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City of Cleveland Kicks Off Cuyahoga50 Anniversary Week Celebration

Series of events celebrate 50 years of environmental progress since 1969 river fire

CLEVELAND – Mayor Frank G. Jackson, the City of Cleveland and more than 200 partner organizations will host the Cuyahoga50 Anniversary Week celebration Wednesday, June 19, 2019 through Sunday, June 23, 2019. The celebration, which is the largest series of clean water events in the country, commemorates 50 years of environmental progress since the infamous Cuyahoga River fire of 1969.

“Restoring the Cuyahoga River to its historic thriving vibrancy is part of my Sustainable Cleveland initiative. We have made great strides toward this goal with the help of residents and valuable community partners,” said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. “This week, we celebrate the community-wide efforts that have revived our river and we set the stage for future action that will continue to reshape Cleveland into a vibrant city with successful businesses and a flourishing natural environment.”

More than 25 clean water events will be held near or on the Cuyahoga River during the June 19-23 anniversary week celebration. [Download a full event guide.](#) Throughout 2019, over 100 community events, exhibits, conferences and performances are scheduled to take place in Greater Cleveland in commemoration of the 1969 river fire. To learn more about Cuyahoga50, visit <https://www.cuyahoga50.org/>.

“Cuyahoga50 is not only about celebrating 50 years of progress, but also building the future,” said City of Cleveland Chief of Sustainability Matt Gray. “From recovery and re-naturalization to its shared industrial and recreational uses, the Cuyahoga River can serve as a national model for how grit and green can coexist.”

The week-long celebration includes Mayor Jackson’s [Sustainable Cleveland initiative](#), a 10-year initiative to create a more sustainable city that fosters environmental, economic and social well-being. The year 2019 is the culmination of the decade-long initiative and celebrates the “Year of People” which emphasizes citizen-centered engagement and action. To learn more about Sustainable Cleveland, visit <https://www.sustainablecleveland.org/10-reasons-we-can-t-wait-for-cuyahoga50>.

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