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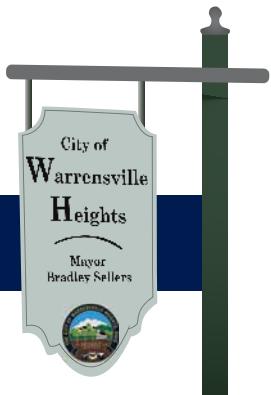
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## The Mayor's Message



### As with Fall, changes happen

Soon, the tree-lined streets of our community will burst into their annual display of color. As we enjoy this seasonal transformation, we take time to reflect on the moments that made this past summer truly memorable.

On May 26th, we held one of the largest Memorial Day Parades to date. Sixty-three groups marched, danced, cheered and sang as supporters lined the streets. The post-parade ceremony featured heartfelt speeches, including a moving address by our Grand Marshal, U.S. Air Force veteran Steven Boyd.

In May, Cleveland State University Center for Emergency Preparedness presented a Fire Station Feasibility Study to the public. The study evaluated the current two-station model versus a single, centralized fire station. It considered factors such as response times, costs, and the efficiency of housing all equipment in one location. The study ultimately recommended the development of one centralized fire station. To read the full study, scan the QR code.



Our Summer Festival was moved a week earlier this year on August 9th and 10th. The plan worked and it was another highlight of the year, drawing residents together for two days of fun and celebration. I would like to thank my staff, entertainers, volunteers and more for helping make 2025 a resounding success. We're already looking forward to next year!

Up next is the always-popular Trunk-or-Treat event in October. Thanks to the efforts of students from Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine and our many community partners, this event promises to offer a safe and festive Halloween experience for all.

Over the past year, we've seen notable progress in infrastructure and community services. Key roads were repaired and resurfaced and additional lighting was installed in several areas to improve safety. Partnerships with developers will soon bear fruit as several new housing projects are in the planning stages, while others will soon be reality. Economic development remains a top priority. We are welcoming several new businesses and retailers to the city, including Burlington and QDOBA. For a full list of recent additions and ongoing development projects and news, visit our Development Projects page by scanning the code.



Looking ahead, community development remains at the heart of our mission—revitalizing neighborhoods, supporting small businesses, improving infrastructure, and creating spaces where people of all ages can gather, connect, and thrive. In all that we do, responsible financial management continues to guide our decisions. By pursuing grants, and using taxpayer dollars wisely, we are positioning the city for long-term financial stability and sustainable growth.

It is my personal goal—and commitment—to continue making meaningful progress, advancing policies and projects that improve the quality of life for every resident. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant Warrensville Heights that we're all proud to call home.

As always,

Bradley D. Sellers



# SUMMER FESTIVAL



On August 9–10, the 2025 Summer Festival united thousands of community members at Green Road Park for an unforgettable celebration filled with live music, delicious food, exciting rides, games, and plenty of fun.

## Countywide Housing Study and Local Leaders Spotlight Housing Challenges



A newly released housing study by the Center for Economic Development at Cleveland State University was unveiled at the Warrensville Heights Civic & Senior Center, with Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne in attendance. The study provides a comprehensive overview of the evolving housing landscape across

Cuyahoga County—including a focused look at Warrensville Heights.

Commissioned by the County's Office of Housing and Community Development, the study identifies key challenges such as housing affordability, aging housing stock, and uneven recovery from the 2007 foreclosure crisis. While some areas of the county are experiencing renewed growth, many predominantly minority communities—such as Warrensville Heights—continue to face limited new housing development and rising rents. Still, there are encouraging signs of progress, particularly within the city.

"Over the past decade, Warrensville Heights has made strong strides in improving housing—and we're now seeing those efforts pay off.



We're excited about the many new development opportunities on the horizon," said Mayor Brad Sellers.

The study calls for stronger coordination between programs, thoughtful policy reforms and increased investment to support equity and housing stability across all communities.



These themes were at the forefront of the Housing Matters event, held on July 11 at 9:00 AM at the Warrensville Heights Civic & Senior Center, located at 4567 Green Road. The event brought together local and county leaders—including County Executive Chris Ronayne, Mayor Brad Sellers, and Superintendent Donald Jolly, and other leaders—for a robust conversation on affordable housing challenges and opportunities across the region. A strong community turnout helped fuel meaningful discussion on how data-driven planning can shape a more inclusive and resilient housing future.

