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## CentroVilla25 celebrates its one-year anniversary

by Chuck Hoven

Since it first opened a year ago, CentroVilla25 has served as a community gathering place for Cleveland's Latino Community, a place to dine and shop, and a place where new entrepreneurs find affordable space to rent with technical assistance and resources to help their business succeed. CentroVilla25 also provides rental event space,

and an office space for the staff of Northeast Ohio Hispanic Center for Economic Development.

Northeast Ohio Hispanic Center for Economic Development (NEOHCED), which also does business as (dba) the Hispanic Business Center, owns the building at 3140 W. 25th which houses CentroVilla25. A decade of planning and securing resources by NEOHCED and its part-

ners resulted in the adaptive reuse of the 32,500 square foot warehouse and office building and creation of an additional 12,500 square foot expansion. CentroVilla25 also has outdoor event space as well as three parking lots for visitors.

Northeast Ohio Hispanic Center for Economic Development President and Chief Executive Officer Jenice Contreras says CentroVilla25 has been well received by the community. She says CentroVilla25 is "creating an opportunity for entrepreneurs that want to start a business." It provides the physical infrastructure they need to get started. NEOHCED set up CentroVilla25 as a nonprofit 501c3 organization that runs and owns CentroVilla25, Contreras noted.

Contreras says she is proud of the space and describes how it offers space for a variety of community events. She notes recent use for a wedding party on Valentine's Day and over 500 people in attendance for a Super Bowl party featuring Puerto Rican artist Bad Bunny as the half time performer.

Contreras invites the wider community to come celebrate Latino culture. She says, "Come and feel like you are transported to Latin  
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Friday, February 13, 2026; CentroVilla25, 3140 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street: CentroVilla25, Cleveland's Latino community hub, market, and food hall, will host a 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary celebration on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

## Happy Dog hosts City Club forum on recent ICE escalations

by Bruce Checefsky

The City Club of Cleveland, known as "America's Citadel of Free Speech," one of the oldest independent free speech forums in the United States since 1912, and the nationally celebrated Happy Dog indie rock venue have collaborated for over a decade on a long-running community series titled Happy Dog Takes on Everything.

Their most recent forum addressed the escalation of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers conducting raids in

Los Angeles, Chicago, Portland, and Minneapolis.

Panelists included Patrick Espinosa, Managing Partner of Sus Abogados Latinos, and Lynn Tramonte, Executive Director of the Ohio Immigrant Alliance. Chris Schmitt, Chief Executive Officer of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, who acted as the moderator. It was standing room only.

The Happy Dog is in the Gordon Square Arts District, one of the city's most racially and economically diverse areas with significant Hispanic (24%) and African Ameri-

can (21%) populations as of 2026. The neighborhood remains a focal point for community monitoring of potential immigration enforcement activities.

Following an introduction, Schmitt asked panelists to comment on whether the federal government, in pulling back on 700 agents leaving Minneapolis, with 2,000 agents still there, was yielding to public backlash following the killings of Renee Good on January 7 and Alex Pretti, a few weeks later, on January 24.

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Friday, February 13, 2026; CentroVilla25, 3140 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street: La Esquina Dominicana's owner Aneudy Rijo and Elizabeth Valdez stand ready to serve delicious Dominican food to those visiting CentroVilla25.

## New SNAP work requirements may impact eligibility to receive benefits

by Tonya Sams

Federal law changes from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025 (HR1) introduced changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), including new eligibility, work requirements, reporting, and administrative requirements that will affect thousands of families in Cuyahoga County.

According to the Cuyahoga County Department of Job and Family Services (JFS), SNAP now requires able-bodied adults from 18 to 64 years of age to work at least 20 hours a week (80 hours a month) to continue to receive their benefits. This includes working in a paid position, unpaid community service, and certain employment and training programs.

This also means that those who were previously exempt - such as those over 54, veterans, the homeless, or those who have aged out of the foster care system - must meet these requirements. Those who have children under 18 are no longer exempt, only those with children

under 14.

As of December 2025, JFS sent out letters informing those impacted by eligibility changes that they were in danger of losing their exempt status.

Despite the new requirements, there are still some exceptions. Adults between the ages of 60-64 could be eligible for exemptions if they are mentally or physically unable to work. Pregnant women are also an exception. Another exception is for those living with someone who is also an assistance group member under the age of 14. Another exception category is for Indians, Urban Indians, or California Indians. Other age groups may be eligible for these exemptions.

