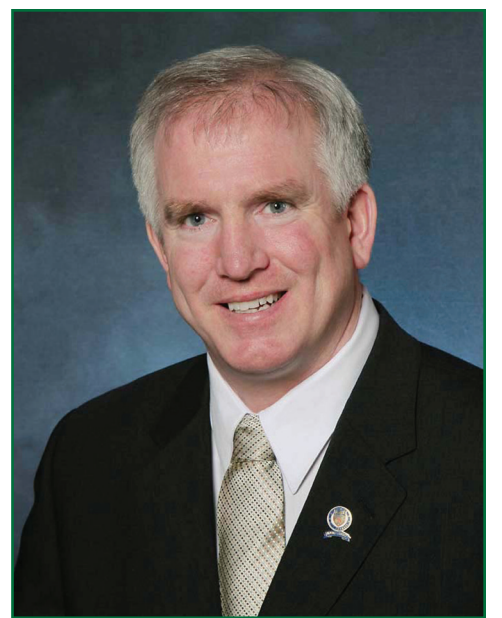


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Hello, Councilman Martin J. Sweeney here with the 40th Edition of Neighborhood News! Summer has flown by and the kids are back in school – it has been a great one celebrating with all the neighbors at all the great events throughout our city. I hope this message finds you and your family well.

As the 2013-2014 school year begins, I want to give residents a quick update on John Marshall High School. The school held a long-awaited groundbreaking ceremony on July 18th, and we are looking forward to the new high school building to open for the 2015 school year. The Bellaire Puritas website, www.bpd.org has a web page dedicated to the development of the building, a video tour of the building design, and surveys for community input on the academic programming of the school.

In addition to construction at John Marshall, residents may have noticed construction beginning on the new Family Dollar on W. 130th Street. Renderings and photos of the current site can be seen below. We are very excited to welcome a new business into our ward and look forward to the grand opening soon.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we will be expecting the expansion of the City of Cleveland's automated waste collection

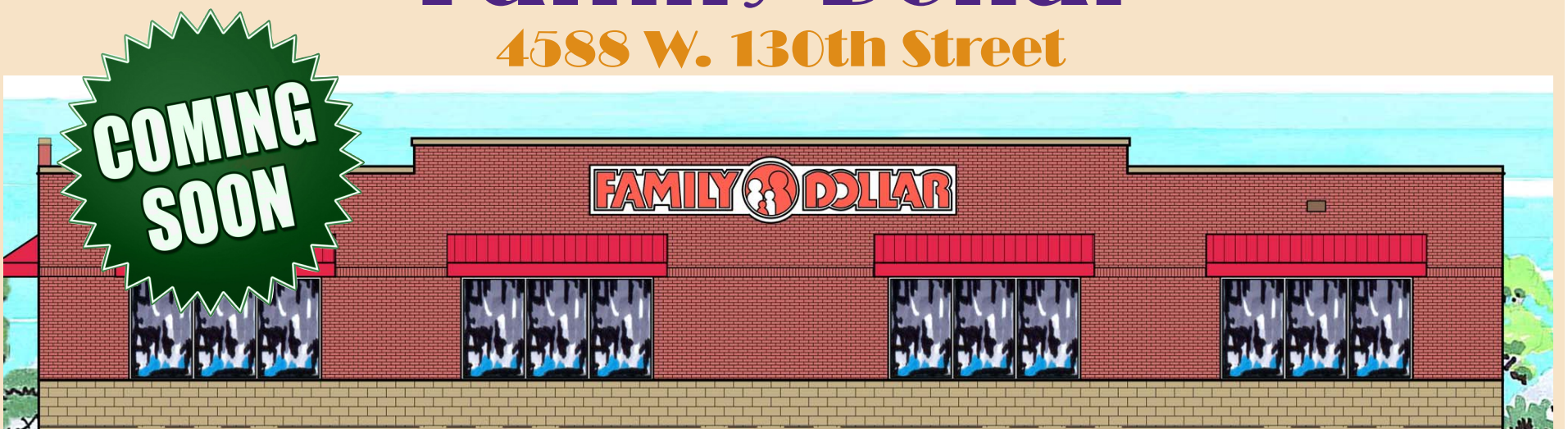
and curbside recycling program to an additional 25,000 households this October. More residents will have the convenience of simply rolling their waste and recycling carts to the curb in the city issued carts. The new carts have been a great success in the areas that they currently service and have helped the Division of Waste Collection keep our neighborhoods clean and green. Unfortunately, our ward still has two remaining areas without the automated trash pickup, including the southeast portion of the ward off of 130th and the area around Jefferson Park. I will continue to push for the city to include these areas as soon as possible, and I hope to include them by next year. For more information about the City of Cleveland Automated Waste Collection and Curbside Recycling Program, please call 216-664-3717.

