



2015-16 Annual Report

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VISION Tremont is the ideal urban village, led by a growing population of dedicated people, filled with desirable amenities and essential services, and welcoming to all.

MISSION We serve Tremont by organizing an inclusive community, building a unified neighborhood, and promoting a national destination.



Complete Community...

where a mix of diverse residential and commercial development is advancing the neighborhood

Housing Development From in-fill single family homes in Duck Island consistent with the **Duck Island Plan** to 55 apartments at the Ohio Awning Building and 25 condominium units at The Lincoln in the **Scranton Road Historic District**, we continue to provide the framework and community process for development in our neighborhood. Hundreds of units of housing are currently in the pipeline throughout our entire service area.

Constantino's Tremont West received a \$742,699 Health and Human Services grant to bring a grocer to the neighborhood. Expected opening early summer 2017.

Affordable Housing Opportunities Received a grant and hired a Housing Inclusion Specialist to advocate for and leverage long term affordable housing options in the neighborhood.

Connected Community...

where there are strong and seamless linkages within the neighborhood and to surrounding communities

West 19th Alley Received award to complete a green alley, providing sustainable infrastructure for the Duck Island neighborhood

West 14th Bike Lanes Advocated for the re-stripping of West 14th Street to reduce cut-through traffic, provide traffic calming and add bike lanes.

Clark Avenue Transportation for Livable Communities Plan Completed the Clark Avenue Transportation for Livable Communities Plan bringing attention and advocating for resources for this important East-West Corridor.

Inclusive Community...

where everyone in the neighborhood is engaged through direct, transparent and consistent outreach

Website Hits

Over 2 million per year

Newsletters Published

12 issues, Circulation monthly 4,000

Facebook Followers

2,488

Twitter Followers

12,400 gaining over 100,000 impressions

Tremont West E-News

Over 100 emails to 2,700+ subscribers

Partnerships

50+ other non-profits, city and county agencies and corporations

Organized Community...

where neighborhood plans are executed and results achieved in collaboration with residents and businesses

Total # of Community Meetings Staffed by Tremont West

260

Community Wide

7

Block Club

90

Board Committees

93

Tremont/Duck Island Holiday Food Drive

A friendly competition of Block Clubs donated a record 18,882 items to local Tremont Food Pantries, up from 3,032 the year before, earning the South of Jefferson Block Club their first ever Champion Title.

Sustainable Community...

where people live well and have the opportunity to thrive

Near West Rec League Continued our partnership to provide quality recreation opportunities for all children in our neighborhood.

Tremont Montessori Received funding and created a Strategic Plan for Tremont Montessori as well as facilitated a process to determine the need for a new construction school on site.

Historic Carnegie South Branch Worked with the community and advocated for the return of the Cleveland Public Library South Branch to its Historic Carnegie building.

Trees in Lincoln Park Received a grant to plant 10 trees in Lincoln Park.

New Tremont/Duck Island Businesses We have welcomed 14 new small businesses to our community: Ake'demik, Beviamo, Coda, Duck Rabbit Coffee, Forest City Brewery, Gallery Jeffery, Good to Go Café, Makers by J. Marks, Prosper for Purpose, RCF, Tandul, Tidal Cool, Western Reserve Meadery, and Wizard of Oddz.

Attractive Community...

