



Avery Johnson Park Grand Opening

The City of Cleveland held a grand opening/ribbon-cutting ceremony in November to dedicate Avery Johnson Park. A motion was made by Councilman Bill Estes in 2019, to name the park in honor of Vice-Mayor/Councilman-At-Large Avery Johnson. The motion was unanimously approved by the City Council.

Vice-Mayor/Councilman Avery Johnson has served on the City Council since 1993. Councilman Estes stated "He has played a major role in city government." Estes also included in his motion the planting of a large oak tree with a plaque, "because they grow big and strong and have meaning." Councilman David May added, "the plaque should be cast in stone so it will be there forever representing Vice Mayor Johnson." Mayor Brooks added, "This is a title and an honor he deserves." The oak tree and plaque will be installed in the near future.

Vice-Mayor/Councilman Johnson said he was humbled by the park being named in his honor. He stated, "This is something not taken lightly and is something I will remember for the rest of my life."

The park is adjacent to Blythe-Bower Elementary School, located at 260 Foster Lane S.E. It features a pavilion, soccer fields, a small and large dog park.



The park was funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the City of Cleveland.

This park is an asset to our community and will be used for generations to come. "This is a great legacy for Vice-Mayor/Councilman-At-Large Avery Johnson," said City Manager Joe Fivas.



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DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Mainstreet Cleveland is all about downtown! Mainstreet Director Sharon Marr, said, "To welcome in 2022, the downtown lights will stay on until Valentine's Day. It brightens the winter nights and the lights are just too pretty to take down."

Mainstreet would like to thank it's partners for making the lighting additions possible:

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YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The Cleveland Youth Basketball League (CYBL) and Cheerleading is a local sports league sponsored by the Cleveland Parks & Recreation Department. The mission of the league is to provide citizens of Cleveland a fun, safe and well organized youth program where participants will learn the fundamentals of basketball and cheerleading.



Parks & Recreation Director Patti Petitt said, "we are having a very busy, but good season. The league has been a huge success this year. We have had 150 cheerleaders and 500 players to sign up." Every child registered has been placed on a team.

There are three divisions: (1) Kindergarten & 1st grade; (2) 2nd & 3rd grade; and (3) 4th & 5th grade. The season began on December 4th and will run through the end of February.

For more information about this and other recreation programs, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 423.479.4129.

DOWNTOWN UPDATE

Renovation will begin this Spring to the 7,000 square foot Moore building, located at the corner of Edwards/Inman Streets. It will be modernized for office operations for an accounting firm.

Renovation to the 59,692 square foot Sanda Hosiery Mill building located at 140 Edwards Street is underway. The old mill will be transformed into 52 one and two bedroom loft apartments. Additionally, streetscape improvements, widening of sidewalks, the addition of parallel parking, street trees and pedestrian lighting will be added.

The city's proposed plan for the historic seven-story Cherokee hotel located at the corner of Inman/Ocoee Streets includes a mix of a boutique hotel or residential space through private investments. The proposed transformation would feature retail shops on the first floor and an outdoor rooftop restaurant with 360 degree views.



Additional updates are forthcoming.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



We would like to welcome our new Accounts Payable Clerk, Taylor Ramezanipour to the City of Cleveland. Taylor is filling the Accounts Payable position vacated by Lavinia Johnson who recently retired.

Taylor is originally from central Florida but moved to Cleveland in 2011. She graduated from Walker Valley High School in 2018 and continued her education and graduated from UTC in May 2021 with a Bachelor's in Accounting. She is finishing the last semester of her master's program.

She enjoys cooking, watching movies, and playing games. Taylor stated, she is excited to be with the City of Cleveland and excited for what the future holds. Fun fact: She has all of the vowels in her last name, which is Persian. City Manager Joe Fivas said, "We are happy to Welcome Taylor aboard. She is a valuable asset to the City of Cleveland."

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