As you can see, the Ward 18 community continues to grow and thrive – and it is thanks to the support of wonderful and active residents like you. I encourage you to call Maureen or myself at the Ward 18 office at 664-2942 or my house at 252-0986 with any of your concerns or questions. Together, we continue to make a difference.

Martin J. Sweeney

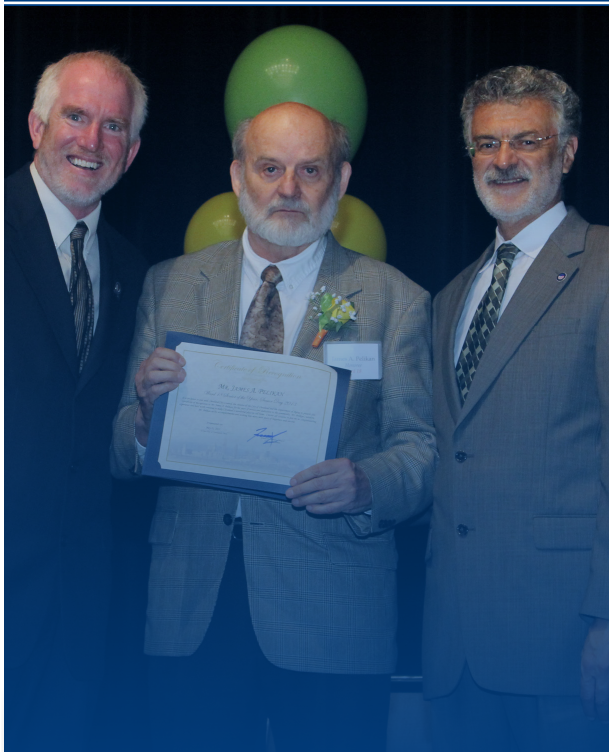
Family Dollar

4588 W. 130th Street



The store will be located at 4588 W. 130th St., at the southwest corner of Wilton Avenue, across the street from the West Park Slovenian National Home. To make way for the store, two structures had to be demolished: the former site of the landmark Family Trio Restaurant & Party Center that was founded in 1950 and previously owned by the Racchi family. It has been used by several small businesses since the restaurant closed in the late 1990s. We look forward to a new business in our ward - welcome Family Dollar!

OUTSTANDING *Senior of the Year* JAMES PELIKAN



Mr. James Pelikan grew up in Cleveland and has lived at his current residence for nearly 30 years. He is married to Rebecca Brady. He has three daughters and two step children. He and Rebecca share eight grandchildren.

Mr. Pelikan is a graduate of St. Ignatius High School. He attended undergraduate school at Xavier University and received his Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Chicago. Mr. Pelikan also received a Doctoral Candidate Degree in Medical Care Organization from the University of Michigan.

Mr. Pelikan worked at MetroHealth Medical Center for 14 years as the Associate Vice President of Ambulatory and Pre-paid Care. He was responsible for managing Outpatient Services. While there he developed a system of cooperation among executive staff. He also created tools to help staff communicate more effectively together. He felt these systems helped to foster a team environment and allowed teams to work more efficiently during times of crisis.

Mr. Pelikan operated his own community consulting agency called Organization & Community Inc. He mediated relationships between organizations and the people they served. He helped the organizations and community members work together to serve one another's interests.

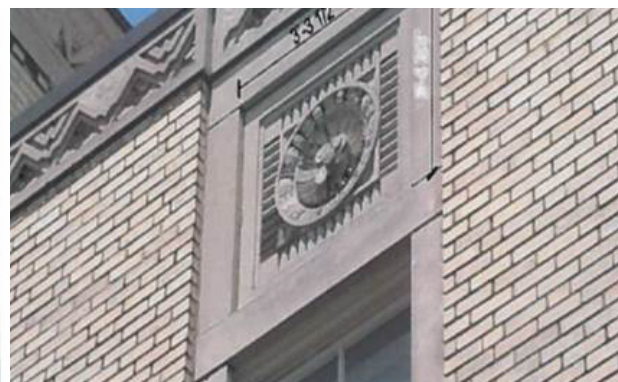
Currently, Mr. Pelikan is actively engaged in issues regarding the Cleveland Municipal School District and attends every school board meeting. During the Education Summit he facilitated parent engagement meetings. He is also a member of the Neighborhood Education Committee.