Those who are 59 years of age or younger may be exempt if they are students who are enrolled at least half time, people who are employed or self-employed and work at least 30 hours a week, or those who are applying for or receiving unemployment benefits. Those in a

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Friday, February 13, 2026; CentroVilla25, 3140 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street: Food Services Manager Karl Primous runs the CentroVilla25 Commercial Kitchen. The Commercial Kitchen is available for rent by the hour to any food service business. Primous also is available to advise food service entrepreneurs on obtaining various business licenses, insurance, and food safety certification.

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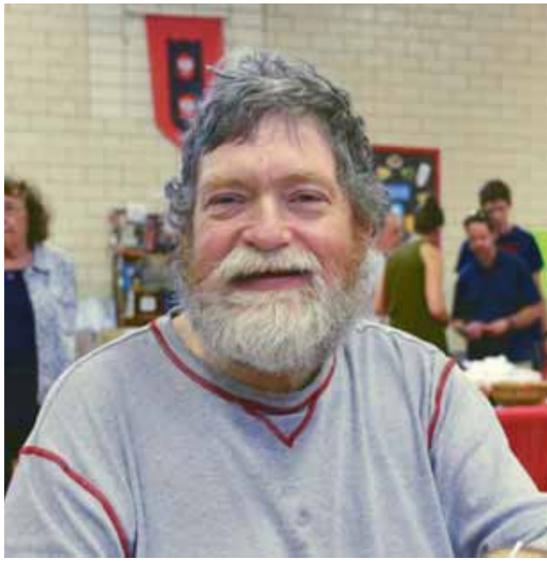


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- Get Covered Ohio . [getcoveredohio.org](http://getcoveredohio.org) ..... 833-628-4467
- HELP Foundation ..... 432-4810
- Help Me Grow of Cuyahoga County.....930-3322
- Lead Safe Cleveland Coalition ..... 833-601-5323
- Lupus Foundation of America/Ohio ..... 440-717-0183
- Malachi House... [www.malachihouse.org](http://www.malachihouse.org).....621-8831
- Medicaid Hotline [www.Medicaid.ohio.gov](http://www.Medicaid.ohio.gov) . 1-800-324-8680
- Medicaid Benefits <https://benefits.ohio.gov>... 1-844-640-6446
- Medicare ..... <https://www.medicare.gov>
- Milestones Autism Resources ..... 464-7600
- Mission4Maureen. [www.mission4maureen.org](http://www.mission4maureen.org) 440-655-1506
- Multiple Sclerosis Society – Ohio ..... 1-800-344-4867
- North American Menopause Society.....440-442-7550
- Ohio Relay Service (TTY/TTD).....800-750-0750 or 711
- Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program  
[www.insurance.ohio.gov](http://www.insurance.ohio.gov) ..... 800-686-1578
- Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation ..... 614-429-1528
- Overeaters Anonymous.....800-511-9610  
<https://oacleland.org/>
- Paratransit Service ..... [www.riderta.com/paratransit](http://www.riderta.com/paratransit)
- Schedule Paratransit with ADA ID card ..... 621-9500
- Project SAFE Neighborhoods (U.S. Attorney) ..... 622-3600
- Reserve Care ..... 800-707-8922
- Services for Independent Living .<https://sil-oh.org> . 731-1529

### HOMELESS RESOURCES

- Bellefaire JCB Homeless & Missing Youth Hotline 570-8010
- Cogswell Hall.....961-1568
- Community Service Alliance ..... 351-0655
- City Mission Shelter.....431-3510
- Cuyahoga County Coordinated Intake ..... 674-6700
- Emerald Development & Economic Network (EDEN)  
[www.edencle.org](http://www.edencle.org)..... 961-9690
- Family Promise of Greater Cleveland  
<https://familypromisecle.org>
- Front Steps Housing & Services St. Joseph's Commons.  
..... 781-2250
- Joseph and Mary Home ... <https://jmhome.org> ..... 685-1551
- Laura's Home Women's Crisis Center ..... 431-3510
- Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry .. [www.lutheranmetro.org](http://www.lutheranmetro.org)  
2100 Lakeside Men's Shelter ..... 566-0047  
Westhaven Youth Shelter ..... 658-4625
- Metanoia Project [www.metanoiaproject.org](http://www.metanoiaproject.org) ..... 338-0181

