

A legislative update from
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From the desk of Rep. Upchurch

Dear Neighbor,

Happy first full month of summer! This July, we celebrate Independence Day, a holiday we spend with loved ones. This nation was founded upon the ideals of freedom, dignity, and opportunity, values that we should all embrace and celebrate. The Fourth of July serves as a reminder of why this country, and state, is such a special place. While we should all celebrate with cookouts and pool parties, we should also remember the sacrifices and struggles in our continuing journey towards equality.

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Visit the [Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services](#) to learn more.

If there is anything my office can do please reach out to us by email at Rep20@ohiohouse.gov or by phone at (614) 466-7954. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

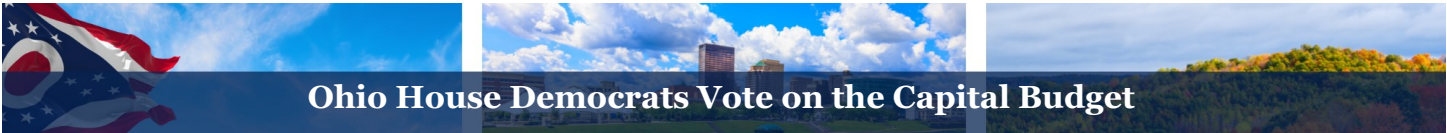
Sincerely,

State Representative Terrence Upchurch
Ohio's 20th House District

Register to Vote!
Make your voice heard

Are you a recent graduate? Need to register to vote? Follow the QR code below to make your voice heard in the next upcoming election!





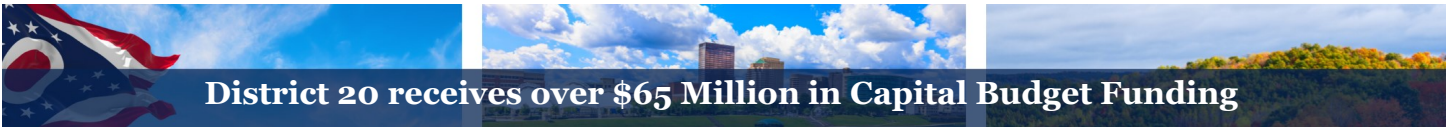
Ohio House Democrats Vote on the Capital Budget

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In addition to the \$3.51B in traditional capital funds and a \$1.98B appropriation for ongoing projects, HB 2 includes an additional \$700M in state funds that will be directly invested into transformative community projects designed to generate further development & economic opportunity across the state. These state funds were able to be set aside due to the influx of federal relief dollars that helped to supplement the state's balance sheet during the most recent state operating budget.

HB 2

**RECORD - BREAKING
\$6.2B CAPITAL BUDGET
PASSES, SIGNED BY THE
GOVERNOR**



District 20 receives over \$65 Million in Capital Budget Funding

Representative Upchurch was the primary sponsor of a record-setting \$6.2 Billion investment and was able to bring over \$65 Million back to Cleveland. The following projects were awarded State dollars:

- Cuyahoga County Northcoast Connector: \$20,000,000
- Bedrock Riverfront Development: \$8,000,000
- Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum Expansion and Renovation Project: \$7,000,000
- Cleveland Port Bulk Terminal Modernization: \$5,000,000
- Flats River Development: \$3,500,000
- West Side Market in Cleveland: \$2,400,000
- Irishtown Bend Park: \$2,000,000
- The Music Settlement – Gries House Redevelopment: \$1,500,000
- Cleveland Museum of Art: \$1,000,000
- Cleveland Museum of Natural History: \$1,000,000
- Cleveland Women's Soccer Stadium: \$1,000,000
- Playhouse Square - Transformational Greyhound Project: \$1,000,000
- Severance Music Center: \$1,000,000
- Argonaut Project - Advancing Aviation and Maritime Pipeline: \$800,000
- Birthing Beautiful Communities Birth Center: \$800,000
- Connecting the Circle: \$800,000
- Glenville YMCA: \$800,000
- Cleveland Public Square Improvements: \$750,000
- Cleveland Institute of Music - Kulas Hall: \$500,000
- Cleveland Public Theatre Improvements: \$500,000
- Great Lakes Science Center - Water Technology Exhibition: \$500,000
- JumpStart Northern Ohio Operations: \$500,000
- Museum of Contemporary Art Improvements: \$500,000
- Vocational Guidance Services Renovation Cleveland Facility: \$500,000
- YWCA of Greater Cleveland: \$500,000
- Boys and Girls Club of Broadway in Cuyahoga County: \$485,005
- Magnolia Clubhouse: \$400,000
- May Dugan Center Renovation: \$400,000
- Cleveland Institute of Art - Interactive Media Lab: \$365,000
- Greenstone Lifeline Connection Improvements: \$327,867
- Journey Center for Safety and Healing: \$300,000
- Lakeview Cemetery - James Garfield Memorial: \$300,000
- Canal Basin Park- Riverfront Connections: \$250,000
- Greek Cultural Gardens Education Enhancement Program: \$250,000
- Hough Community Green Space: \$200,000
- Journey Center for Safety and Healing/Domestic Violence Shelter: \$200,000
- American Cancer Society's Cleveland Hope Lodge renovation: \$50,000
- VFW Roof Repairs Cleveland Post 2533: \$17,208