The Cuyahoga County Housing Study is available to read at <https://t.ly/yiDqY>

# Council Spotlight



## Dorise Thompson-Hagwood

### WARD 1

It is my honor to serve as your City Council Representative, and I'd like to share a little about who I am and why I serve.

My purpose is simple—to be the leader you deserve. Each day, I strive to grow, to learn, and to lead with integrity. I know perfection is impossible, but I also know that growth comes from perseverance. I'm a fighter—I look upward and keep moving forward. The work I do is made possible by you. Your trust, support, encouragement, and belief in me inspires me every single day. For that, I am truly grateful.

When I sit in the City Council Chamber and cast my vote, I do so with one goal in mind: to affirm what is best for the people and this community. Over the years, I have been proud to host events that bring neighbors together, celebrate our shared values, and keep you informed about what's happening in your city government.

A few highlights of our community celebrations include:

- The Annual Spring Forward Community Meeting
- The Veterans Appreciation Cookout
- The Cuyahoga County Veterans Informational Event
- The Annual Community Party in the Park



I look forward to seeing you at our Fall Community Meeting in September—a time to connect, share, and celebrate the strength of our community. As always, Dorise.

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## Elona C. White

### WARD 3

Greetings to the residents of Warrensville Heights, hope you had a beautiful, hot summer. As we move into fall and winter, let's not forget some safety tips: change your batteries in your smoke detector, and have your furnace and fireplace serviced and cleaned.

Thanks to all of you who attended Ward 1 Councilwoman Dorise Thompson-Hagwood and Ward 3 Councilwoman Elona C. White's party in the park—a great time was had by all. This is a great family event: face painting, balloons, crafts, and free hot dogs, popcorn, ice cream, and so much more. Ray Freeman was our honoree.



I was also able to host our family game night on July 10, 2025, which was a blast. We had games for all ages, from Old Maid to Bid Whist, and as requested, we will definitely be doing it again. This is our way of showing our community how much we appreciate you. We have some of the best volunteers, and they are not just from Ward 1 & 3—this is definitely a community effort. I would like to take this time to thank all of our volunteers—you are definitely the glue that holds us together. We love you guys, and we appreciate each and every one of you.



On July 11, 2025, Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne came to the City of Warrensville for an important conversation regarding the state of affordable housing in Cuyahoga County and the local community.

We were able to host this event and show off our city thanks to Jennifer Lastery and the center's staff. They are the best of the best in showcasing our community hospitality.

A reminder that I will also be at this year's Trunk-or-Treat event in October, so please come out to visit me.

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# Council Spotlight



## Andrea Mitchell

### WARD 2

Greetings Neighbors. Autumn is upon us, school bells are ringing, and as of August 13th, our younger community members are back in class. Please keep an eye out for students heading to and from school—we all need to stay vigilant for their safety.

**IMPORTANT: Passing a school bus with signals activated (lights and stop sign) is a misdemeanor, with a mandatory court appearance.**

**In addition, per code 333.03 (A)(1) exceeding—20 miles per hour—the posted school zone speed limit is a first-degree misdemeanor, with fines starting at \$165 and a mandatory court appearance.**

In October, The Friendly City will celebrate its 65th anniversary! Warrensville Heights was chartered as a city on October 2, 1960. The History and Archives Committee is preparing a meaningful and educational way to mark this milestone.

Also, the Fall Ward 2 Community Meeting will take place in October. It will include helpful information and plenty of "News to Use." Stay tuned for the time, date and location of both events!

Although not everyone regularly uses email, it remains the fastest and most cost-effective way to share news and updates. I send "News to Use" messages (using BCC to protect email privacy) to neighbors whose contact information I have. Please share these updates with any neighbors who don't use email.

If you'd like to receive updates and be added to the Ward 2 and Friends contact list, send your name and email address to: [amitchell@cityofwarrensville.com](mailto:amitchell@cityofwarrensville.com). Include "Add me to the Ward 2 Contact List" in the subject line.

If you're free at 7:00 PM on the first and third Tuesdays of the month (September–May), or the third Tuesday only (June–August), please mark your calendar and attend City Council meetings. It's always inspiring to see and hear from residents.