- Emotions Anonymous ..... <https://emotionsanonymous.org>
- Frontline Services – Mobile Crisis Team.....623-6888
- Future Directions COS.....251-8265  
[www.futuredirections-cos.org](http://www.futuredirections-cos.org)
- HEAL (Helping Each Other After Loss)..... 844-8254
- Joel's Place for Children.....440-248-4412  
.....[www.joelsplaceforchildren.org](http://www.joelsplaceforchildren.org)
- Joy's House of Love.....[www.joyshouseoflove.com](http://www.joyshouseoflove.com)
- Magnolia Club House ..... 721-3030  
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- MetroHealth Behavioral Health Services .....778-4428
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- National Alliance for the Mentally Ill Gr. Cleve ..... 875-7776  
<https://namigreatercleveland.org>
- National Eating Disorders Association  
[www.nationaleatingdisorders.org](http://www.nationaleatingdisorders.org)
- Ohio Department of Behavioral Health...<https://dbh.ohio.gov/>
- Ohio Guidestone... <https://ohioguidestone.org>...844-622-5564
- St. Vincent Charity Addiction Treatment.....363-2570
- Signature Health ..... 440-578-8200
- Thrive Peer Recovery Ser 24 Hr. Warmline ..... 440-886-5950

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- Affordable Care Act [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov)... 1-800-318-2596
- Better Business Bureau..... [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org)
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services... 1-800-633-4227
- City of Cleveland Office of Fair Housing ..... 664-2018
- Consumer Finance Protection Bureau  
.....[www.consumerfinance.gov](http://www.consumerfinance.gov)
- Cuyahoga County Job & Family Services ..... 881-5554
- Do Not Call Registry ..... [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)
- Earned Income Tax Credits..... [www.refundohio.org](http://www.refundohio.org)
- Free tax preparation – for appointments call..... 211
- Energy Star ..... [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)
- Greater Cleveland Community Credit Union... 216-664-2217  
[www.greaterclevcu.com](http://www.greaterclevcu.com)
- Identification Crisis Collaborative Program .....211
- Internal Revenue Service (IRS)..... [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)
- Medicaid Consumer Hotline (Ohio) .....1-800-324-8680
- Medicare fraud hotline .....1-800-633-4227
- Medicare ..... <https://www.medicare.gov>
- Ohio Atty Gen Consumer Protection ..... 800-282-0515
- Ohio Benefits ..... [www.benefits.ohio.gov](http://www.benefits.ohio.gov)
- Ohio Consumers' Council ..... 1-877-742-5622
- OH Victims of Crime Program [www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov)
- Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.....800-686-7826
- Small Business Administration ..... [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)
- Social Security Administration.....[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)
- Unemployment Insurance (Ohio) ..... 1-877-644-6562
- Veterans Affairs Department ..... 800-698-2411

### PARENTING

- Adoption Network Cleveland.....325-1000
- Bright Beginnings Parent Support Lead Program.. 698-7500



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Wednesday, February 4, 2026; Happy Dog takes on ICE, Happy Dog, W. 58<sup>th</sup> and Detroit Avenue: L to R: Panelists included Patrick Espinosa, Managing Partner of Sus Abogados Latinos; and Lynn Tramonte, Executive Director of the Ohio Immigrant Alliance.

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Schmitt wanted to know if their actions were a purposeful distraction or whether ICE was turning its attention elsewhere.

"They are just going to send them somewhere else," said Tramonte. "Congress gave them billions of dollars. This is the largest federal enforcement agency on target to become larger than the federal prison system."

She explained that immigration detention functions as a prison where no one faces criminal accusations.

"It is a civil violation, where they sit in a criminal jail in Geauga, Mahoning, and Butler County, with prisoners serving a criminal sen-

tence," added Tramonte.

The annual budget for ICE went from less than \$6 billion to \$85 billion in just ten years, as part of the One, Big, Beautiful Bill Act, a sweeping federal statute passed on a strictly partisan basis and signed into law on July 4, 2025.

Espinosa said the public response is changing the administration's tactics. Protests have led to the tragic deaths of Good and Petti and put the Trump administration on its heels.

"People have a voice, and that voice is loud and clear. The videos speak for themselves," he said, referring to videos related to the fatal shootings.

The audience applauded after Tramonte interrupted with, "White people got killed. That is why it

matters now," she continued. "We have a video of a black woman being pulled out and thrown onto the ground. We did not get the reaction that we are getting now from Republicans. It should not take so much violence to get people to wake up."