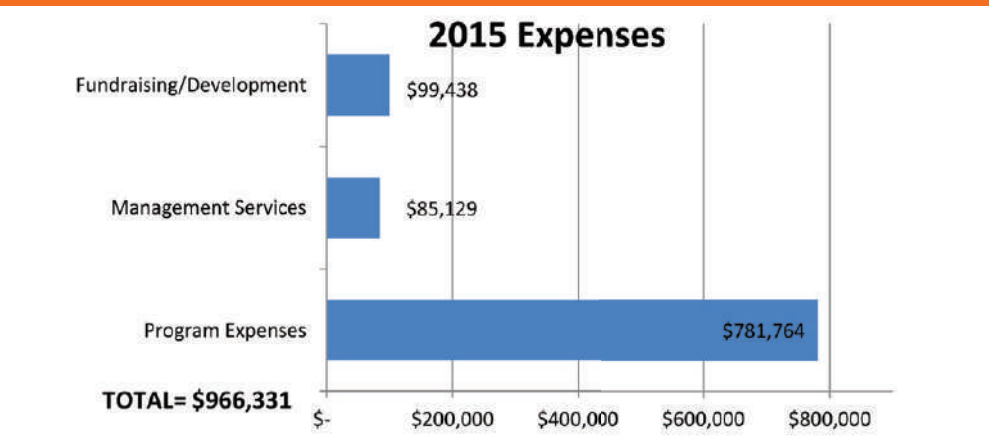
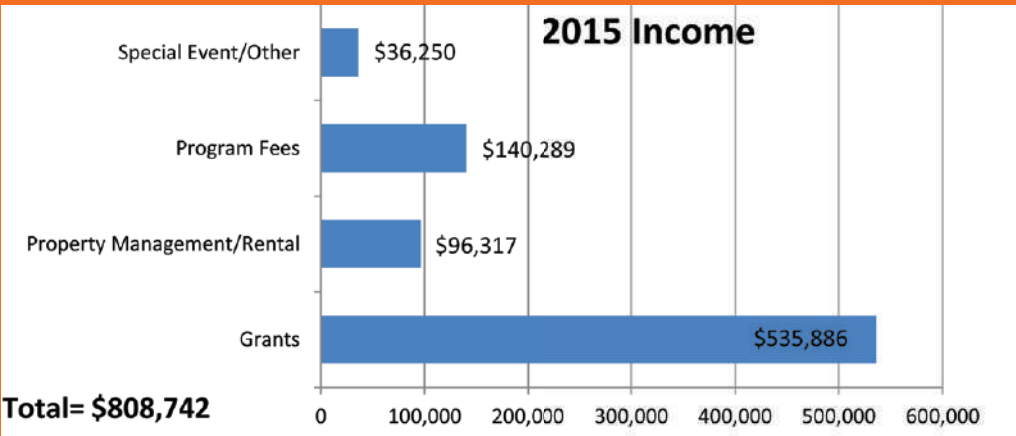
where visitors from around the region, nation and world are experiencing and enjoying this unique destination.

Tremont West hosts numerous events. The **Taste of Tremont** brought over 30,000 people into the neighborhood. **Arts in August**, now in its 13th season, is considered the finest free outdoor performing arts programming in the City of Cleveland. A partnership with Merrick House, the **Tremont Arts and Cultural Festival** continues to attract throngs of people to enjoy the Cleveland arts scene in Lincoln Park for a weekend in September. The **Tremont Farmers' Market** continues to be one of the premier farmers' markets in the region, and we are extremely proud of being the #1 in EBT sales in the region. **Walkabout Tremont** premiered in May 2016 to continue the legacy of the Tremont ArtWalk that graced the neighborhood for 23 years the second Friday of each month. The **Tremont Holiday Brewhaha**, now in its fifth season, fills the streets of Tremont with holiday cheer, hosting the Holiday Pop-up shop with over 30 artists/artisans and the 1 mile Santas in Tremont fun run with over a 1,000 participants.



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Tremont West continues its partnership with Cleveland Housing Network to provide property management services for the near west side. We continue to nurture our own housing portfolio of 10 units.



Tremont Friends and Neighbors,

In my fifth year as Executive Director of Tremont West, I continue to be awed at the community spirit of this vibrant, growing neighborhood. The following Annual Report touches on the work of the Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers of the organization, but cannot possibly cover the breadth and depth of all the projects and people that contribute to making Tremont the special place that it is. From the Tremont Gardeners' Annual Plant Sale to Angelica Pozo's Tremont Community Mural Project to the Tremont Trek, Walkabout Tremont and the numerous block club meetings on any given night, Tremont residents come together every day to make their corner of the world a better place. We have had our share of changes and loss this year, from Councilman Joe Cimperman moving on to another position after 18 years of service, to our friend and colleague Sammy Catania passing away. Yet the foundation of the organization and neighborhood that they worked so hard to build with all of you is stronger than ever. We continue to celebrate our successes together, mourn our losses together, face our challenges together, build our community together, and break bread together. The Annual Report uses data and project information to quantify the work that is being done, but it is the passion of residents and stakeholders that tells the true story of progress in Tremont. THANK YOU!

Cory Riordan
Executive Director

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world. ~Anne Frank

I am so proud to live in a neighborhood where our members understand that what they do makes a difference. Thank you to everyone who attended an event, or block club meeting or volunteered on a Tremont West Committee, supported the Arts in August programming, cleaned up your street, helped a neighbor or coached t-ball. You make this neighborhood the special place it is. We are so lucky to be made up of families who have been here for decades and new residents who chose to make Tremont home. Thank you to all our businesses new and old who understand and celebrate the sense of community we have built. Our members constantly walk the walk of community engagement. No one here waits to change the world, each of you do it in your daily lives. It has been an honor to serve as the President of the Board these past two years. Thank you for your support and advice. I am so grateful to all the members and the staff of Tremont West for all you do in keeping our urban village in the city vibrant.

Lynn McLaughlin Murray
Board President