Be aware. Be informed. Be safe. Neighborly, Andrea

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## Walter Stewart

### WARD 4

The summer break has come to an end, and I hope each of you enjoyed special moments with family and friends. As we move into a new season, it's important to shift our focus toward one of our most fundamental civic duties: voting.

Election season is quickly approaching. If you're not yet registered to vote, now is the time to do so. And if you are registered, please take a moment to remind your friends and family members to register as well.

We are living in turbulent, challenging, and rapidly changing times. Our right to vote—something that generations before us fought hard to secure—is under constant scrutiny and challenge. We cannot afford to be silent or disengaged. We must not allow anyone to restrict or take away this essential right.

Every vote counts. Every vote matters. It is through our collective voice at the ballot box that we shape the future of our communities and our country.

As we stay engaged, let's also stay safe. If you see something concerning in your neighborhood or community, please say something. Together, we can create a safer, stronger, and more empowered future. Let's show up, speak out, and stand together.

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## Matthew Howard

### WARD 5

As we wrap up another hot summer, I hope you all had a great and safe season. From Memorial Day, Juneteenth, and the Fourth of July to our Summer Festival and Labor Day, these moments are always a wonderful time to gather with friends and family. I truly enjoy the energy of the summer months.

As we transition into cooler fall weather, we look forward to upcoming events and community activities. I've heard great things about our Warrensville Heights football and volleyball teams this year—please come out and support our youth!

City Council was proud to support the annual Back-to-School Registration Drive by welcoming families and distributing school supplies to students—just one of the many ways we give back to our community.

Election season is upon us, so expect canvassing and plenty of mail about candidates and key issues. I am up for re-election this year and am proud to announce that I am running again. Thank you for your continued support over the years, and a special thanks to everyone who signed my petition to help get me back on the ballot.

Also, please mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Party that will be held on Friday, December 5th, at the Civic Center. Thank you and please reach out if you need me.

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# Council Spotlight



## Johnny L. Williams Jr.

WARD 7

**"I strongly recommend that you attend a Warrensville high school football game"**

Fall is, by far, my favorite season for several reasons—the reasonable temperature fluctuations from sunrise to sunset, the beauty and scent of the changing leaves, and yes, the arrival of football season! In several of my previous articles, I've highlighted many of the community events that Warrensville has to offer for families and strongly encouraged your participation. From the Senior Club and Senior Center activities to community gatherings at our parks, the incredible Memorial Day parade, and the exciting high school basketball games—both boys and girls teams reached the State Regionals!

I strongly recommend that you attend a Warrensville high school football game. To me, nothing brings a community together more than hundreds of neighbors cheering on local kids in a safe and energized environment. It's not about winning or losing; the most important thing is showing support for the cheerleaders, the team, and the kids in the band. In my opinion, the Warrensville band, led by Don Sean Wilson, is the best high school band in all of Ohio and has even made a national impact, earning the nickname "America's Favorite Band."



We have a true treasure in our own backyard, and I encourage you to take advantage of the advantage by bringing your children and grandchildren to a Warrensville football game at the beautiful new stadium—it will surely be a memorable experience for all.

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## Stanley Anderson

WARD 6

The City of Warrensville Heights, the Warrensville Heights School System, the Cuyahoga County East Chamber of Commerce, our supportive business community—and most of all, you, our loyal residents—are the heartbeat of The Friendly City.

We are building a strong foundation for tomorrow's leaders through education and by providing meaningful opportunities for success.

I'm proud to highlight the incredible partnerships that are shaping our neighborhoods, empowering our youth, and driving economic growth. Whether it's the ongoing improvement of our schools, the expansion of local businesses, or the growing membership of the Warrensville Heights Seniors Club, our city continues to move forward.

Thank you for being an essential part of this progress—none of it would be possible without you.