Authorities apprehended 5-year-old Liam Conejo Ramos and his father in their Minnesota driveway and transferred them to a Texas detention facility in January.

Local officials alleged they used the child as bait, while the federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS) stated the operation targeted the father, who had a pending asylum claim. A federal judge's ruling the following month released them.

"Civics lesson to the government:

Administrative warrants issued by the executive branch to itself do not pass probable cause muster. That is called the fox guarding the henhouse. The Constitution requires an independent judicial officer," wrote Judge Samuel Frederick Biery Jr., of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Schmitt called the judicial decision a "backhand," referring to a backhand slap.

"It is well worth the three-minute read. His [Judge Biery Jr.] decision is just about as straightforward a slap as a judge can ever possibly give somebody in that arena," he said.

"Immigration officials are making people undocumented who have legal status," said Tramonte when asked about the surge of interest in immigration policy. People who pay taxes are being arrested and held in jail, she added. "Their tactics include people who run businesses in our country, work with us, and we see at church. It is personal."

"Immigrants are more likely to be entrepreneurs," said Espinosa. "They employ plenty of people, and those numbers are getting lost in the political propaganda."

Immigrants are being arrested and charged with civil offenses, not with reentry; immigration law is civil, said Tramonte. It is a misdemeanor, a criminal offense less serious than a felony but more severe than an infraction, typically punishable by fines, probation, community service, or up to one year in local county jail.

"It is crazy that ICE is carrying guns and hiding their faces," she said. "They look like SWAT teams. We never had that level of troops in our communities. They are at war with us."

The United States (U.S.) Supreme Court ruled last September, in a 6-3 decision, lifting a lower court's restrictions on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operations in the Los Angeles area. The order allows ICE agents

to make investigative stops based on factors that lower courts previously deemed to be racial profiling, such as apparent race or ethnicity, speaking Spanish or English with an accent, type of employment (e.g., landscaping, construction), and presence in specific locations (e.g., car washes, bus stops).

"The ruling gives police and other federal immigration authorities the ability to pull over anyone who looks different," said Espinosa. "For God's sake. It is ridiculous."

Schmitt said people do not get the system. When detained, they do not know what to do next.

Espinosa explained that rather than sit in jail waiting for a hearing, which could take months or a year, possibly longer, the change in policy makes it difficult for the detainee to get their day in court, so they take deportation instead.

"I own a local landscaping company," said Jackie Young, owner of Ohio Native Landscapes, during the Q&A session, "and the landscaping workforce is over 50% immigrants. What can we do to advocate for those people? Should we have a plan if ICE comes here?"

"You should have a plan. Have a private place in your business where ICE agents cannot go; use code words to mobilize people into those spaces," offered Espinosa. "Do not run. Create a safe space for your employees."

For legal aid, contact the Ohio Immigrant Alliance at 419-777-4357.

The City Club of Cleveland full podcast is at [https://www.cityclub.org/inc/audio-player.php?event\\_id=2177](https://www.cityclub.org/inc/audio-player.php?event_id=2177)

