



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dear Neighbor,

Happy summer! As we wrap up the month of May, our office wanted to share a few important updates, community resources, and highlights from around the district.

In this month's newsletter, you'll find information on potential water and sewer rate increases, our special recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week, and highlights from events and community engagement efforts across the district. It has been a busy month connecting with residents and organizations throughout our communities.

As always, if there is anything my office can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to reach out by email at Rep21@ohiohouse.gov or by phone at 614-644-5079.

Sincerely,



Eric Synenberg
State Representative, District 21

Community Information



Proposed Sewer and Stormwater Rate Increases

The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District is **preparing to vote on July 16, 2026 on potential rate increases** for years 2027-2031.



Proposed Rate Increases:

Sewer Rates: 2% annually 2027-2031

Stormwater Rates: 4% annually 2027-2031, 3.5% 2029-2031

How much would this increase my bill?

In 2027, a typical Sewer District customer should expect **a monthly bill increase of \$1.85, and most residential customers' increases will be less than \$3.00.** The increase would cover sewer and stormwater maintenance, utilities, operating expenses, and debt service.

Free Food Distribution

Cuyahoga County Public Library and Greater Cleveland Food Bank will be teaming up to distribute free food to those in need through September. **Some upcoming events in or near our district include:**

South Euclid-Lyndhurst Library Branch (Seniors 60+ Only)
Mon, June 8 from 12-1PM

Warrensville Heights Branch (all)
Thursday, June 11 from 1:30-3 PM

For more information and full schedule visit: <https://cuyahogalibrary.org/mobile-pantry>



Teacher Appreciation Week

This month, I was proud to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, observed May 4-8, and recognize the incredible educators across District 21 who make a lasting impact on students, families, and our communities.

Every day, teachers go above and beyond the classroom by mentoring students, fostering creativity and curiosity, providing stability and encouragement, and helping shape the next generation of leaders. While we can never fully thank teachers for the work they do, I wanted to find a way to express my appreciation. For the second year in a row, I signed and delivered a letter to every teacher in our district. It was incredibly rewarding and humbling to visit these classrooms and personally thank the educators who dedicate so much of themselves to their students and school communities. During these visits, I had the



opportunity to see firsthand the passion, patience, and care our teachers bring to their work each and every day. From elementary classrooms filled with curiosity and excitement to high school classrooms preparing students for their futures, it was clear how much time, energy, and heart our educators invest in supporting Ohio's students. This week and every week serves as an important reminder that strong schools begin with strong educators. Our teachers not only educate students academically, but also serve as mentors, role models,



advocates, and sources of support during some of the most formative years of a child's life. As your state representative, I remain committed to prioritizing our teachers and supporting policies that strengthen public education and ensure educators have the resources and working conditions they need to succeed in the classroom. I will continue to advocate for the needs of educators and work to ensure their voices are reflected in the decisions that shape Ohio's schools. To all of our teachers, school staff and education professionals: thank you for your dedication, compassion, and unwavering commitment.

Memorial Day

This Memorial Day, we honored and remembered the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. It was an incredible honor to participate in the 60th Annual University Heights Memorial Day Parade, the longest-running tradition in the suburb's history, and join community members in reflecting on the courage and selflessness of our fallen heroes. As we gathered for this holiday weekend, we were reminded of the importance of honoring their legacy and the freedoms they fought to protect.



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Out and About

Here are a few highlights from the past month as I've been meeting with constituents, working alongside community organizations, and engaging with residents both in the district and at the Statehouse on the issues that matter most to our communities, along with a few fun moments along the way:



I was proud to participate in this year's Judicial-Legislative Exchange hosted by the Ohio Judicial Conference. I had the opportunity to welcome and spend time with Judges Dominic Coletta, J.J. Costello, Lauren C. Moore, and Emanuella D. Groves as part of the program connecting members of the judiciary with the legislature.



The House of Representatives hosted Bring Your Kid to Work Day, and I had the opportunity to bring my son along to the Statehouse. It was a fun and meaningful experience to share my work with him and give him a firsthand look at public service in action.



Our office is always proud to recognize and celebrate the achievements of constituents across the district, including recent milestones such as Nicholas Sweet's graduation from Hiram College. We appreciate his continued involvement in our community and are proud to highlight accomplishments like his that reflect the strength of our district.



I had the opportunity to meet with members of The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland to discuss their important work supporting Northeast Ohioans. I'm grateful for the assistance and advocacy they provide to constituents throughout our communities each day.



My colleague, Senator Kent Smith, and I had the honor of speaking at the Reforest Our City 10-Year Celebration hosted by the Western Reserve Land Conservancy.



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