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Democracy News

Welcome, Democracy Builders. Check out the exciting news for upcoming dates, events, and opportunities to expand Equitable Civic Engagement. Check out the newsletter below!



The elections are approaching, and it is important to know the key dates for them.

This year, we have a Primary Election for the Suburbs, a Special Election for the District 11 Congressional Race, the Cleveland Primary Election, and a General Election. Below are the dates and the voter registration deadlines.

Remember to encourage people to check their voter registration [here](#). Click [here](#) for more information from the Secretary of State's office.

May 4th Primary (Suburbs)

Voter Registration Deadline: April 5th

Early Voting Starts: April 6th

August 3rd - Special Election (District 11 Congressional Race)

Voter Registration Deadline: July 6

Early Voting - TBD

September 14th Primary (Cleveland)

Voter Registration Deadline: August 16th

Early Voting Starts: August 17th

November 2nd General Election

Voter Registration Deadline: October 4th

Early Voting Starts: October 5th

Primary Election

The following municipalities will have an Election:

- Brecksville
- Fairview Park
- Garfield Heights
- North Olmsted
- Parma
- Parma Heights
- Pepper Pike
- Rocky River
- Seven Hills
- Strongsville
- Warrensville Heights

For the full Election Overview and Issues List visit www.443vote.us.



Mayo 4, 2021 Elección Primaria

Los siguientes municipios tendrán elecciones:

- Brecksville
- Fairview Park
- Garfield Heights
- North Olmsted
- Parma
- Parma Heights
- Pepper Pike
- Rocky River
- Seven Hills
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- Warrensville Heights

Para ver el resumen completo de las elecciones y la lista de temas, visite www.443vote.us.



Know Your Deadlines:

May 4, 2021 Primary Election

Close of Voter Registration.....	April 5
Early In-Person voting begins.....	April 6
Last day to return Absentee Ballot by mail.....	May 3
Last day to return Absentee Ballot In-Person.....	May 4
Election Day.....	May 4

Register to vote and confirm Election Info at www.443Vote.us.



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Elecciones Primarias 4 de mayo de 2021

Inscripción de Votantes	Abril 5
Comienza el voto Adelantado en Persona	Abril 6
Último día para devolver papeletas de Voto Ausente por correo	Mayo 3
Último día para devolver papeletas de Voto Ausente en persona	Mayo 4
Día de Elecciones	Mayo 4

Regístrese para votar y confirme su información electoral en www.443Vote.us.  CONDADO DE CUYAHOGA
JUNTA ELECTORAL

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DEMOCRACY
LOOK LIKE
IN 2021?**

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Upcoming Event: Office of Reentry's Reentry Week 2021

Cleveland VOTES, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Alpha Omega Chapter, and the Cuyahoga County Office of Reentry are hosting a nonpartisan training for individuals interested in engaging community members civically and learning practices to successfully engage elected officials about legislation relevant to their needs. To participate in the training, you can register [here](#). If you have any questions and want to learn more about the Office of Reentry's Reentry Week contact Katrice Williams at katrice.williams@jfs.ohio.gov.

Date: April 28th, 2021
Time: 11:30 am - 1 pm



2020 Democracy in Review: Reclaiming our Narrative

2020 was a tumultuous year for everyone and the culture of democracy was pushed in unimaginable ways. Whether it was registering people at peaceful rallies/protests, prototyping digital engagements, providing PPE to people while they registered to vote and complete the census, equitable democracy is about us collectively reclaim our narrative.

Cleveland VOTES is proud to release our first 2020 Democracy in Review: Reclaiming our Narrative soon. Please be on the lookout for our upcoming Democracy in Review report soon. Below are some 2020 highlights of our collective work. Thank you, Democracy Builders.

\$312,437

Awarded from Cleveland VOTES in 2020

\$562,437

Awarded with Philanthropic partners in 2020

109 Events

Cleveland VOTES + Partners/Grantees' Events in 2020

89 Engagements

21,000+ Completed Voter Registrations

Completed voter registrations collected with partners/grantees in 2020

Tell Gov. DeWine:

Stand with the AAPI
community against hate

Add your support for our sign-on letter

Cleveland VOTES stands in solidarity with the AAPI community after the tragic injustices that occurred in Atlanta. Cleveland VOTES is committed to standing with the AAPI against hate. Please sign OPAWL's statewide sign-on with the AAPI community against hate.