### Recent Community Updates:

- *Harvard Road resurfacing is underway.*
- *New lighting has been installed in several areas.*
- *The Warrensville Heights Police Department has launched its "Coffee with a Cop" series to help build stronger community ties and trust.*
- *New housing developments—including single-family and multi-family units—are scheduled to begin construction.*
- *Expecting or caring for a new baby? Contact Help Me Grow for support services including home visits, early intervention, developmental screening, and referrals for needs such as mental health and housing. Learn more at [www.HelpMeGrow.org](http://www.HelpMeGrow.org).*

### Stay Alert in Public Spaces:

- *Stay aware of people around you.*
- *Trust your instincts.*
- *Report suspicious behavior.*
- *Keep valuables secure.*
- ***Look Out For One Another.***

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Enjoy membership privileges for 5 days on us!

**WARRENSVILLE RESIDENTS  
ENJOY 20% OFF MEMBERSHIPS!**

WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS FAMILY YMCA  
4433 NORTHFIELD RD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OH 44128

# 2025 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CEREMONY



## Seniors, let's go!

The Warrensville Heights Senior Bus  
for those 55+ who cannot drive.

Convenient, Accessible, Social



Get your free ride  
to shop for groceries  
and more!

Call 216-587-1250  
to schedule a ride.

# City Offices

## Building Department News

Benjamin Brown, Building Commissioner

This past spring through fall, the Building Department conducted its annual Exterior Property Maintenance Inspection Program. This year's inspections included residential streets: Parkton, Garden, Cherrywood, Butternut, Marvin, Aurora, Green, Miles, Annette, W. Sunset, E. Sunset, W. Ridgewood, E. Ridgewood, Vera, Richmond, Springvale, Berrimore, Joyce, Longleaf, Merrygold, Timberlane, Hathaway, and Halifax.

If you own a residential property and received a property maintenance violation, you may be eligible to apply for our Exterior Maintenance Grant Program to help offset some of the repair costs. For program guidelines and the application, please contact our Community and Economic Development Department at 216-587-1450 or visit the city's website. In addition to the Exterior Property Maintenance Inspection Program, we also conduct regular inspections of commercial properties and apartment complexes.

### Tree Removal & Regulations

This past spring, the City amended Chapter 943, Tree Removal & Regulations, which pertains to dead and dangerous trees on both private and public properties. Some of the amendments include provisions for Authority to Inspect Premises, Notice of Violation, and Removal of Trees by the City in the Public Right-of-Way.

The City has entered into a Personal Services Agreement with an arborist who will be contacted to determine whether a tree is dead or dangerous when a complaint is received. In addition, the City plans to go out to bid to contract with a tree company to handle the removal of trees deemed dead and dangerous.

**Fall is an ideal time to start preparing your property—both inside and out—for the upcoming winter months. Here are some helpful tips.**

### Clean and Repair Gutters

Check your gutters and downspouts to make sure they are properly secured, clean, and clear of any debris. If your gutters and downspouts are not properly secured when heavy snow arrives, they can break loose from the house. If they are clogged, water can back up and cause damage to your roof and interior walls.

### Inspect Roof

Do a complete walk-around of your property, checking for any missing or damaged shingles that could allow moisture to enter. Replace any that are compromised.

### Smoke Detectors / Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Ensure your property has smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms. Smoke detectors must be installed on each level of the house, in hallways outside sleeping areas, and inside each bedroom. Battery-operated smoke alarms are permitted in existing dwellings, but new construction requires hardwired units in the same locations.

It is strongly recommended to install a carbon monoxide alarm in your home. These should be centrally located outside each separate sleeping area, near the bedrooms. Carbon monoxide alarms are mandatory in new construction.

### Driveway Repairs

Waterproofing your driveway is important to prevent future damage and expense. Repair all cracks in your asphalt or concrete driveway. These cracks can fill with rain or melted snow, and when the water freezes, it expands, causing frost heave that results in even more damage.

### Seal Doors and Windows

Gaps around your doors and windows can significantly increase your winter heating costs. Seal all gaps with caulking or weather-stripping to improve energy efficiency.

### Heating System

Have your furnace or boiler serviced by a licensed professional. Check and replace any dirty furnace filters. If you have a fireplace, have your chimney inspected by a licensed professional to ensure there is no creosote buildup, which can be a fire hazard.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Building Department at 216-587-1230.

## Service Department News

Ted Sims, Director

### Chipper Service

Chipper service will end on September 30th.

### Leaf Service

Leaf pickup will take place October 1st to December 15th or the first snowfall. Leaves mixed with grass or branches will not be picked up. After December 15th, or a snowfall, leaves will need to be bagged as trash.

