



Welcome to the
September 2014
Cuyahoga
County E-Newsletter

Dear Friend,

Over the past few weeks, we've undertaken several new initiatives here in Cuyahoga County, and I wanted to share some of them with you right now.

Ending Domestic Violence

As you may know, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and that's why I was proud when the Cuyahoga County Witness/Victim Service Center was selected as one of four sites across the nation to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Justice to help stop the threat of domestic violence. This \$650,000 grant is going to allow us to establish Domestic Violence High Risk Teams in two Cleveland Police Districts where they were not already operating and ensure that first responders are equipped with the tools they need to ensure the safety of domestic violence victims.

High Risk Teams work from the time an incident is reported through arrest, prosecution, sentencing, and the offender's release. With their assistance, the victim is more empowered to plan for and seek safety at all times. The Cuyahoga County Witness/Victim Service Center will work in partnership with the City of Cleveland Division of Police and the Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center to implement this new program in the weeks and months ahead.

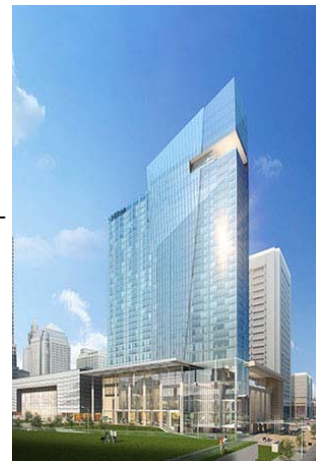
Better Serving You

This month, the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office announced a new 24-hour call center that will ensure constituents can always get the information they need regarding operations, paying bills, and other services. This new service will be available around-the-clock, including on weekends and holidays, to answer your questions regarding Treasury, Real Estate Services, Auto Title, Real Property, and other aspects of the Fiscal Office. Moving forward, if you or someone you know has any questions regarding the Fiscal Office, please call 443-7010 any time, day or night.

Downtown Development

One of this administration's most urgent priorities has been leveraging capital to support development and invest in reinvigorating Downtown Cleveland. Last winter, we formally began construction of the new Cleveland Convention Center Hotel on the side of the former Cuyahoga County Administrative Building. I'm pleased to report that this project is moving ahead, on-time and under-budget, and we just met another major milestone in this process.

Earlier this month, contractors began erecting more than 1,300 tons of structural steel that is crucial to the success of this project. In the coming months, this \$272 million project will put 2,800 men and women to work. And, once it's completed in 2016, the new hotel will provide another 450 good-paying jobs for Northeast Ohio residents. [Click here](#) to visit my Facebook page and share your thoughts on what the rebirth of Downtown Cleveland means for you.



Cleveland Convention Center Hotel Rendering

Protecting Animal Welfare

As of this month, the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter will be open to the public on Sundays,

between the hours of 12 and 3 PM. This means greater access to resources for pet owners in Northeast Ohio, as well as shorter recovery times for lost pets and more opportunities for residents to adopt a pet of their own. The County Animal Shelter is located at 9500 Valley Drive, Valley View. [Click here](#) to learn more about the valuable services they provide for local animals and the folks who care for them.

Keeping Cuyahoga County Safe

Nothing is more important to me personally than making sure Cuyahoga County residents are safe and secure in their communities. Beginning this fall, the Cuyahoga County Emergency Communications System (CECOMS) will assume control of emergency dispatch operations in Olmsted Township. This consolidation means that Olmsted taxpayers will continue to receive quality emergency operations at a reduced cost. [Click here](#) to learn more about this important initiative and how it can benefit communities all across Cuyahoga County.

Emergency Preparedness Month

Cuyahoga County and the YMCA of Greater Cleveland teamed up earlier this month to celebrate National Preparedness Month and provide information for constituents at an event in Warrensville Heights. Preparing for an emergency ahead of time can make a huge difference for families. Knowing what to do and having a few essential supplies can help everyone cope with disaster



Recognizing National Preparedness Month

At this event, residents had the opportunity to learn more about how to prepare for an emergency, with an added focus on children, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and pets. Even if you weren't able to attend this event, we're going to continue doing everything we can to ensure that residents have the resources they need to prepare for an emergency. [Click here](#) to learn more about the services we provide right now.

My office is always here to serve you. If you'd like to know more about the services we can provide, please call 443-7178 right now.

My best always,

Ed FitzGerald

Edward FitzGerald
Cuyahoga County Executive

P.S. [Click here](#) to follow my work through Facebook right now.

Connect with Cuyahoga County



[Contact Us](#)



Office of County Executive Edward FitzGerald
2079 East Ninth Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44115
www.onecuyahoga.com