Please read the message from our partners, OPAWL below:

Ohio Statewide Sign-On: Stand with the AAPI community against hate

"We can all fight back against anti-Asian racism by showing our support for [a statewide Ohio letter](#) to Governor Mike DeWine and the Ohio State Legislature. OPAWL is asking our communities, partners, and allies to stand together in demanding that the State of Ohio act quickly and meaningfully to ensure the long term safety, recovery, and resilience of Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities across Ohio. We know what will keep us safe, and we demand to be seen and heard.

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Asian women in Atlanta. This tragedy has brought to the forefront the collective fear, anger, and pain AAPI communities have been experiencing since the start of the global pandemic.

One year ago, 149 organizations and 1,200 Ohioans [publicly asked Governor DeWine and other Ohio public officials to take action](#) to address the resurgence in anti-Asian violence during the pandemic. **One year later, [3,795 hate incidents have been reported across the country, precious lives have been lost, and nothing substantial has been said or done.](#)** Here in Ohio, our Asian elders are not safe walking on the streets for fear of getting sliced, punched, shoved, kicked, and spit on. Young children have been sprayed with Lysol bottles at school, and called racial slurs while going to Graeter's for ice cream. Asian-owned businesses across Ohio have received crude and threatening hate calls, and a Vietnamese-Thai Restaurant in Dayton was vandalized before being set on fire. Days after the tragic Atlanta shooting, many elected officials still haven't spoken out against the violence targeting our communities. Because of continued racist rhetoric from politicians like Jon Husted, and the silence of others, extremists believe they have permission to carry out acts of violence against our women, our elders, and our children.

Words are important, but words alone will not keep us safe. We need concrete action, policy, and resources. The same root causes of the shooting in Atlanta are present and remain unaddressed right here in Ohio. Our communities are angry and afraid. We need immediate action from public officials at all levels of government to address the many hateful incidents that have already happened, and to prevent a similar horrific act of violence from happening here in our state.

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Voting rights and wrongs:
Democracy Legislation in the Senate
March 3, 2021

Voting Rights and Wrongs: Democracy Legislation in the Senate

Brookings held a webinar discussing H.R. 1, For the People Act of 2021.
Read below Brookings's description below:

"The For the People Act of 2021, or H.R. 1, passed the House of Representatives on March 3, 2021. It is before the Senate as S. 1. The bill covers some of the most foundational aspects of American democracy: voting rights, campaign finance, and ethics rules. S. 1 has remained in the news daily because it would counter many of the 253 proposed and rapidly moving state bills in 43 jurisdictions to tighten restrictions on voting."

Learn more about the webinar [here](#).
Brought to you by Brookings.



Massive Investment in Social Studies and civics Education proposed to address eroding trust in democratic institutions

A pillar of Cleveland VOTES is education-specifically, education around civics, elections, civic engagement, and more. We can not establish a just world without accurate and adequate education as the foundation. Check out this article from The Washington Post "*Massive Investment in social studies and civics education proposed to address eroding trust in Democratic Institutions,*" explaining that we must not let democracy die in darkness but instead reinstitutionalize civics in our education system to foster democracy.

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Criminal Justice Fellowship

The Cleveland Foundation, in partnership with the [Ohio Transformation Fund](#), to develop the [Criminal Justice Fellowship](#). The purpose of the fellowship is to develop guiding principles for supporting criminal justice reform in Greater Cleveland that aligns, honors, and adds value to existing and developing efforts by stakeholders and effectively uses Cleveland Foundation networks and resources, and more. Apply for the fellowship [here](#).



Nonprofit VOTE's Goes to the Polls Toolkit

Message from Nonprofit VOTE:

"Is your state in the Top 10 for 2020 voter turnout and you want to spread the word? Maybe it's in the bottom 10 and letting key people know could help make a change. Not only does our new **"America Goes to the Polls"** report have all the rankings of all 50 states (plus D.C.) but we also have the sample social media you can use right now to share on your channels." Check out their toolkit below.

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