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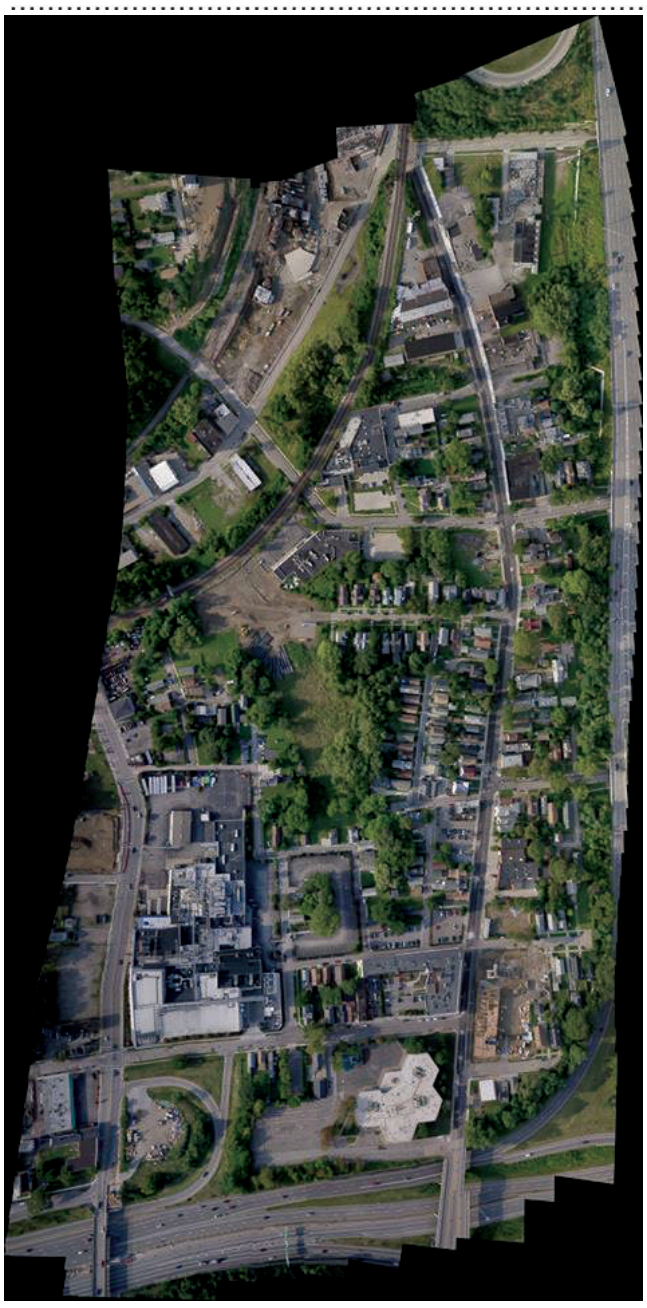

# Join in the Annual Holiday Food Drive for Our Neighbors in Need

This year, Metro North is inviting other block clubs to engage in "friendly competitions" to see which group could bring in the most donations for three (3) categories in the annual Tremont/Duck Island/Irishtown Bend Holiday Food Drive – of nonperishable food items and paper products along with cash and checks. The ultimate goal is to help food pantries, like St. Augustine, Pilgrim, St. John Cantius, St. Michael, Immanuel Lutheran, St. Malachi, Westside Catholic Center, and Greater Cleveland Food Bank to feed our near west families and children in need in the holiday season. The "Grand Prize Winner" for the 2018/2019 challenge was Metro North – therefore, they are issuing the challenge for the upcoming 2018/2019 season.

Last season's holiday food drive featured the most canned goods, paper products and check donations collected - $10,275 in cash/checks and 2,281 food items!

**Here's How to Donate and the Guidelines for this Season's Holiday Food Drive:**

**Items Needed:** Canned goods, nonperishable boxed food items, paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, napkins)

**Counting:** Food and paper products are counted individually – unless they are cellophane wrapped and sold as a set (example a four-pack of paper towels) is counted as one item not four. Canned goods and individually wrapped paper products count as one item each.

