



*June 2019 Newsletter*

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### Climate Change Action Plan

Last month Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish released the **Cuyahoga County Climate Change Action Plan**. The plan identifies five key focus areas to help achieve the County's goal of mitigating the effects of climate change and adapting to an already changing climate. Two different aspects were focused on: how to slow or even stop some of the effects of climate change, and, where we can't stop what's happening, looking at how to make our community more resilient. We're working on things like:

- Investing \$5 million over five years to restore our tree canopy
- Increasing the deployment and use of solar energy in our county
- Connecting our trails and pathways into the Greenway Plan
- Helping to establish and fund a GreenBank, a fund that invests in clean energy projects
- Providing incentives for transit-oriented development
- Working with Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) on an electric vehicle charging plan

This is a real issue that has tangible effects on the health and well-being of county residents. The Action Plan lays out **ways you can adopt more sustainable practices in your day-to-day life**, such as planting trees in your yard and purchasing an electric vehicle or hybrid.

You can find the entire Climate Change Action Plan on the [Cuyahoga County Planning Commission Website](#).

### Social Security Scam Alert

The Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs and its Scam Squad partners are issuing an **urgent alert to County residents to hang up on callers who claim there's a problem with their Social Security accounts**. Someone posing as a Social Security employee or law enforcement officer tells the intended victims they are about to be arrested because their Social Security number was linked to a drug crime in a border state.

For helpful steps to avoid scams, check out this [posted release](#). Cuyahoga County residents should report scams to the **Scam Squad at 216-443-SCAM (7226) or [consumeraffairs.cuyahogacounty.us](http://consumeraffairs.cuyahogacounty.us)**.

### **Construction and Maintenance Notices**

Towpath Trail, Stage 3 in the City of Cleveland: Landscaping being performed. You can learn more about the Towpath Trail Construction on the [County Public Works page](#).

Wallings in the City of Broadview Heights: Permanent striping and final cleanup to be performed.

Bradley Road Culvert in the City of North Olmsted: Construction is scheduled to begin on June 10, 2019, weather permitting. The road will be closed at the culvert, which is located on Bradley Road between Barton Road and Center Ridge Road, for 90 days. A detour will be posted for both northbound and southbound traffic.

Eddy Road and Shaw Road Resurfacing in the City of Cleveland: Work is scheduled to begin on these roads in late June/early July. On Eddy Road, traffic will be maintained in the northbound direction for a period of 30 days. A detour will be posted. For Shaw Road, traffic will be maintained in the eastbound direction for a period of 30 days. A detour will be posted.

## **DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT**

### **Division of Senior and Adult Services**

The Division of Senior and Adult Services' (DSAS) mission is to empower older adults and adults with disabilities to age successfully by providing resources and support that preserve their independence. DSAS works with community partners to provide services in areas such as protective and clinical services, information services, advocacy and outreach and community social services. Last year, DSAS staff made over 60,000 face-to-face visits with clients, provided 224,000 meals and linked clients with more than \$750,000 in cost-saving benefits.

This June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month, and DSAS is partnering with communities across the globe on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day with activities throughout the month to help you learn about elder abuse and how to report it. Adult Protective Services (APS), mandated by the

state of Ohio, investigates allegations of abuse, neglect, self-neglect and/or financial exploitation of adults 60 years or older on a voluntary basis. Last year, the APS unit assisted over 2,300 older adults suffering from elder abuse.

If you suspect that an elderly Cuyahoga County resident is the victim of abuse, neglect, self-neglect or exploitation, report it. **Call the Elder Abuse Hotline at 216-420-6700.**

For more information on DSAS services and programs, visit [dsas.cuyahogacounty.us](https://dsas.cuyahogacounty.us).

## FROM OUR BLOG AND SOCIAL MEDIA

The annual **Veterans Memorial Bridge and Subway Tour** will be held on **June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 a.m.-11 p.m.** As part of Cuyahoga50, this event will honor the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the infamous Cuyahoga River burning. This free, self-guided tour allows visitors to experience the original streetcar station and tracks, as well as unique views of the Cuyahoga River, Lake Erie, and downtown Cleveland. The event will feature a special immersive, color-changing light exhibition designed by Squidsoup, an internationally-renowned group of artists and designers based in the UK, as part of Cleveland Foundation's Creative Fusion. There will be food trucks on-site, plenty of family-friendly activities and a series of films.

You can skip the long lines by **filling out a required waiver online—still bring your ID!** To fill out the waiver and for more information, visit our [Bridge Tour Facebook Event Page](#).

## EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

The next **Cuyahoga County Council Meetings** will be held **June 11<sup>th</sup>** and **June 25<sup>th</sup>** at **5 p.m.** in the Council Chambers on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administrative Headquarters at 2079 East Ninth Street, Cleveland. To watch a live stream of County Council Meetings, visit <http://council.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/Streaming-Video.aspx>.

The Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) continues its **In Your Neighborhood** event throughout 2019 to help residents get to know DCFS staff, learn what they do and how you can work together to help families. Each event will have focused discussion topics and staff will be available to address specific cases and personal questions. The next In Your Neighborhood event is June 13<sup>th</sup> from **4-6 p.m.** at the Moore Counseling & Meditation Center, 22639 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, 44120.