Mr. Pelikan previously served as President of the Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation. He is an active member of St. Malachi Church where he is a member of the Lay Fraternity of Brother Charles de Foucauld. He has an orientation toward social justice. He enjoys reading and riding his mountain bike.

Community Updates from the

Bellaire Puritas Development Corporation

Public Art Planning for W. 140th Street Corridor



Bellaire Puritas Development Corporation received a grant from Cuyahoga Arts and Culture to engage the community in developing a plan for public art along West 140th Street. As part of the project, they hope to use stone remnants of the recently demolished John Marshall High School.

In order to carry out the project they needed input from the public. A website has been established where users can submit sketches, take a survey, comment, blog and keep up to date on what is happening with the public art plan. Bellaire Puritas also set up a community meeting on July 30 where residents attended and gave their opinions on the public art.

For more information on this public art project and how to input your ideas, please visit <http://publicart.bpdc.org>.

Community Input on John Marshall High School

The Cleveland Metropolitan School District, CMSD, Academic Department is currently exploring what curriculum should be in place at John Marshall High School when it opens for 1250 students in August 2015.

Give your feedback! What academic program is the best fit for our youth and their future, and the future of our neighborhood? The Neighborhood Education Committee (NEC) with the support of the Bellaire Puritas Development Corporation, BPDC, is conducting a survey to get community input on John Marshall's academics as part of the planning process.

Please share your input by being part of a brief survey: www.surveymonkey.com/s/NECJohn-Marshall. For more information about community meetings about John Marshall High School, please contact Ian Heisey at BPDC at 671-2710 or i.heisey@bpdc.org.

The John Marshall Alumni Association is selling commemorative bricks from the school to support their college scholarship fund and to support student projects. For more information about how to order a brick with a plaque, email info@jmhalumni.com or call 440-356-0249.

See the designs for the new John Marshall High School. If you want to view a slide show with designs for the new school, go to the BPDC website at www.bpdc.org, click on "planning and development", then click "John Marshall redevelopment" and go to "view slideshow."

Neighborhood Mediation

Having a conflict with a neighbor or problem on your street? Maybe Bellaire Puritas Development Corporation can help. Call Ian Heisey, BPDC Mediation Coordinator at 216.671.2710 or i.heisey@bpdc.org to go over your options.

Crime surveillance cameras coming to Ward 18

Councilman Martin Sweeney funds Homeland Security cameras to improve safety and deter crime in our community

In 2007 the Cleveland Department of Public Safety purchased four cameras for a pilot program to work in concert with the Cleveland Police and Homeland Security. In addition to using these cameras for real-time emergency surveillance, the cameras record vital information on the scene of an incident. The images are broadcast to the Cleveland Police Video Management Center for remote viewing and recording for safety and security programming, and emergency planning and response capabilities.

Currently, the cameras are located in the downtown area. They can be spotted by their flashing blue LED light and Cleveland Police logo. The cameras record video continuously on a 24-7 basis so that recorded incidents can be accessed by police to aid in solving crimes. The cameras record video approximately four blocks in every direction. They are so powerful that they can zoom in on individuals and activities close enough to identify criminals.

Councilman Martin Sweeney has been waiting to participate in this program in order to increase safety in ward 18. He seized this opportunity and allocated funds to purchase the first phase of Homeland Security Cameras for Ward 18.

The current plan is to install 11 cameras throughout ward 18 including Lorain and W. 140th, Lorain and W. 136th, W. 130th and Bellaire, W. 130th and Wilton, W. 130th and Sprecher, W. 150th at the Marriot, W. 150th and Puritas, W. 143rd and Puritas and McGowan, Terminal and Jefferson Parks. The cameras will be online in October. Stay tuned for more information as we work on making Ward 18 a safer area to live, work and play.



WARD 18 RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



John Paul Ihejirika

John Paul Ihejirika was born in Owerri, Nigeria in December of 1981. The youngest of five siblings, John Paul's family immigrated to the United States when he was four years old to Abilene, Texas.

