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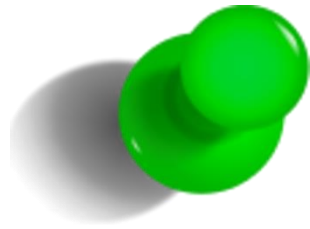
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requests or for
information on the Club**



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**Euclid Democratic Club
Brunch**

**On August 28,
The Brunch will be back
in person at Tizzano's
Party Center.**

**Please make plans to
attend!**

Our Commitment to Safety

Kirsten Holzheimer Gail, Mayor



The increase in gun related and violent crime in our city is very concerning and safety continues to be our top priority. City Council passed a Resolution at the 5/16 Council meeting recognizing June 3rd as National Gun Violence Awareness Day and June as National Gun Violence Awareness Month and encouraging individuals to wear orange the first weekend in June to help raise awareness of gun violence. This request for this recognition came from a community effort - the Our Lady of the Lake Nonviolence Ministry. There is another community driven event – “Guns to Gardens: National Buyback Day” on June 11th at the Church of the Epiphany. We truly appreciate the community initiatives aimed at improving our community and engaging our residents!



I thought I would share some of the things the city is doing to fight this increase in crime and particularly gun related crime:

- We have hired more officers and are continuing to hire to maintain at least 100 officers
- Council just authorized us to get 20 Flock cameras (license plate readers)
- EPD has developed some new approaches including high visibility special patrols, Community Response Unit, and just recently were awarded a state grant for Violence Reduction that will target hotspots/ micro locations focused specifically on gun violence
- EPD has special attentions designated to seizing illegal guns
- We continue to work with and call on regional task forces/ agencies/ partners for assistance
- We utilize nuisance abatement through our law department to address nuisance behaviors, neglected housing in our neighborhoods
- EPD has a program to partner with residents who have Ring or other surveillance cameras

The community plays a role as well – we need residents to call, to report crime or nuisance, to say something-- so we are aware and can do something. Active block watch groups help, active neighborhood groups help-- if



you do not have one and want to help start one, please let us know. If you want to get involved or learn more, I would encourage you to participate in the Citizens Police Academy (call 216-289-8464) or to invite me, your Council rep, and a police department rep to meet with you and your neighbors. Have another idea? Let us know, we will continue to make safety our top priority!

Always make a plan to vote.

Important voting information and dates-

NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

Military & Overseas Absentee Voting: Begins September 23

Deadline to Register to Vote: October 11

Early In-Person Voting: Begins October 12 and includes the two Saturdays, the Sunday and the Monday before Election Day

Absentee Voting By Mail: Begins October 12

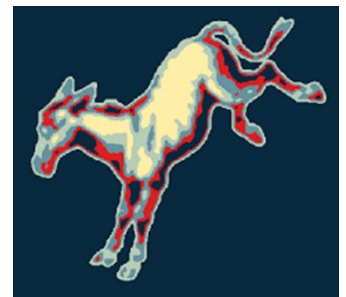
Election Day: November 8 (Polls Open 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.)

The Euclid Dems will be marching in the Memorial Day Parade!



This is a great way to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice, be involved in the community, and to let people know we are always looking for new members.

Be sure to check your email and attend the May meeting for more details!





Where in the World are Ohio's District Lines?

Emily Holody, First Vice President EDC

As many of you know Ohio is currently working on the very large task of redistricting the state. As much news as we have heard about this, it can still be a sticky and confusing topic, and this attempt appears to be one of the stickiest. Let's take a closer look at this process to see if we can make more sense of it together.

Redistricting is the process by which new congressional and state legislative district boundaries are drawn. Each of Ohio's 16 United States representatives and 132 state legislators is elected from political divisions called districts. District lines are redrawn every 10 years following the completion of the United States Census.