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 Cleveland Community Police Commission ..... 505-5920  
[www.clepcp.org](http://www.clepcp.org)  
 Cleveland Public Power ... [www.cpp.org](http://www.cpp.org) ..... 664-460  
 City Council Offices.....664-2840  
[www.clevelandcitycouncil.org](http://www.clevelandcitycouncil.org)  
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 U.S. Senator Bernie Moreno ..... 202-224-2315  
[www.moreno.senate.gov](http://www.moreno.senate.gov)  
 U.S. Senator Jon Husted ..... 202-224-3353  
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 Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.....443-8683  
<https://boe.cuyahogacounty.gov>  
 Cuyahoga County Council ..... 698-2020  
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 Cuyahoga County Job & Family Services.... 1-844-640-6446  
[www.benefits.ohio.gov](http://www.benefits.ohio.gov)  
 Cuyahoga County Dog Licenses: .....[www.cuyahogadogs.com](http://www.cuyahogadogs.com)  
 Cuyahoga County Job and Family Service Centers  
 Jane Edna Hunter Building.....881-5554  
 Cuyahoga County Government.....443-7000  
<https://cuyahogacounty.gov>  
 Cuyahoga County Scam Squad .....443-SCAM (7226)  
 Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department .....443-6000  
 Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District ..... 443-3749  
[www.cuyahogarecycles.org](http://www.cuyahogarecycles.org)  
 Cuyahoga Valley National Park .. .....440-717-3890  
<https://nps.gov/cuva>  
 Emergency Medical Service ..... 911  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) .....522-1400  
 Fire Department -Fire Public Education Unit ..... 664-6386  
 Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority ..... 566-5100  
 RTA Community Connection Line.....621-9500  
[www.rideRTA.com](http://www.rideRTA.com)  
 RTA Paratransit ..... 566-5244  
 National Do Not Call Registry ..... <https://donotcall.gov>  
 NE Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency..... 241-2414  
 Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District ..... 881-8247  
 Ohio Dept. of Insurance ..... <https://insurance.ohio.gov>  
 Ohio Governor Mike DeWine ..... <https://governor.ohio.gov>  
 Ohio State Senators  
 21st District: Kent Smith ..... 614-466-4857  
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 Police Department (non-emergency).....311  
 Police First District.....623-5100  
 First District Community Services .....623-2503  
 Police Second District.....623-5200  
 Second District Community Services ..... 623-5220  
 Prosecutor's Office (Cleveland) .....664-4850  
 Prosecutor's Office (Cuyahoga County).....443-7800  
 Sustainable Cleveland .....664-2455  
 Social Security Administration.....1-800-772-1213  
 TTY ..... 1-800-325-0778  
 United States Department of Justice .....202-514-2000

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Asian Services in Action –  
 International Community Health Center ..... 361-1223  
 Care Alliance.....535-9100  
 Case Western Reserve University Dental Clinic..... 368-3200  
 Circle Health Services ..... 721-4010  
 Cuy Community College Community Health, Wellness  
 and Preventive Care Center.....987-3555  
 Cuy Community College Dental Hygiene Clinic.....987-4413  
 Grace Hospital.....687-1500  
 Holy Family Home Health Care & Hospice...440-797-3388  
[www.holyfamilyhome.com](http://www.holyfamilyhome.com)  
 Hospice of the Western Reserve ..... 800-707-892  
 Lutheran Hospital ..... 696-4300  
 McCafferty Health Center..... 664-6603  
 MetroHealth Appointment Line.....696-3876  
 MetroHealth Medical Center.....[metrohealth.org](http://metrohealth.org)...778-7800  
 MetroHealth Ohio City Medical Center..... 696-3876  
 MetroHealth Old Brooklyn Health Center..... 957-2100  
 Neighborhood Family Practice ..... 281-0872  
[www.nfpmedcenter.org](http://www.nfpmedcenter.org)  
 Planned Parenthood Old Brooklyn Health Center ...661-0400  
 St. Augustine Health Campus ..... 634-7400  
 St. Augustine Towers Assisted Living  
[www.staugministries.org](http://www.staugministries.org)  
 VA Medical Center ..... [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) ..... 791-3800  
 Visiting Nurse Association.....931-1300

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Affordable Care Act [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov)... 1-800-318-2596  
 Alzheimer's Association Cleveland Area Chapter...342-5556  
 American Red Cross of NEO.....431-3010  
 Arthritis Foundation ..... 800-283-7800  
 Better Health Partnership .....250-1077  
 Canine Companions ..... [www.canine.org](http://www.canine.org)  
 Catholic Charities Health and Human Services .....334-2900

Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless.....432-0540  
[www.neoch.org](http://www.neoch.org)  
 Providence House..... [www.provhouse.org](http://www.provhouse.org).....651-5982  
 St. Herman's House of Hospitality FOCUS.....961-3806  
[www.sainthermans.org](http://www.sainthermans.org)  
 St. Malachi Center.[www.malachicenter.org](http://www.malachicenter.org).....771-3036  
 Salvation Army Greater Cleveland.....861-8185  
 Harbor Light (Two Parent Families) .....781-3773  
 Sisters Haven ..... [www.sisters-haven.org](http://www.sisters-haven.org)  
 Trials for Hope .....[www.Trials4Hope.org](http://www.Trials4Hope.org)  
 West Side Catholic Center.... [www.wscenter.org](http://www.wscenter.org) ... 631-4741  
 YWCA's Norma Herr Women's Center ..... 479-0020

