Day - commemorating the emancipation of those who had been enslaved in the United States.

They are also gratified that Mayor Jackson and his administration drafted an ordinance declaring June 19th an official holiday for city employees. Council members will take up the legislation at its July 14th meeting.

"This is truly an inspirational time for descendants of slaves across our nation, including here in the city of Cleveland," said Councilman Blaine Griffin. "I look forward to passing legislation as soon as possible to make sure Juneteenth is embedded in the city.

"But we want this to be more than a ceremonial act, but a step towards meaningful and impactful changes we are taking to make Cleveland a more equitable city."

Council is in summer recess and July 14th is the next scheduled meeting.

“It’s important that while we commemorate this day, we must acknowledge that true equality and equity is still a goal in Cleveland and across the country,” said Council President Kevin Kelley.

And Councilwoman Jasmin Santana noted, “this is just one step. We all need to work towards making Cleveland a more equitable city. But I want to thank the administration for crafting this legislation.”

Mayor Frank Jackson said, “We have drafted legislation to commemorate the holiday and to help ensure we can all use it as a time of reflection, action and an opportunity to enact change.

“Over 150 years ago, Black people were emancipated from slavery on this day,” the mayor continued. “While significant progress has been made since then, there is still quite a bit of work to be done. Institutionalized racism, inequities and disparities still exist. Juneteenth is a reminder of a period of time in our history, and the challenges we still face today.”

Juneteenth – originally called Jubilee Day – celebrates the anniversary of June 19, 1865 when Union Army General Gordon Granger read the announcement of General Order No. 3 throughout the city of Galveston proclaiming freedom for slaves in Texas. General Granger had been sent to Texas to enforce the emancipation of the slaves and nullify all laws passed within the state during the war by Confederate lawmakers.

President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1862, and it became effective on January 1, 1863, declaring that all enslaved persons in the Confederate States of America in rebellion and not in Union hands were freed. But the war, and slavery, continued on for more than two years.

While Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered on April 9, 1865, the western Army of the Trans-Mississippi did not surrender until June 2nd.

During the Civil War, farmers and other slaveholders had migrated into Texas from eastern states to escape the fighting, and many brought enslaved people with them, greatly increasing the enslaved population. In 1865, there were an estimated 250,000 enslaved people in Texas.

Formerly enslaved people in Galveston celebrated after the announcement. On June 19, 1866, one year after the announcement, freedmen in Texas organized the first of what became the annual celebration of Jubilee Day.

Despite being declared free, in some cities Black people were barred from using public parks because of state-sponsored segregation. Freed people pooled their funds to purchase land to hold their celebrations.

If passed by council and signed by the mayor in July, this will be the 10th paid holiday for city of Cleveland employees starting in 2022.

City of Cleveland Requests Federal Funding for Redevelopment of Superior and Lorain Avenue

The City of Cleveland has requested federal funding for the redevelopment of Superior and Lorain Avenues. Mayor Frank G. Jackson and Director of City Planning Freddy Collier Jr. addressed letters to Senator Sherrod Brown in support of the Superior Avenue Midway Track (Public Square

to East 55th Street) and the Lorain Avenue Rehabilitation and Bicycle Facilities (West 65th to West 20th) Projects.

Both Superior and Lorain Avenues are critical large streets in the City of Cleveland and will undergo major redevelopment that will allow both streets to accommodate bicyclists, transit and motorists; as well as, help calm traffic and reduce accidents. The newly installed bicycle facilities, coupled with the new bus stop locations and routes will provide multi-modal connections, the narrower pavement, and the elimination of travel lanes (on Lorain) will promote lower travel speeds, improve traffic flow and decrease vehicle-on-vehicle collision rates. The Superior Midway Cycle Track Plan will create a continuous 10'-wide sidewalk-level cycle track within a 30'-wide median on Superior Avenue between Public Square and East 55th Street.

Multimodal Transportation has been a priority for the Administration of Mayor Jackson given the various trail projects that have been implemented by the City of Cleveland and our partners. These projects are vital to the City and our neighborhoods and will help advance local infrastructure.

[Click here to view the letters from Mayor Jackson and Director of City Planning Freddy Collier.](#)

[Click here to view additional details for the projects.](#)

City of Cleveland Division of Recreation Hiring Seasonal Life Guards

The City of Cleveland is hiring seasonal life guards. Applicants must possess current certifications for American Red Cross Lifeguarding Training and First Aid as well as CPR for the Professional Rescuer. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, June 30.