The federal government stipulates that districts should have nearly equal populations and must not discriminate based on race or ethnicity. The act of trying to make this process unfair or to favor one party or the other is called Gerrymandering. By definition, gerrymandering is the manipulation of political districts to rig the outcome of elections to favor one political party or candidate over another. Over time, both Republicans and Democrats have done this when they controlled districting.

This attempt at redistricting the maps has been especially difficult, coming off the pandemic and attempting to redraw the lines so close to the May 2022 primary, as well as the speculated attempts at the Republicans to draw the lines in their favor. They scrambled to make a congressional map that could be used for the May primary and left the Ohio House and Ohio Senate races off of the May ballot, waiting now for a speculated August primary.

We are currently less than 3 months away from this speculated August primary and Ohio Senate, and Ohio House



seats are left up in the air with no map being approved. There is now speculation that the third map which was presented and thrown out the first time, will be used, but at this time that is still just speculation.

Candidates are finding it difficult to campaign when they are unsure where they are supposed to be campaigning. With the ever-changing maps, it is also difficult to know what seats are open and what seats have sitting candidates. To say this has been an up and down confusing time is putting it lightly. Euclid's own Kent Smith who is running for an Ohio Senate seat and Jonathan Holody who is running for an Ohio House of Representatives seat are working hard even during these uncertain times.

Holody is staying positive and planning to forge ahead with an official campaign kick-off in Euclid over the Memorial Day weekend, and door-knocking and campaign events planned for the upcoming months. Smith who kicked off his Senate campaign a few months back, continues to work hard serving Euclid as our current house representative and looks forward to campaigning this summer as the districts become clearer.

What happens next is anyone's guess at this point. I am sure I am not alone as I wait with bated breath for the outcome. Never a dull moment in Ohio politics that's for sure. 😊

For additional info on Ohio's redistricting drama, please see the linked article from the

OHIO CAPITAL JOURNAL

<https://ohiocapitaljournal.com/2022/05/13/redistricting-commission-again-answers-for-contempt-charges/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=2dfd1abb-f492-4c>

Cuyahoga County Progressive Caucus

Steve Holecko, Political Director



CCPC Office Reopening Social / Fundraiser

[CCPC Office Reopening Social / Fundraiser](#) Wednesday, June 8 from 5 to 7 pm @ CCPC Office, 11910 Detroit Ave. Lakewood 44107. Many of us haven't seen each other live since the Pandemic began over two years ago. We thought it would be good to get together for a social event at our new look office to celebrate its reopening with food, beverages and some great conversation. If you can bring a donation that would be great, If not please come anyways. If you can't make it but can donate please [click here](#) or mail a check made out to Cuyahoga County Progressive Caucus to 11910 Detroit Ave. Lakewood 44107

Below are some things you can do at home and some other interesting upcoming events

Activism at Home

[Sign the Guardians for Fair Work Petition](#)

[Stop HB 607 and HJR 2 - Bad Bail Bills](#)

[Sign the Petition Opposing the proposed \\$550 million County Jail](#)

[Stop HB 616: an attack on Honest and Inclusive Education](#)

[Petition Calling on Ohio Attorney General to Dissolve FirstEnergy Corporation](#)

Cleveland Jobs With Justice 2022 Spring Celebration

[2022 Virtual Spring Celebration](#) This year [Cleveland Jobs With Justice](#) is going to **recognize workers who are Building Power for Worker Justice by running organizing campaigns and striking** to improve their



rights in the workplace. Join us Thursday, May 26 @ 6:30 pm to hear from workers at Starbucks and other places across the country. [Click here to register for the event](#). After registering you'll receive the Zoom link.

Mobilize the Vote NEO Volunteer Opportunities



[Mobilize the Vote NEO](#) is launching an active Spring, Summer and Fall of voter registration and activism in low - turnout precincts in Cleveland. Indicate your interests [here](#) and they will share

volunteer opportunities with you.