When John Paul was in second grade, his family moved to Cleveland in an attempt to secure better immigration status. He attended St. Rose of Lima grade school and moved to the Westpark area in the 9th grade. He attended John Marshall High School and met Councilman Sweeney because of his love for basketball and tennis. He would visit Jefferson Park near Councilman Sweeney's home and encourage him to play basketball.

Eventually, John Paul married and bought a home that was a 5 minute walk from Jefferson Park. He has known Councilman Sweeney for almost 20 years. On July 19, 2013, John Paul became a US citizen. Councilman Sweeney congratulates John Paul Ihejirika on his citizenship and thanks him for his dedication to the ward 18 community.

Your City, Your Ward 18: Scenes from the Neighborhood



Rockport Apartments Ribbon-cutting, July 2013

The Finch Group celebrated the remodeling of Rockport Apartments with tours, games, and BBQ. Across the street from BPDC, the complex not only received a cosmetic improvement, but new management, full apartment renovations, new common areas, new roof structure and exterior treatments, and an attractive rental office adorning Puritas Avenue.



PPG 50th Anniversary of Automotive Electrocoat, July 2013

PPG Industries, Inc. and its employees marked a milestone 50th anniversary for Automotive Electrocoat at their Cleveland plant at W. 143rd St. and Lorain Avenue. The primer was first developed and produced at the Cleveland plant and later PPG commercialized the technology.

Senior Transportation Connection A great program for ward 18 seniors!

Ward 18 seniors have a great program to meet their transportation needs called the Senior Transportation Connection (STC). Funded by Councilman Sweeney, the program serves people 60 years of age or older who have limited options for transportation services. The Senior Transportation Connection provides two, one-way trips per week to eligible riders. Here are the details:

How to use the service:

- First-time riders **must call** the Cleveland Department of Aging at 216-664-2833
- Riders need to provide a name, address, phone number, and emergency contact information
- Intake workers will verify the home address, and refer the rider to the provider – Senior Transportation Connection – 800-983-4782

Scheduling your ride:

- Riders must call 800-983-4782 to schedule a trip
- Service is available Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
- Riders need to provide STC with information including the name, address, and phone number of the destination and the duration of the visit/appointment.
- Riders must schedule a trip by noon two days

before they travel, but may schedule up to two weeks in advance

- Riders are also expected to contact the call center by 7:00 am to cancel any trip

Priority, Cost, and Assistants:

- Medical related trips are a priority and must be located within Cuyahoga County
- Personal shopping and errands must be within the City of Cleveland. Riders are limited to five (5) shopping bags per trip
- A fare of \$1 per one-way trip will be charged. Drivers are not permitted to make change on the van or accept tips
- Riders may have a personal care assistant (PCA) or escort with them. However, they must provide this information when scheduling the trip. No fare is charged for PCA/Escort riders as long as they are assisting the individual

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION CONNECTION

If you have any questions about the Senior Transportation Connection program, please call the Department of Aging at 216-664-2833 or the Office of Councilman Sweeney at 216-664-2942.

Tips from Maureen's Desk:

Greetings from your Ward 18 office. Once again, I hope you find the following information useful and helpful.

As I type this article, the leaves are still green and hanging on the trees, but they will on the ground before you know it. This is a REMINDER that the City no longer offers leaf pick-up service! This is our third season with out the program and I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that uncontained LEAVES MUST NOT BE LEFT ON THE TREELAWN! Place your collected leaves in trash containers or paper lawn bags and set them out with your regular trash on your scheduled waste pick-up day. Leaves left on the treelawn will NOT be picked up by the city and will clog our sewers and blow all over the street! Please help us keep our neighborhood streets clear of leaf debris! If you are a senior or disabled and have difficulty raking and bagging your leaves, please contact our office at 216-664-2942 and we will do our best to assist you!

Speaking of our wonderful seniors, our Office on Aging does an awesome job working with our senior residents on a variety of issues:

Chore Services: Provides home maintenance tasks, which may include: general house cleaning, lawn mowing, leaf raking, snow removal, simple home repairs, installation of smoke and/or carbon monoxide detectors, and removing or installing storm windows. Call 216-664-3998

Economic Security Project: Helps seniors improve their economic situation by providing core services including: assistance with public benefits, housing, employment, emergency assistance, financial counseling, legal assistance, health and mental health services, supportive services and kinship family support. Call 216-664-2833.