**Cash/Checks:** You may also donate by cash/check if you prefer. Checks must be made out to the food pantry of your choice – however, to count in the competition, for verification purposes, checks must first be delivered to the block club food drive coordinators, or to the Tremont West offices (2406 Professor) – who will deliver them to the respective food pantries.

**Drop-off points:** Block club members can deliver food/paper products to their block club food drive coordinators or neighborhood donation centers:

- **Auburn-Lincoln Park:** Jonathan Petrea (jpetrea@gmail.com) and Patti Choby (pchoby@cobaltgroupinc.com)
- **Central Tremont**: Julie Goulis (jgoulis@gmail.com) – and bring to the Holiday Party on Monday, December 2nd at Post 1.
- **Duck Island:** Philip Major (coach.philip.major@gmail.com) and Ashley Major (arparsell@gmail.com)
- **Holmden-Buhrer-Rowley:** Deliver to Terrapin Coffee & Donuts, 3146 W 14th St, Tuesday – Friday (6:30am-3:00pm), Saturday-Sunday (8:00am-3:00pm)
- **Irishtown Bend:** Marcy VanderTuig (marcy.vandertuig@gmail.com) and bring to the Holiday Party, Sunday, December 1st, 1pm , Brick & Barrel, 1844 Columbus Road.
- **Mentor-Castle-Clark:** Deliver to Terrapin Coffee & Donuts, 3146 W 14th St, Tuesday – Friday (6:30am-3:00pm), Saturday-Sunday (8:00am-3:00pm)
- **Metro North:** Maryann Balog (thegodfather3977@sbcglobal.net) and Angela Guy (a1m2guykaz@att.net)
- **North of Literary:** Liz Gedeon (eagedeon@gmail.com) or bring to the Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 17th, 6:30pm at Post 1. Donations will also be received in December and early January at Post 1 Polish Veteran's Alliance, 2234 Professor during regular business hours.
- **South of Jefferson:** Kate Carden (kalexcar@gmail.com) and Tom Tosuksri (Pahniti.tosuksri@gmail.com) and bring to the Holiday Party, Tuesday, December 10th, 6:30pm, Post 58

Canned goods and checks can also be dropped off at the Tremont West offices – 2406 Professor – Monday – Friday during regular business hours. ***Items dropped off at Tremont West must include the name of the block club for them to count towards the block club's totals***

**Deadlines:** For delivery before the holidays, items must be turned in by Friday, December 13th. A second delivery will be made in mid-January, 2019 for items donated after Dec.13th. (**NOTE:** The Tremont West offices are closed December 24th - January 1st and will reopen on Thursday, January 2nd). Deliveries during that time can only be made to your block club coordinators or donation locations and not to the Tremont West office.

## Three competitions this year:

1. **Canned Goods & Non-Perishable Boxed Food Items and Paper Products** - the block club collecting the most items in this category receives a $50 prize donation to their block club treasury/account
2. **Cash and Check Donations (dollar for dollar)** - the block club collecting the most money also receives a $50 prize donation to their block club treasury/account - and
3. **Grand Prize Winner** – the block club's cash & check donations are doubled (ex: $50 turns into 100 items) and canned goods and non-perishable items collected are added (ex: $3,000 in checks/cash becomes 6,000 items + 500 canned goods = 6,500 items) – winning block club in this category receives a prize of a $100 donation to their block club treasury/account.

**Most important of all is the goal:** lending a helping hand to neighbors – families and children - in need in Tremont, Duck Island, and Irishtown Bend - and providing help to support the outstanding work of eight Cleveland food pantries-ministries – St. Augustine Church, Pilgrim Congregational Church UCC, Immanuel Lutheran Church, St. John Cantius Church, St. Michael Church, St. Malachi Church, Greater Cleveland Foodbank, and Westside Catholic Center – who get nutritious food to children and families all year long!

Many thanks to all of you for your incredible kindness and generosity to the food pantries and to our near west Cleveland neighbors in need! We look forward to your continued support and generosity in 2019/2020!

For more information, contact your block club food drive coordinators or Scott Rosenstein (scottrosenstein@tremontwest.org – 216.575.0920 ext. 106) & Dharma Valentin (dharmavalentin@tremontwest.org – 216.575.0920 ext. 102) at Tremont West.