[Virtual Vote Forward Letters to Voters](#) The third Wednesday of every month from 6:30 from 6:30 to 8 pm

Other Upcoming Events

[Benefit Concert for NEOCH](#) Friday, May 20 @ 5 pm @ Five O'Clock Lounge, 11904 Detroit Ave. Lakewood 44107

[Ohio Coalition of Labor Union Women Statewide Conference](#) Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4 @ Hilton Double Tree - Downtown Cleveland, 11111 Lakeside Avenue East, Cleveland 44114, Click the link to see the schedule and register for the event.

[Cuyahoga County Solar Co - op Information Session](#) Thursday, June 9 @ 6 pm @ Nature's Oasis, 3385 Tuttle Rd. Shaker Heights 44122 or click the link to register for the Zoom link

[Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington](#) Saturday, June 18 @ Washington DC. Click the link for details

Have a great summer!

Follow the Euclid Dems on Social Media



The January 6th Panel's work continues, subpoenas issued. See the link from Cincinnati.com for more information.

<https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/politics/2022/05/12/house-investigators-subpoena-ohio-rep-jim-jordan-4-other-republicans/9748299002/>



Santa 4 Senate...

Jake Ericksen, EDC Member

Though we in Ohio seem to be getting our first bits of warm weather, it's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas in Alaska! Why, you may ask, are they feeling the holiday cheer in mid-Spring? An explanation is due, and I'm here to help.

The ironically very old Senator Don Young from Alaska (a Republican) passed away while in office at the age of 88 this past March. Since his passing, the special election to pick his successor has had some familiar faces gaining traction in the news recently. These two candidates that may surprise you to hear about are former Alaska Governor and Republican Vice Presidential Nominee of 2008, Sarah Palin, and city councilman from North Pole, Santa Claus.

Yes, Santa Claus. You didn't read that wrong. Mr. Claus is not a joke candidate—he is really running. He



changed his name from Tom O'Connor in 2005 and has been serving on the North Pole City Council since 2015. It is Alaska, so that means North Pole is a deeply Republican town in a deeply Republican district in a deeply Republican state.

However, Claus is a staunch progressive and a great proponent of Medicare for All.

He plans to spend no more than \$400 of his own money on his campaign and refuses any donations. His primary source of contact with the people is his Twitter account, @SantaClausforAK. His views, as stated by him, are a mirror of Senator Bernie Sanders'—who won the Alaska Democratic

primary in 2016 with 80% of the vote.

