

Community Heroes: Leading with humanity and dedication.

Based on what you read about Judge Jean Murrell Capers and Harrison Dillard on pages 7 and 8 of your Rockefeller Park Field Guide, what do you think are the qualities that make someone a community hero? Jot down a few notes here:

Now that you've brainstormed the qualities of a hero, tell us about a person that you think is making a positive difference in your neighborhood. What do they do and how do they impact you and your community?



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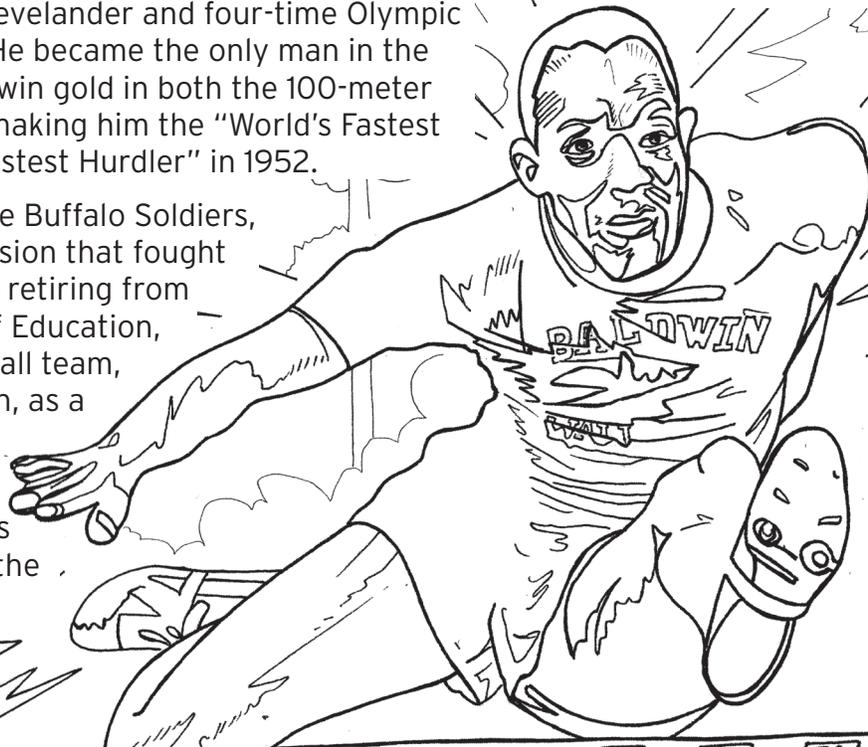
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William Harrison "Bones" Dillard

Harrison Dillard was a lifelong Clevelander and four-time Olympic gold medalist in track and field. He became the only man in the history of the Olympic games to win gold in both the 100-meter (sprints) and 110-meter hurdles, making him the "World's Fastest Man" in 1948 and the "World's Fastest Hurdler" in 1952.

Dillard was a sharpshooter for the Buffalo Soldiers, the all-Black U.S. Army 92nd Division that fought in Italy during World War II. After retiring from track, he worked for the Board of Education, the Cleveland professional baseball team, the Cleveland Boxing Commission, as a sportscaster for WABQ, and as a Cleveland sports columnist.

Dillard attended local track meets in his later years. Far away from the races, he savored quiet walks around the neighborhood.



The Harrison Dillard Bikeway

Having fun on your bike means being safe on your bike! Before you ride, start off with the A, B, C's. Make sure you have **A**ir in your tires, your **B**rakes are working, and your **C**hain is moving freely.

While you ride:

- Always wear your helmet.
- Be bright! If riding at night, have a white light or reflector on the front of your bike, and a red light or reflector on your back.
- Be polite! If you pass someone walking while riding your bike, slow down and let them know you are coming by ringing your bell or telling them.



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Judge Jean Murrell Capers

Jean (Eugenia) Murrell Capers became the first African-American woman elected to Cleveland City Council in 1949. She was born in Georgetown, Kentucky, and came to Cleveland when she was six years old. She attended Western Reserve University (now Case Western Reserve University) on a full scholarship and graduated from Cleveland Law School (now Cleveland-Marshall College of Law).

She first made a name for herself in Cleveland as a tennis player, winning the Greater Cleveland Tennis Championship in 1938. She served on Cleveland City Council for ten years, famously fighting for a swimming pool in her ward and sponsoring street beautification contests.

During her long career, she served as an assistant Ohio Attorney General and a municipal judge. She was a proud advocate for women in government and established the Black Women's Forum in 1968. She lived to be 104 and the tennis courts in Rockefeller Park are named in her honor.

Who is your community hero?

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Text **ROCKEFELLER** to 216-242-2282 for invites to **FREE** wintertime activities, like sledding competitions, organized snowball fights, snowball dodgeball, and more with Recess Cleveland in and around Rockefeller Park.