# Reaching Lincoln Heights Public Event 03

**Tuesday, January 21, 2020**
**6:00 - 7:30pm**
**South Branch Cleveland Public Library**
**3096 Scranton Rd**

Join us for the third public event for Reaching Lincoln Heights, a planning process to envision future development in our community. Attendees will review a summary of feedback from the previous events and select their preferred design alternatives for the neighborhood. The event is free and welcomes community members of all ages!

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# City of Cleveland Announces the Return of the Paint Program!

Mayor Frank G. Jackson announced that the City of Cleveland's popular Exterior Paint Program will resume. The program is part of the Healthy Homes Interdepartmental Initiative, a citywide effort to improve quality of life through enhancements in housing stock. Legislation for the program was introduced in Aug. 2019: https://bit.ly/2C0IHcE

"The City of Cleveland invites residents to take advantage of our 2020 Exterior Paint Program," said Mayor Jackson. "Our goal is to help residents leverage these and other city services which can help protect their home investments, improve housing stock in our neighborhoods and create a better quality of life."

The Exterior Paint Program provides paint and materials to homeowners who wish to paint the exterior of their homes. Labor is not included. The goal for 2020 is 500 homes with a total allocation of $500,000 for the program.

Homeowners, as well as tenants, who meet income guidelines, are welcome to apply for the program. Funds cover the cost of up to $1,500 for owner occupants or up to $750 for tenants in paint and materials. Inspections of the property must be conducted. **Applications must be received by Feb. 28, 2020** and the painting must be completed by Oct. 31, 2020.

The Department of Community Development's Division of Neighborhood Services administers services on a first-come, first-served basis. Please email contact@tremontwest.org for an application.

**Exterior Paint Program Income Guidelines**

| FAMILY SIZE | LOW/MODERATE | FAMILY SIZE | LOW/MODERATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | $51,600 | 5 | $79,600 |
| 2 | $59,000 | 6 | $85,500 |
| 3 | $66,350 | 7 | $91,400 |
| 4 | $73,700 | 8 | $97,300 |

The City of Cleveland is evaluating its current residential tax abatement policy and your voice is needed

# LEARN & BE HEARD

The City of Cleveland has chosen to study its current residential tax abatement policy and, if necessary, recommend changes to City Council in 2020. This study is one component of the City of Cleveland's Equitable Community Development Strategy that aims to cultivate more racially and economically inclusive neighborhoods with affordable housing through strategic, citywide policies.

As part of the work, multiple research firms are doing a comprehensive study on the impact of the existing tax policy and analyzing data from developers, community development corporations, and lenders.

The city's study planning team also wanted to talk with Cleveland neighborhood residents, and Neighborhood Connections (NC) are leading that work along with Leverage Point Development.

Through mid-December, NC will be hosting Listening Sessions across Cleveland. During these sessions, residents can learn more about the current residential tax abatement policy, share how it has affected them, and weigh in on what they would like to see moving forward.

**Tremont Meeting:** Wednesday, December 18th, 6-8pm at Pilgrim Church

## COMMUNITY LISTENING TOUR

- 11/18 6-8PM @Life Skills Center, 13407 Kinsman Rd.
- 11/19 6-8PM @ASIA Inc. 3631 Perkins Avenue, Suite 2A-W
- 11/25 6-8PM @Julia de Burgos Cultural Arts Center, 2800 Archwood Ave.
- 11/26 6-8PM @Mary Queen of Peace, Parish Center Upper Hall, 4127 Pearl Rd.
- 12/3 6-8PM @Neighborhood Housing Services, 5700 Broadway Ave.
- 12/4 6-8PM @Gunning Rec. Center,16700 Puritas Ave.
- 12/10 6-8PM @3rd Space Action Lab, 1464 E 105th St.
- 12/11 6-8PM @Cornucopia Place, 7201 Kinsman Rd. Suite 103b
- 12/12 6-8PM @LGBT Center of Greater Cleveland, 6705 Detroit Ave.
- 12/17 6-8PM @Urban Community School Gathering Room, 4909 Lorain Ave.
- 12/18 6-8PM @Pilgrim Church, W. 14th St.

more info at neighborupcle.org/tax

# RUST BELT RIDERS Community Supported Composting in Tremont

Did you know that 40% of all food in the United States will be wasted and sent to landfills? Rust Belt Riders works to provide businesses, organizations, and individuals with a clean, timely and community benefiting alternative to landfills for their food waste. Beginning this November, Rust Belt Riders is expanding their Community Supported Composting program to Tremont. For $10 per month, residents can drop off all of their household food waste to a clean and secure container at the former St. Michael's School parking lot, located at 3146 Scranton . Visit www.RustBeltRIders.com/faq to learn more and help Rust Belt Riders feed people, not landfills.