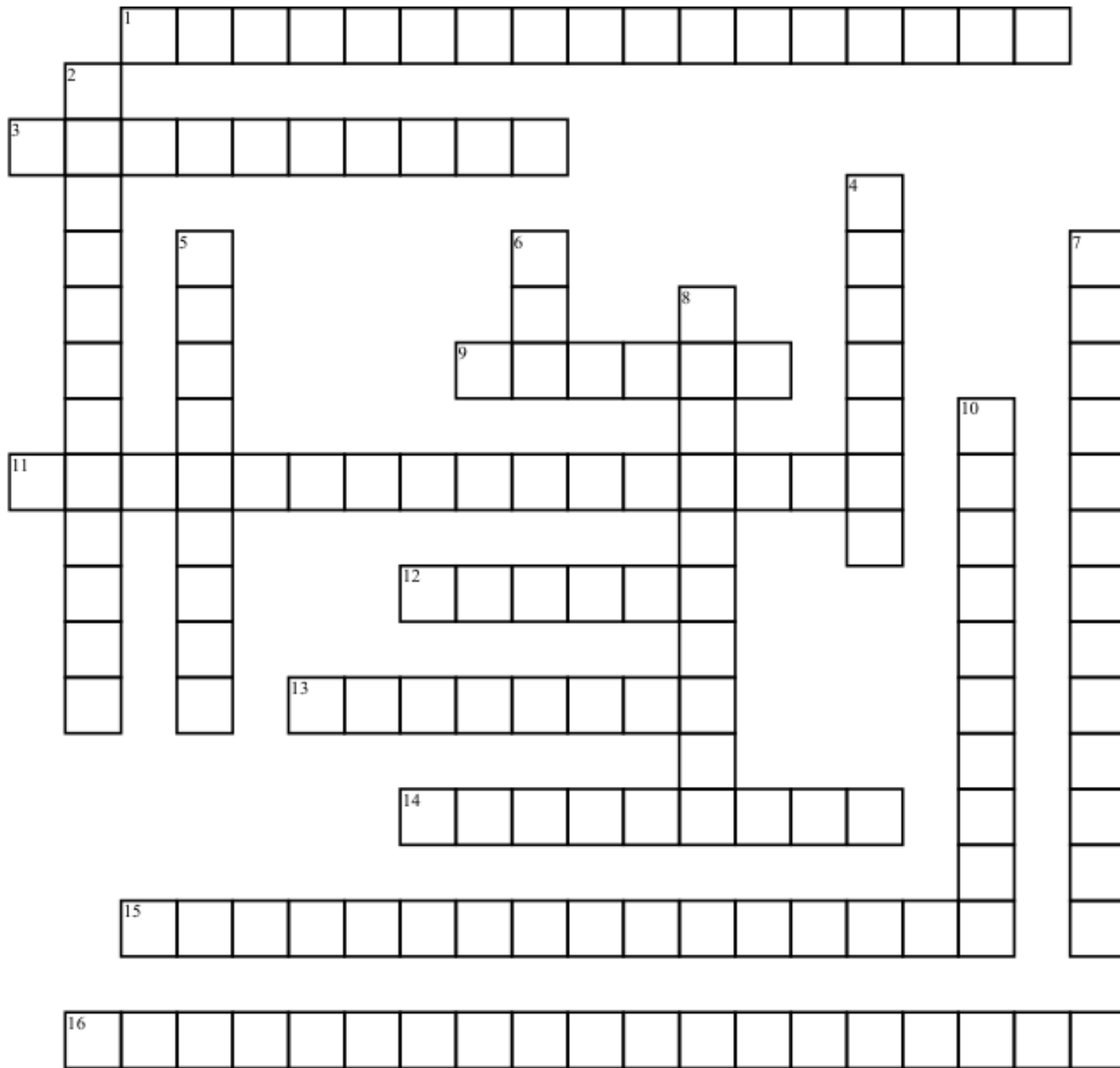
Claus is not just all fun and games, either. He served as the special assistant to the deputy police commissioner in New York City in 1971. He is also a devout monk. The name change happened after he was spending some time walking in the Mountains of Lake Tahoe and someone drove by saying “Santa! I love you!” and promptly took on the identity of the mythical Father Christmas.

In conclusion, the story of the man they call Santa Claus is more than just a fairy tale told to children; he is a real man, and he wants your support in the Senate race.



Forward this
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wide!
Help us get the word
out!

The democratic and republican parties



Across

- 1. began on _____
- 3. One of the political parties
- 9. the symbol of the democratic party
- 11. the republican party wants
- 12. want _____ taxes
- 13. the symbol of the republican party

14. former democrat president obama created

15. democratic and republican parties

16. The republicans support

Down

2. 80% of the republicans support

4. democrats _____ gay marriage

5. the leader of the United States

6. how many major parties are there

7. who formed the democratic party

8. Founded first

10. the republican party

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(There are many of these available. If you enjoy it, I can include them in the future. Also, I don't have an answer key, sorry.)



Chris- 5-2022

Euclid Democratic Club Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 19, 2022- 7PM, Euclid Library & on Zoom

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Certification of a Quorum
4. Guest Speakers, candidates will join us as they become available
5. Certification of Minutes from the April meeting
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Correspondence Secretary Report
8. President's Report
9. 1st Vice President's Report
10. Committee Reports
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Open Forum
14. Announcements
15. Adjournment

Next meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m., June 16, 2022,

in person at Euclid Public Library and on Zoom



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all of our contributors!
See you in the 3rd quarter edition.*

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