Senior Homeowner Assistance Program (SHAP): Provides a grant to low-income seniors and adults with disabilities who own and reside in one or two family unit homes, needing critical health or safety repairs (see income chart inside brochure). Typical repairs include: roof/gutter replacement, major electrical, major plumbing, porch replacement and installation of a ramp or lift. Call 216-664-2833.

Senior Initiative: Provides seniors and adults with disabilities assistance to help them avoid becoming victims of scam contractors and avoid housing code violations. This initiative is a co-operative effort among several city departments. Call 216-664-3098.

Water Bill and Waste Collection Discount: Older adults (65 and older) and adults with disabilities that qualify for the Water Department's Homestead discount (income guidelines apply) also qualify for a discount on the waste collection fee. For more information, please contact Customer Service at 216-664-3130. For information on Cleveland Water utility discount programs for senior homeowners please contact Customer Service at 216-664-3130.

Sewer Bill Discounts: For information about cost saving programs with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District call 216-881-8247 or visit www.neorsd.org/rates.

Department of Community Development Home Repairs Program: 216-664-2045

Home Weatherization Program (HWAP): A grant that provides up to \$6,769 per unit which are available through the state of Ohio for homeowners and tenants who meet income guidelines. Call 216-664-2045.

Repair A Home (RAH): A low interest loan/grant program that is available to income eligible, owner occupants for home repair. Contact 216-664-2045 to obtain information.

It is an honor and pleasure to assist Councilman Sweeney in serving the residents of Ward 18. Please call our office with any neighborhood concerns you may have. That's why I'm here!

Keep the calls coming!

Maureen

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Cleveland's Finest Residents - Cleveland's Finest Ward - Together We are Making a Difference



A Message from Mayor Frank G. Jackson

What is a city but its people and the neighborhoods they live in? Cleveland has many great assets, but none more important than the people who live in our neighbor-

hoods.

My goal is to invest in the City's neighborhoods in a way that builds upon each neighborhood's strengths and addresses its challenges. In doing so, we will improve quality of life for everyone, in every ward and every neighborhood. Early on in my time as mayor, I reinstated the City's five year capital program to insure that we had a plan for investing the city's limited capital dollars. We use those dollars to attract additional funding from the county and the state and in doing so, we multiply the impact our dollars have.

We were successful in leveraging local funding for the upcoming \$4.1 million Puritas Avenue Rehabilitation Project, that will improve 2.3 miles of Puritas Avenue from Rocky River Drive to West 130th Street. Improvements will include complete asphalt replacement, new curbs, sidewalks, aprons, ADA ramps and catch basins if needed. Funding for the project is through a state grant and City of Cleveland general obligation bonds. Construction is scheduled to begin next spring

and be complete by the end of 2014.

These improvements will not only make the drive down Puritas better, they will improve the walking experience in the neighborhood and help support local businesses and can encourage community and economic development. Additional street projects are being planned in Ward 18 over the next four years, as well, and smaller street resurfacing projects will continue. This summer, we allocated additional funding to help preserve our streets investments, by proactively sealing minor cracks in the road surface to help prevent further damage.

But streets are just part of the targeted investment for our neighborhoods. Investments in recreation are critical for your quality of life. Many of you take advantage of the programs and facilities at Gunning Recreation Center and will be happy to note that the facility will have renovated locker rooms in the coming months. Design work recently began and construction will begin after the winter programs have been completed.

These investments, and every one we make in our neighborhoods, will have a positive impact on your quality of life. Ward 18 is rich with community parks, neighborhood gardens, industry, neighborhood retail and residential living and it is important that we as a city continue to invest in your neighborhoods in a way that supports these strengths.

City of Cleveland Automated Waste Collection and Recycling



As the city continues to roll out the Automated Waste Collection to more and more neighborhoods, it is important for all residents to do their part in keeping the neighborhood safe and clean.

Trash setout guidelines:

- Trash in cans or other containers should weigh less than 70 lbs.
- Set out trash no earlier than noon on the day before your regular trash collection day
- Remove your waste containers no later than noon the following day
- Limit your set out of large bulk material
- Keep your cut and bundled wood / branches to 3 ft in length and 24" in diameter
- If you received City Issued Carts – Recycling is mandatory
- Place all newspapers, cardboard, magazines, glass, aluminum and plastic material in your blue cart
- Put all other waste material such as food and non-recyclables in the black or grey waste cart
- Bulk items such as furniture and yard waste will be collected by a separate truck on your collection day