



**Annette Blackwell** is the first female and first African American mayor of Maple Heights. She has also served as safety director and chief conservator of the peace since being sworn in on Jan. 6, 2016.

Mayor Blackwell serves on several executive boards and chairs the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency's policy committee. She is also a Celebrity Godparent for MyCom's Saving Our Daughters initiative, which helps young girls overcome life obstacles.

During her time in office, Mayor Blackwell has received numerous awards — most notably, the Maple Heights City Schools Pathfinder recognition for her work in the field of citizenship and government; the National Action Network Greater Cleveland Humanitarian Award; and the Warrior of Justice and Leadership Award.

Mayor Blackwell is an alumna of the Cleveland Leadership Center's Civic Leadership Institute and is currently pursuing Ohio public manager certification at Cleveland State University's Center for Public and Nonprofit Management.