



Welcome to the
**July 2014 Cuyahoga
County E-Newsletter**

Team NEO, the private sector organization that markets Northeast Ohio to the world, recently honored our administration with two awards for achievement in economic development. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Dear Friend,

Over the past few days, folks across the country have been finding out what you and I already knew - Cleveland is in the middle of an historic renaissance and we're coming back stronger than ever before.

LeBron's Coming Home

Like you, I was thrilled when I heard that LeBron James is coming home to play for the Cleveland Cavaliers during the 2014-15 NBA season - not only because Cleveland needs a winning franchise, but because this will mean significant economic and financial benefits for our region.

At my direction, the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office reviewed the data available and concluded that LeBron's return could result in an additional economic impact of \$53 million, the creation of at least 500 new jobs, and millions of additional dollars in revenue to support economic development, infrastructure investment, social services, and other urgent priorities in Cuyahoga County. [Click here](#) to visit my Facebook page and let me know what LeBron's return means to you.

Hosting the Republican National Convention

Earlier this month, we learned that Cleveland will be hosting a national political convention for the first time in 80 years. When the Republican National Convention opens in the summer of 2016, it will be an opportunity to tell Cleveland's story to the nation and, at the same time, bring in as much as \$200 million in economic benefits and tens of thousands of visitors to our city.

Shortly after [USA Today highlighted Cleveland's momentum on their front page](#), I spoke with [Kristen Welker of MSNBC](#) about our work to bring the RNC to Northeast Ohio. [Click here to follow me on Twitter](#) and share your thoughts on how we can continue to strengthen our region.

A New Day in Cuyahoga County

This past week, we officially turned the page on the old way of doing business in Cuyahoga County by opening a [new, state-of-the-art headquarters](#) that is truly worthy of the men and women we serve.

The brand new Cuyahoga County Administrative Headquarters will save taxpayers \$84 million over 20 years and ensure that Northeast Ohio residents always have a government that is ready and able to serve their needs. [Click here](#) to learn more about this new facility.

Revitalizing Public Square

A few days ago, I joined the Group Plan Commission and the Cleveland Foundation in announcing a new grant of \$8 million for the makeover of Public Square. It was a little more than a year ago that I stood here with Mayor Frank Jackson to announce our plans to better connect Public Square with the Lakefront. We're going to transform the ten acres of Public Square into a public park that will increase public space by 20% and green space by 40%. [Click here](#) to see a photo from this exciting event.

As always, my office is here to best serve you. If there is anything that we can do to better serve your needs, please call (216) 443-7178 right now.

My best always,

Ed FitzGerald

Cuyahoga County Executive

P.S. [Click here to follow my work through Facebook and share your thoughts with me right now.](#)

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