[Click here to view the job posting.](#)

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

CDPH has been notified of 96 new coronavirus cases in city residents for June 6 – June 12. This brings the total to 33,434 confirmed cases in the City of Cleveland and 499 fatalities. [Click here to view the entire COVID-19 case summary.](#)

City of Cleveland Distributes COVID-19 Vaccines

The Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) is currently distributing COVID-19 vaccines to students, parents and community members ages 12 and up. For more information, visit <https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov> or call CDPH at (216) 664-2222, Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. View upcoming vaccination offerings below:

- Saturday, June 19 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Juneteenth Freedom Fest, Downtown Cleveland, Mall C
 - [Click here to view the flyer.](#)
- Wednesday, June 23 from Noon to 4 p.m. at The Intergenerational School, 11327 Shaker Blvd.
 - View the flyer in [English here](#), and in [Spanish here](#).
- Saturday, June 26 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Rainbow Terrace Learning Center, 7310 Carson Ave.

- [Click here to view the flyers.](#)
- Saturday, June 26 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Friendly Inn Settlement House at 2386 Unwin Rd.
 - [Click here to view the flyers.](#)

Other Important Reminders

Parking Restrictions Announced During Home Baseball Games

As Progressive Field has announced that fan capacity will return to normal levels, the Cleveland Division of Police has instituted a parking ban in the area of Rocket Mortgage Field House and Progressive Field which will be in effect during home baseball games. Motorists are encouraged to check meters and signage prior to parking for games or events.

The parking ban extends from:

- Prospect Avenue at Ontario Street to E. 9th Street
- West Huron from Ontario Street to Prospect Avenue
- E. 4th Street from Prospect Avenue to West Huron
- High from E. 2nd to E. 4th Street
- E. 2nd Street from High to Prospect
- E. 9th Street Euclid Avenue to Bolivar Avenue
- Bolivar Avenue from E. 9th Street to E 6th Street

To view a map of the no-parking zones, [click here.](#)

City of Cleveland Announces Participation in Nationwide “Month of Action”

Mayor Frank G. Jackson today announced that the City of Cleveland will be participating in the United States Conference of Mayor’s “Month of Action” Vaccine Challenge. The U.S. Conference of Mayors is launching its month-long challenge to get Americans vaccinated on June 4, with a goal of having 70% of Americans vaccinated by the 4th of July.

This effort is led by the United States Conference of Mayors in conjunction with President Joe Biden, the White House, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Though more than 290 million shots have been administered in cities nationwide since December 2020, only 49% percent of adults have received one shot or been fully vaccinated.

To view the full press release from the U.S. Conference of Mayors, [click here.](#)

For more information on the “Mayors Challenge” including a list of participating mayors, see [here.](#) To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine, head to vaccines.gov or call the National COVID-19 Vaccination Assistance Hotline at 1-800-232-0233.

City of Cleveland Encourages Residents to Practice COVID-19 Safety Measures

Mayor Frank G. Jackson lifted the city’s Proclamation of Civil Emergency upon its expiration May 31. In light of this, Mayor Jackson and the City of Cleveland strongly recommend and encourage residents to continue adhering to health guidelines:

- Get vaccinated. The Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH) offers vaccination clinics each week at various locations. To schedule an appointment or get information on CDPH vaccination events or other local vaccine providers, call the City of Cleveland's COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center at (216) 664-2222

If you have not been vaccinated, continue to follow CDC guidelines:

- Continue to wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth in public settings and anywhere you will be around other people who do not reside in your household.
- Stay 6 feet apart from others who do not reside in your household.
- Avoid crowds.
- Avoid indoor areas that are poorly ventilated.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

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.

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:

Executive Committee

Monday, June 21, 2021 at 4 p.m.

Via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/94545963559?pwd=V2xBSUZCYThCV3pTRUZ6Zld5a0E0UT09>

Meeting ID: 945 4596 3559

Passcode: 160565

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Meeting ID: 945 4596 3559

Passcode: 160565

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/abA4eeDgfC>

Cleveland Plan Progress Committee Refresh Discussion

Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 1 p.m.

Via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86299397517?pwd=Wkx2Z00vdzdXSFZCZmZ0aWQ0bVlmZz09>

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Charter Review Committee

Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 9 a.m.

Via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97784733013?pwd=aEQ5b1A0U0JJRW9aMGVWVGw5QVBIz09>

Meeting ID: 977 8473 3013

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Communication and Engagement Committee

Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 3 p.m.

Greater Cleveland Partnership

KeyBank Conference Room

1240 Huron Road E

Cleveland, Oh 44115

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 www.clevelandohio.gov, or follow @CityofCleveland on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).