### Trash Pickup Changes Thanksgiving Week

During Thanksgiving week trash pickup will be paused for Thanksgiving Day. So Thursday's pickup will move to Friday.

### Trash Pickup Changes Christmas Week

Regular trash collection will take place on Wednesday, December 24th. Thursday, December 25th pickup will be rescheduled to Friday, December 26th due to the holiday.

Remember, all mattresses and cloth furniture must be wrapped in plastic before placing on tree lawn for disposal. Bags are available at the Service Department. Carpet is to be cut in 3-foot sections and put in trash bags.

### Trash Delays/ Missed Pickup

In the event of a Kimble Trash/Recycle missed pickup, please call 216-587-6570.

### Streetlights

Please report street light outages and issues to First Energy directly at 888-544-4877 for 72-hour response.

# City Offices

## Senior and Civic Center News

Jennifer Lastery, Director

Sandra Noble, Program Coordinator

4567 Green Road, Warrensville Heights, Ohio 44128  
216-587-1250, Monday – Friday 9 AM – 5 PM

Fall is here! As our summer activities come to a close, we look forward to a new season—a time of cooler temperatures and the beautiful transformation of the leaves. Our calendar is jam-packed with exciting fall activities!

On Friday, September 19th, join us for our “Celebrate Fall” party, which will feature a live band and delicious food. Cost is \$25.

### October is a busy month!

We kick things off with a trip to Amish Country on October 2nd for 45 people. Enjoy a beautiful fall drive through the countryside, where you'll have the chance to see charming Amish farms and communities along the way. Lunch will be at the Amish Door Village restaurant. Cost is \$60.



On October 8th, the Cuyahoga County Livable Initiative will sponsor a Music and Movement Event from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. All are welcome to this FREE event. Stay tuned for more details.

Then, on October 18th, we'll attend the musical “Hell's Kitchen,” a semi-biographical show about Alicia Keys—written and composed by her. Tickets are \$75 per person, and we have 30 tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis. The payment deadline is October 3rd.

### We wrap up our fall programming with two inspiring events:

#### “Giving Thanks” Gospel Concert – November 20th

Join us for a joyful gospel celebration of music, gratitude, and community. This high-energy concert will feature amazing local artists sharing powerful vocals, uplifting harmonies, and messages of hope and thanks. It's the perfect way to embrace the spirit of the season.

Annual Holiday Play: “Black Nativity” – Date & Cost TBA  
Black Nativity is a soul-stirring holiday production written by Langston Hughes. This modern retelling of the Nativity story combines traditional scripture with African-American spirituals, gospel music, and dance. It's a vibrant celebration of culture, faith, and the holiday spirit, brought to life by a

talented cast and live musicians. We will announce the date and ticket details soon—this is a performance you won't want to miss!

### What the Center Offers

The Civic & Senior Center serves as a municipal facility with a primary aim of catering to the needs of the adult community in Warrensville Heights through the provision of services and activities. A diverse range of activities and classes, including Aerobics, Ceramics, Crocheting/Knitting, and more, are currently offered at the center. Additionally, we organize social activities such as the Annual Senior Luncheon with the Mayor & Council, trips to the Cleveland Playhouse, and programs based on community interests.

The Senior Club meets twice a month (second and fourth Tuesday at 1 PM) for Warrensville Heights residents aged 60 and above to socialize and meet neighbors. The club holds informative and fun activities, including an annual picnic, and monthly updates on city affairs from the Mayor, City Council, Board of Education, and departmental directors.

### Classes

Painting Studio – Mondays at 11 AM

Genealogy – 3rd Tuesdays 1 PM

Photography Class – Tuesdays at 2:30 PM

Bid Whist/Spades - Wednesdays at 12:30 PM

Gardening Class – Thursdays 10 AM

Knitting and Crocheting – Thursdays at 12 PM

Ceramics – Fridays at 10 AM

Jewelry/Crafts – Fridays at 12:30 PM

Quilting and Doll Guild – 1st and 3rd Saturday 10 AM

### Cost of Classes

Class prices: \$15 (residents), \$18 (non-residents) (8 weeks)

Mind Challenge - \$20.00 per month

Line Dancing - \$5.00 per person per session

Tai Chi - \$20.00 per month (4 weeks session)

Jewelry Making - \$25.00 (8 weeks)

Quilting & Doll Making - \$30.00 per year

Bid Whist/Spades - \$25.00 per year

Corn Hole - \$30.00 (12 weeks)

### Activities

You can dance, exercise or walk to lead to a healthier life.