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On July 2, 1964 the Civil Rights Act was signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson, outlawing discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, and national origin in the United States. With support of activists, like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. the Civil Rights Act was a crucial step forward in America's continued journey towards equality and justice for all. House Democrats are committed to continuing this work by fighting for an Ohio where we all have the freedom, dignity, and opportunity to thrive



As we celebrate the Fourth of July, I urge you to remember the guiding principles that our American democracy was built upon, including the freedom to vote. The U.S. is the oldest continuous democracy in the world, and that is thanks to the efforts of engaged citizens who turn out every year to vote in our elections, making their voices heard and holding their elected officials accountable so all of us can have the freedom, dignity, and opportunity to thrive.

Check your voter registration and make sure it is up to date for the November 5th election at [voteohio.gov](#).



On average, Black women earn 63.7 cents for every dollar earned by white men. The gender and racial pay gap have already been around far too long. True pay equity requires a multifaceted strategy that addresses both the gendered and racialized injustices that Black women encounter every day. House Democrats have introduced **HB 115, the Ohio Equal Pay Act**, legislation that addresses crucial and long overdue steps to close the gender and racial wealth gap that currently hurts too many working families in Ohio.



In District Happenings!!

Come out to these various events and opportunities happening in House District 20!

Ward 5's Annual

REGISTER TODAY

BACK TO SCHOOL

REGISTER TODAY

RESOURCE FAIR

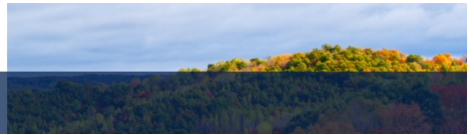
SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024 12PM - 5PM

ACTIVITIES:

- PARADE
- FREE HAIR CUTS
- SIMPLE BRAIDED HAIRSTYLES
(MUST COME WASHED AND BLOW DRIED)
- COMMUNITY RESOURCE VENDORS
- FOOD
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- GAMES
- AND MORE!

Friendly Inn Settlement, Inc.
2386 Unwin Road Cleveland, OH 44104

SCAN ME



In District Happenings!!

COMMUNITY FAMILY HEALTH FAIR

CLEVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT INFANT AND MATERNAL HEALTH INITIATIVE
BRINGING THE HEALTH RESOURCES TO YOU

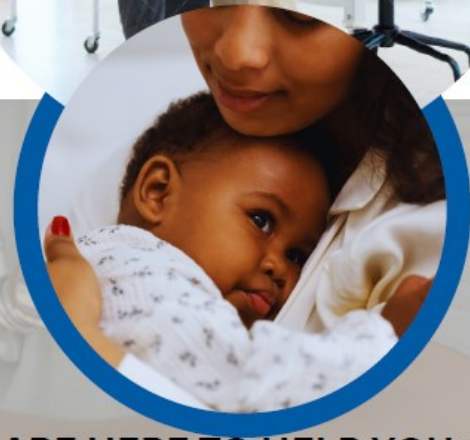
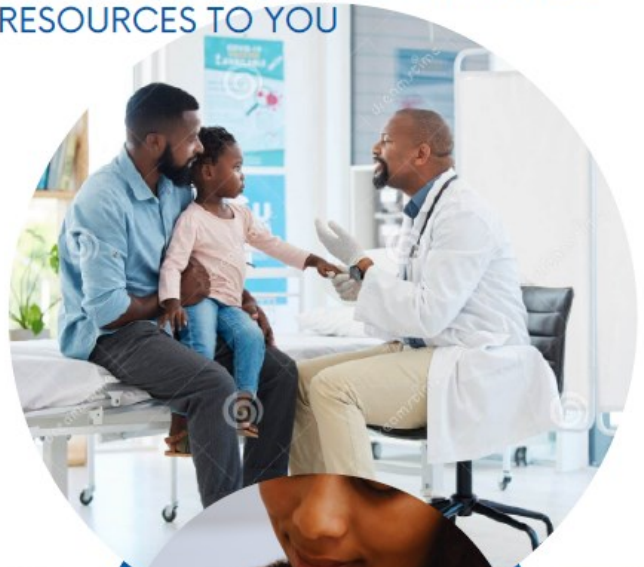
JULY 10, 2024