**HOUSING PROGRAMS  
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CHN Housing Partners .....574-7100  
[www.chnhousingpartners.org](http://www.chnhousingpartners.org)  
 Cleveland Board of Zoning Appeals ..... 664-2580  
 Cle. Dept. of Aging Senior Homeowner Assistance..664-2833  
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 Cleveland Department of Community Development  
 Housing Rehabilitation Programs..... 664-2045  
 Housing Development Office..... 664-2869  
 Cleveland Furniture Bank ..... 459-2265  
 Cleveland Housing Court .....664-4295  
 Cleveland Restoration Society.....426-1000  
 Community Housing Solutions.....651-0077  
 Cuyahoga County Auditor.<https://cuyahogacountyauditor.net>  
 Cuyahoga Land Bank.....[cuyahogalandbank.org](http://cuyahogalandbank.org)....698-8853  
 Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority CMHA 431-1471  
 CMHA Progressive Action Council ..... 432-5536  
 Fair Housing Center for Rights and Research ..... 361-9240  
 Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity .....429-1299  
[www.clevelandhabitat.org](http://www.clevelandhabitat.org)  
 Home Repair Resource Center ..... 381-6100  
 Neighborhood Assistance Corp. of Amer .....425-602-6222  
 Northeast Ohio Apartment Association ..... 241-1635  
 Ohio Housing Finance Agency .....888-362-6432  
 Rebuilding Together Northeast Ohio ..... 330-773-4100  
 ReStore -Habitat for Humanity ..... 429-1299  
 Right to Counsel Cleveland Free Eviction Help.....861-5835  
[www.FreeEvictionHelp.org](http://www.FreeEvictionHelp.org)  
 Step Forward ..... [www.stepforwardtoday.org](http://www.stepforwardtoday.org) .... 696-9077  
 Tenant Information Line (Legal Aid) ..... 861-5955  
 Western Reserve Land Conservancy ..... 440-528-4150

**IMMIGRATION &  
REFUGEE SERVICES**

Asian Services in Action (ASIA) 330-535-3263 [asiaohio.org](http://asiaohio.org)  
 Building Hope in the City .....281-4673  
[www.buildinghopeinthecity.org](http://www.buildinghopeinthecity.org)  
 Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services.939-3737  
 Inter-Religious Task Force on Central America.....961-0003  
[www.IRTFcleveland.org](http://www.IRTFcleveland.org)  
 Legal Aid Society Naturalization Clinic..... 888-817-3777  
 Legal Aid Detained Immigrant Intake Line .....861-5700  
 Ohio Immigrant Alliance ..... <https://ohioimmigrant.org>  
 ICE Raid and Police Abuse Hotline...419-777-4357  
 Joseph House.....431-7200  
[josephhouseofcleveland.org](http://josephhouseofcleveland.org)  
 Partnership for Good Health.....[partnershipforgoodhealth.org](http://partnershipforgoodhealth.org)  
 Refugee Services Collaborative.....[www.rsccleveland.org](http://www.rsccleveland.org)  
 Re:Source Cleveland..263-3877...[www.resourcecleveland.org](http://www.resourcecleveland.org)  
 Smart Development Inc.....309-0833  
 U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants ..... 781-4560  
[refugees.org/uscri-cleveland](http://refugees.org/uscri-cleveland)

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Candid ..... <https://candid.org>  
 Cleveland Memory Project .....[www.clevelandmemory.org](http://www.clevelandmemory.org)  
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 Cleveland Public Library Main Branch.....623-2800  
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 Brooklyn Branch ..... 623-6920  
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 South.....623-7060  
 South Brooklyn ..... 623-7067  
 CSU Library (Plain Press issues) ..... 687-2479  
 Cuyahoga County Public Library...[www.cuyahogalibrary.org](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org)  
 Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled.623-2911  
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Alcohol, Drug Addiction Mental Health Services.....241-3400  
[www.adamhsc.org](http://www.adamhsc.org)  
 Applewood Centers... [www.applewoodcenters.org](http://www.applewoodcenters.org)...459-9827  
 Beech Brook Assertive Community Treatment.....831-2255  
 Catholic Charities Outpatient Mental Health..1-800-860-7373  
[www.ccdocle.org](http://www.ccdocle.org)  
 Centers' H.O.P.E. Campus ..... 416-4277  
 Cornerstone of Hope.....524-3787  
[www.cornerstoneofhope.org](http://www.cornerstoneofhope.org)  
 Courage to Caregivers ..... 536-7699  
[www.couragetocaregivers.org](http://www.couragetocaregivers.org)  
 Cuyahoga County 24-Hour Suicide Prevention, Ment Health/  
 Addiction Crisis Information & Referral Hotline..... 988  
 Depression & Bipolar Support Alliance. [www.dbsalliance.org](http://www.dbsalliance.org)