Mind Challenge – 1st & 3rd Mondays at 1PM

Line Dancing - Mondays and Wednesdays at 12:30 PM or Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM

Aerobics - Mondays & Wednesday at 2:30 PM

Corn Hole – Mondays and Wednesdays 5 PM

Tai Chi - Wednesdays at 11:00 AM

Yoga – Thursdays at 12 Noon

# City Offices

## Community and Economic Development News

Nicole Harris, Economic Development Director  
Raymon Turner, Community Development Manager

This September marks three years since I began my tenure with the City of Warrensville Heights—a milestone highlighting the meaningful progress made and the continued dedication of the Community and Economic Development Department to serving our community. During this time, the department has gained a comprehensive understanding of the city's economic landscape and worked collaboratively with businesses, developers, residents, and community partners. It has been a great summer of growth and activity, further strengthening our efforts. Guided by the Mayor's leadership, our efforts remain firmly aligned with his vision to enhance the overall health, wellness, and prosperity of Warrensville Heights through strategic and impactful development initiatives.

### New Business Development

Since the release of our spring newsletter in March 2025, Warrensville Heights has welcomed a wave of new businesses—an exciting sign of the city's growing appeal to entrepreneurs and investors alike. These new additions reflect our continued economic momentum and vitality. Businesses include:

*Primary Care Solutions, A Promise to Care East, New Day Health Services, Integrated Automation Systems, Harwood Motors, Precision Diagnostic Imaging, Young Scholars Leadership Academy Childcare, K-11 Canine Care, 1st Health Choice Adult Daycare, Serenity Health & Wellness Corporation, Empowering Integrated Care Solutions LLC.*

Marshalls in Harvard Park recently relocated just two doors down accommodating the upcoming opening of a new Burlington store—another exciting addition to Warrensville Heights. In other development news, Heinen's Distribution Center, located at 20101 South Miles Road, is set to undergo another expansion with the construction of a 54,344 sq. ft. addition to one of its existing warehouse buildings.

### Housing Development

Affordable housing continues to be a complex and evolving challenge—both locally and nationwide. In Warrensville Heights, we remain committed to working with developers to provide a variety of housing options, including multi-family, single-family, and senior housing. This fall, several residential projects will break ground, marking significant progress in expanding housing opportunities. These include four new homes on vacant infill lots in the Brentwood community and one new single-family home on Amherst Road. Looking ahead, additional developments are scheduled through the second quarter of next year. Notably, a 186-unit, multi-family project is set to begin construction in late spring or early summer of 2026, located behind the YMCA and the Warrensville Heights branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library. These initiatives are part of our broader strategy to transform vacant land into vibrant, livable neighborhoods for our residents.

### Grand Opening and Free Gift Card Contest

Burlington's grand opening at Harvard Park Shopping Center in Warrensville Heights is Friday, October 3 at 9:00 AM. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place 15–20 minutes prior. The first 100 customers on both Friday and Saturday will receive a \$10 bonus card.

Also, Clean Express Carwash, opening late winter at Richmond and Emery, is giving away a "Year of Free Car Washes" gift card to a Warrensville Heights resident—stay tuned to the city website for details on how to enter.

### Exterior Maintenance Program

The 2025 Exterior Maintenance Program ends on November 1. Be sure to submit your paperwork by the deadline by contacting Raymon Turner at (216) 587-1144.

### Infrastructure Improvements

1. **Granada Boulevard:** Due to rising costs of goods and services, reconstruction and repair work along Granada Boulevard is being completed in phases. The upcoming Phase VI will advance the project further south, approaching—but not yet reaching—the intersection of Emery Road and Granada Boulevard. This phase is scheduled to begin in September 2025.
2. **Safe Routes to School (SRTS):** In collaboration with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), this ongoing initiative—more than five years in the making—is set to begin construction in September 2025. Planned improvements include enhanced pedestrian crosswalks in targeted areas, new signage, and sidewalks along the south side of Clarkwood Parkway. This project aims to create a safer environment for students traveling to and from school.