ARBOR PARK VILLAGE COURTYARD

12:00pm-5:00pm

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS

- BOUNCE HOUSES
- SLIP N SLIDES
- FIRE TRUCKS
- FIRE SAFETY SMOKE TRAILER
- SPLASH PAD
- FOOD



AT THIS EVENT YOU CAN

- Enroll in Medicaid
- Apply for SNAP benefits
- Connect with doctors and care providers for yourself and your child
- Learn how to save your baby's life
- New parent support
- Connect with Foodbank outlets in your neighborhood

WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU GIVE YOUR CHILD A HEALTHY START

- Connect with local resources: Find out about resources available in your community to support your well-being

Brought to you by Cleveland Division of Fire and these partners



HUNGER NETWORK

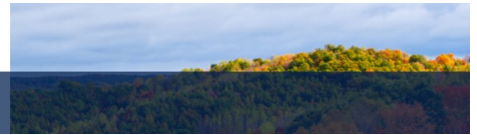


Womankind
Prenatal & Maternal Care Center

University Hospitals
Rainbow Babies & Children's
The Science of Health. The Art of Compassion.



MetroHealth CareSource



In District Happenings!!



Construction Operations Short-Term Certificate



Ready to kick start your career in construction operations?

In two semesters, you'll gain the skills necessary to start a career in construction operations, including construction inspection, utility inspection, AutoCAD, surveying and project management.

Classes include:

- Construction Engineering Orientation
- Construction Print Reading
- Construction Safety
- College Composition I
- Architectural CAD I
- College English prerequisite
- Electives

Electives include:

- Green Building & Sustainability I
- Construction Materials Testing
- Highway Inspection
- Fundamentals of Geographic Information Science
- General Industry Safety
- Computer Applications

Scholarships are available for Cleveland residents.

Students will receive their OSHA 30 card upon completion.



For more information, scan here:



FREE PRODUCE GIVEAWAY



BRING YOUR OWN BAG

When:

Friday, April 12, 2024
Friday, May 10, 2024
Friday, June 14, 2024
Friday, July 12, 2024
Friday, August 9, 2024
Friday, September 13, 2024

Where:

North Star Neighborhood Reentry Resource Center
1834 East 55th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

Time:

11:00 am (while supplies last)
Please bring your Ohio I.D.
Courtesy of the Cleveland Foodbank



In District Happenings!!



Ready To Learn

PBS KIDS APPY HOUR

We will explore PBS KIDS media and share educational resources!
Appy Hour features PBS KIDS, the most-trusted media brand for school readiness, with games, videos, and apps that help kids learn.

WHO: Parents of preschool and kindergarten children (along with their children)
Siblings can participate too!
WHEN: Friday, July 12th, 2024
TIME: 1:30-2:30 pm
WHERE: Cleveland Public Library- Hough Branch
6530 Lexington Ave, Cleveland, OH 44103

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- A free, fun, educational event exploring PBS KIDS media!
- Designed for families with children in Pre-K or Kindergarten.
- Free snacks! Free books!
- Raffle prize drawing!

REGISTER:

- Register at the following link: <https://forms.gle/C7pyvwKKtsBtjBHW5>
- Or call the library branch
- Hurry! We only have room for a limited number of families for this event.

Questions? Please email Bizzy Blank, at eblank@ideastream.org.

The Ready To Learn Initiative



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In District Happenings!!

JOIN US FOR THE 2024
walk. run. mosey.
SATURDAY, JULY 20TH
EDGEWATER

REGISTER TODAY

Greater Cleveland
Habitat for Humanity

Register for Habitat for Humanities 5k walk fundraiser raising awareness and addressing out issues within the affordable housing space. There will be food, fun and good exercise and do not worry there are shorter distance options for those that cannot go the entire distance. Come out and have fun! Register here: <https://fundraise.clehabitatwalk.org/event/2024-habitat-walk-run-mosey/e565081>