[www.escneo.org/ParentSupportLeadProgram.aspx](http://www.escneo.org/ParentSupportLeadProgram.aspx)  
 Centers Family Support Services.....320-9520  
 Connecting for Kids .....440-570-5908  
[www.connectingforkids.org](http://www.connectingforkids.org)  
 Healthy Fathering Collaborative .....211 or 245-7842  
[www.neofathering.net](http://www.neofathering.net)  
 MomsFirst Cleveland Dept of Public Health.....664-4194  
 Triple P-Positive Parenting Program..... 698-7500

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 Riverview Towers – Meal Site ..... 373-1916  
 Cleveland Department of Aging.....664-2833  
 Cleveland State University Project 60.....687-5411  
 Cleveland Westside Village..... 714-2814  
<https://clevelandwestside.helpfulvillage.com>  
 Cuyahoga Community College Program 60 ..... 987-6000  
 Cuyahoga County Division Senior&Adult Services 420-6700  
 Golden Buckeye Card (Ohio Dept of Aging).1-800-422-1976  
 Greater Cleveland Volunteers ..... 391-9500  
 Hispanic Senior Center..... 939-3713  
 Kirby Manor of Villa St. Rose.....1-800-388-2151  
 Livable Cuyahoga .....263-4670  
 Long Term Care Ombudsman.[www.ltco.org](http://www.ltco.org)..1-800-365-3112  
 National Caucus & Center on Black Aging ..... 202-637-8400  
 Ohio Senior Health Insurance Info Prog.....800-686-1578  
 Older Person Law Unit.(Legal Aid) ..... 888-817-3777  
 Senior Citizen Resources Inc. (Old Brooklyn) ..... 749-5367  
 Senior Comm. Service Employment Program 800-554-5335  
 West Side Community House Healthy Aging Center  
 .. 771-7297 ext. 303  
 Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging.....621-0303  
 Family Caregiver Support..... 586-3441  
[www.areaagingsolutions.org](http://www.areaagingsolutions.org)

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TREATMENT**

Addiction/Mental Health Crisis Hotline: ... 623-6888 or 988  
 Alcohol Drug Addiction Mental Health Services .. 241-3400  
[www.adamhsc.org](http://www.adamhsc.org)  
 Alcoholics Anonymous .....241-7387  
 Al-Anon & Alateen.....621-1381  
 Catholic Charities Services- Substance Abuse Treatment  
 .....[www.ccdocle.org](http://www.ccdocle.org) ..... 334-2900  
 Covenant Center.....624-4326  
 Community Action Against Addiction.....881-0765  
 Edna House for Women ...<https://ednahouse.org>... 281-7751  
 Frontline Services Mobile Crisis Team ..... 623-6888 or 988  
 Hispanic Urban Minority Alcohol and Drug Abuse  
 Outreach Program (HUMADAOP)..... 459-1222  
 Hitchcock Center for Women ..... 421-0662  
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Friday, February 13, 2026; CentroVilla25, 3140 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street: Estefany Salomon and Ana Morales serve up Cuban food at Sazón Latino. The stand is owned by Danielly Chávez.

**CENTROVILLA25**

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America." She stressed the importance of the community showing its support "at a time when we are being persecuted by our own government."

CentroVilla25 Events Marketing Manager Ivelys Colón and Marketing Manager Roselyn Nuños described a recent event held at CentroVilla25 on February 13<sup>th</sup> called a Galentine Accessory Swap.

They said about 20 to 30 women gathered to exchange accessories on the day before Valentine's Day. Other activities at CentroVilla25 include zumba, yoga, and market activations. They said plans for this summer call for use of the outdoor plaza space to host 60 or 70 vendors for a community celebration.

Colón and Nuños offered a list of seven food vendors that have signed three-year leases for kiosks in CentroVilla25, and six entrepreneurs that have rented retail kiosks.

The food vendors offer a variety of Latin American cuisine: Tumbao58 (Venezuelan), Flying Pig Taxos (Mexican), Antojitos Salvadoreños (Salvadorian), La Esquina Dominicana (Dominican Republic), Sazon Latino (Cuban), El Kiosquito Boricua (Puerto Rican), and Café Roig (Puerto Rican Coffee).