On May 20th, during the Senior Breakfast for the WHHS Class of 2025, Taebien Anderson and Thiane Mohamed were each awarded a \$3,000 Mayor's Award Scholarship. The awards were presented by Raymon Turner and Nicole Harris from the city's Economic Development Department.

# Safety



## Fire Department

Michael Petti, Fire Chief

Celebrating achievements and welcoming new talent to the Warrensville Heights Fire Department!

We are proud to announce the well-deserved promotion of Firefighter Kyle Witczak to the position of Fire Department Lieutenant. Since joining our team in 2019, Kyle has consistently demonstrated outstanding dedication, leadership, and service to the community. His promotion reflects his hard work and commitment, and we look forward to his continued impact in this new role. Congratulations, Lieutenant Witczak!



We are also excited to welcome three new cadet firefighters to our department: John Kohanski, Matthew Waszkiewicz, and Matthew Ferris, who officially joined our ranks on July 15th, pictured above with Chief Petti and Captain Jones. Each of these new recruits brings enthusiasm, fresh perspectives, and a strong desire to serve. We're thrilled to have them join our fire family and look forward to their contributions as they begin their careers.

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025**  
**6:00 - 7:30 PM**

Presented by:  
**OHIO UNIVERSITY**

Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine  
4180 Warrensville Center Rd.

## Upcoming Fire Department Events – Don't Miss Out!

### Local 1591 Annual Golf Outing

Join us on September 11 at Fowler Mill Golf Course for the Local 1591 Annual Golf Outing! This fun-filled event is a great opportunity to connect with fellow community members while supporting a vital fundraiser for our local firefighters. We hope to see you on the course!

### Breast Cancer Awareness T-Shirts & Hoodies

Available this fall, we are proud to continue our tradition of offering Breast Cancer Awareness apparel. T-shirts and hoodies will be available, with proceeds supporting awareness and those affected by the disease. Visit Local 1591's Facebook page for details on how to purchase and show your support at: [facebook.com/local1591](https://facebook.com/local1591)

### Annual Fire Department Holiday Drive-Thru



Looking ahead, we're preparing for our 5th annual Holiday Drive-Thru this December. This heartwarming event helps bring holiday cheer to local families. Stay tuned for updates on how you can participate, with details coming in November to the city's website and social media.

To our city residents, thank you for your continued support of the Warrensville Heights Fire Department. Your involvement helps us strengthen our service and deepen our connection with the community.

Stay safe, enjoy the fall and holidays and we hope to see you at one of our upcoming events!

## MUSIC & MOVEMENT FEST

AT THE WARRENVILLE HEIGHTS CIVIC & SENIOR CENTER

4567 Green Rd. | Warrensville Heights OH 44128

**Wed. October 8 | 10-2**

Join us as we celebrate vitality and connection within the 55 and better community—an event designed to inspire movement, engagement, and meaningful interactions.

- Fitness Workshops
- Dance Classes
- Vendors
- Live Performances
- Refreshments

To register, call  
**216-420-6750**  
or scan the code.

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## POLICE, FIRE & PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT LEVIES

### The Cost

The three levies combined will cost homeowners \$31.00 annually for every \$100,000 of home value, equivalent to \$2.58 per month. When estimating the cost for your home, base your estimate on the current valuation.



- ★ Are these New Levies? No, all three levies are five-year RENEWALS.
- ★ How long have these levies been in place? The levies have been in place over 20 years.
- ★ How much will the levies bring in over five years? \$1.05 Million.
- ★ Who votes? All Warrensville Heights residents.

### What does the Permanent Improvement Levy do?

This levy generates \$70,000 per year, totaling \$350,000 over five years.

The funds are used to make citywide capital improvements for repairs, maintenance and enhancements to the city's existing and future capital assets.

### What do the Police & Fire Levies do?

These two levies generate a combined estimate of \$140,000 per year, totaling \$700,000 over five years.

These funds are used to support our police and fire departments efforts to purchase public safety equipment, vehicles and a portion of their pension.

**Election Day**  
**Tuesday, November 4, 2025**

For questions and information: **216.443.8683**

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