The retail kiosks are: Mine Jewelry (hand crafted jewelry), Joel Rodriguez (Keller Williams Realtor), Tabako 1491 (Tobacco & Indigenous Shop), Vintage & Vaina (collectables and vintage), Alnairis' Custom Design (custom printing), Cary's 15 Boutique (custom dress design, cups, t-shirts, tumblers).

One of the retail operators, Reinaldo DeJesus, owner of Vintage & Vaina, rents two kiosks. He offers space for local artists to sell items such as pop culture items made with 3-dimensional printers, and Puerto Rican and Caribbean cultural items, teas and handmade soaps.

While all the food vendor spaces have been rented, four retail kiosks are still available at CentroVilla25. For more information about renting a space, call Randy Cedeña at the Hispanic Business Center at 216-281-4422.

A modern commercial kitchen at CentroVilla25 is available for rent by the hour to food vendors in the building as well as being available to food entrepreneurs in the wider community. Food Service Manager Karl Primous runs the kitchen. He is also available to help food businesses to obtain any licenses, insurance or food safety certificates they need.

NEOHCED Executive Assistant Noelitza Dunn, providing a tour CentroVilla25, introduced Plain Press staff to Luis Roman, who is working to open Hula Island Provisions, a grocery and food factory. Roman plans to offer Amish butter and cheeses, fresh salads, Caribbean marinates, infused oils and empanadas. Roman plans to have a Consumer Products Goods wall in the market where local community members can sell food products they make.

Hula Island Provisions, which Roman hopes to be able to open

later this year, will be the largest retail space in CentroVilla25. It will open into the rear parking lot on the West Side of the building.

NEOHCED President and Chief Executive Officer Jenice Contreras says a long-term goal involves creating a master plan that involves expanding to multiple buildings in the neighborhood and providing a huge economic benefit to the area.

As CentroVilla25 continues to grow, expand, and offer more events and opportunities to the community, it seeks both volunteers and donors.

**SNAP BENEFITS**

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drug addiction, alcoholic treatment or rehab program are also exempt.

Anyone who does not meet the new work requirement will be allowed to receive benefits for only three months in a three-year period until they submit proof that they meet the work requirement for 30 days or get an exemption.

A person who has satisfied the unpaid work hours requirement must complete the Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABA) Verification of Unpaid Hours Form (Form number 07410). The form can be found online at [www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/](http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/) and then submitted at [ssp.benefits.ohio.gov](http://ssp.benefits.ohio.gov) or by mail or in person to the Cuyahoga JFS office at 1641 Payne Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114.

The Cuyahoga County Hunger Response Team has published an Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page about SNAP work requirements, available at: [cuyahogacounty.gov/hunger-response-team2](http://cuyahogacounty.gov/hunger-response-team2)

Food assistance resources are available at: Greater Cleveland Food Bank - Community Resource Center, 15500 S. Waterloo Rd., Cleveland, OH 44110, phone: 216-738-2067 [greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/crc](http://greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/crc); For food pantries: [greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/get-help/find-food](http://greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/get-help/find-food); United Way 2-1-1, Information on food pantries, shelters and more. Online chat: [211oh.org](http://211oh.org); and Find Food - Hunger Network Infor-

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, CentroVilla25 will host a 1<sup>st</sup> Year Anniversary Bash. Details about the fundraiser can be found under Events on the CentroVilla25 website at [www.cv25.org](http://www.cv25.org).

Information about NEOHCED and CentroVilla25 is also available on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and X. NEOHCED can also be reached by phone at 216-281-4422. Or you can visit in person. CentroVilla25 is open Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. It is closed on Mondays.

mation on food pantries [hunger-network.org/find-help/find-food/](http://hunger-network.org/find-help/find-food/).

Legal Aid may be able to help with benefit issues. Call 888-817-3777 or complete an online intake at [lasclev.org/apply](http://lasclev.org/apply). For a complete list of Legal Aid Brief Advice Clinics visit: [lasclev.org/clinics](http://lasclev.org/clinics)

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Holy Thursday April 2, 2026  
Mass of the Lord's Last Supper with Washing of the Feet: 7pm  
Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist until 11pm  
Good Friday April 3, 2026  
The Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross: 3pm  
Procession thru the streets: 5:30pm  
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Holy Saturday April 4, 2026  
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7:30am, 9:30am & 12 noon  
Confession Schedule  
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