## Energy Assistance Programs

The Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) offers several programs to income-eligible Ohioans to assist in paying their utility bills and improve the energy efficiency of their homes. Household eligibility is based in part on income; details and specific guidelines for the following assistance programs can be found here: http://development.ohio.gov/is/is_energyassist.htm. To apply for HEAP or HWAP, download the application at the above webpage or visit Tremont West and meet with the Property Manager, Keith Moore, (216) 533-5612.

## Safety Updates

Updates and information about crime and safety in the neighborhood can be found at NearWestSafety.org. if you would like to be added to the Safety Update Mailing list please sign up at NearWestSafety.org/newsletters

## Neighborhood Retail Assistance Program

The City of Cleveland's Economic Development Department can assist small businesses with financial packages of both loans and grants to improve the interior and exterior of their storefronts. Please call Khalid Hawthorne at 216-575-0920, ext. 113.

## Commercial Space for Sale or Lease

Are you looking to lease, purchase or market commercial space in Tremont? Remember, if you are planning to open a business in Tremont, you must contact the City of Cleveland to see what variances or permits are required for your desired location. The Department of Building and Housing can be reached at 216-664-2282. There are some great loan reimbursement programs through the city and county for vacant building rehab, storefront renovations, signage and Brownfield clean-up. Please call Khalid Hawthorne at 216-575-0920, ext. 113.

## The Storefront Renovation Program

The City of Cleveland's Storefront Renovation Program is an exterior rehabilitation program that combines financial incentives (rebate or loan) with free City design assistance. The City partners with neighborhood Community Development Corporations to implement the program in the neighborhood. Please call Khalid Hawthorne at 216-575-0920, ext. 113.

# Towpath Trail Construction

If you need to talk with someone regarding the current construction of the Towpath Trail, please contact Darwin Merdes, Area Engineer for Cuyahoga County at 216-348-4073, 216-701-1160 or dmerdes@cuyahogacounty.us.

# City of Cleveland Holiday Waste Pick-Up

Bulk Pick-Up (3 items only) in Tremont is Friday, December 6th. There will be a day delay for pick up after Christmas and New Years Day, Tremont's trash will be picked up on Saturdays, 12/28 & 1/4. Questions? 216-664-3711 or cleveland-oh.gov

**7pm, Sunday, December 15 &**
**7pm, Monday, December 16, 2019**

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## Cleveland Public Library is seeking input on reimagining its neighborhood libraries.

The Cleveland Public Library system is getting a new look and the community is invited to help reconceptualize their local branches. Starting this month, we are hosting community engagement meetings at West Park, Jefferson, and moving on to each of our 27 branch libraries. The purpose of the meetings is to engage with the public, solicit community input, and learn what each community wants from its library building. The Library will form one steering committee per branch. Those selected members will contribute to the design of their neighborhood branch. If interested, please contact your branch manager for consideration.

In 2017, Cleveland voters approved a levy for more funding for the Cleveland Public Library. As our promise to the community, the Library is using that money to rebuild, renovate and reimagine the spaces at each of its branches. "We are committed to meeting the needs of our patrons and providing them with libraries that are accessible, functional and safe," said Kathleen Sonnhalter, Capital Projects Manager at Cleveland Public Library, "The community's input is vital to the success of each project. We want this next step in the design process to be collaborative to achieve optimal results."

The discussions will consider branch improvements and will allow community members to share their ideas, views, opinions, and concerns with staff and others. The schedule is as follows:

**Jefferson Branch:**
Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 5pm – 6:30pm
Friday, Dec. 13 from 4pm – 5:30pm


**7pm, Friday, January 31, 2020**

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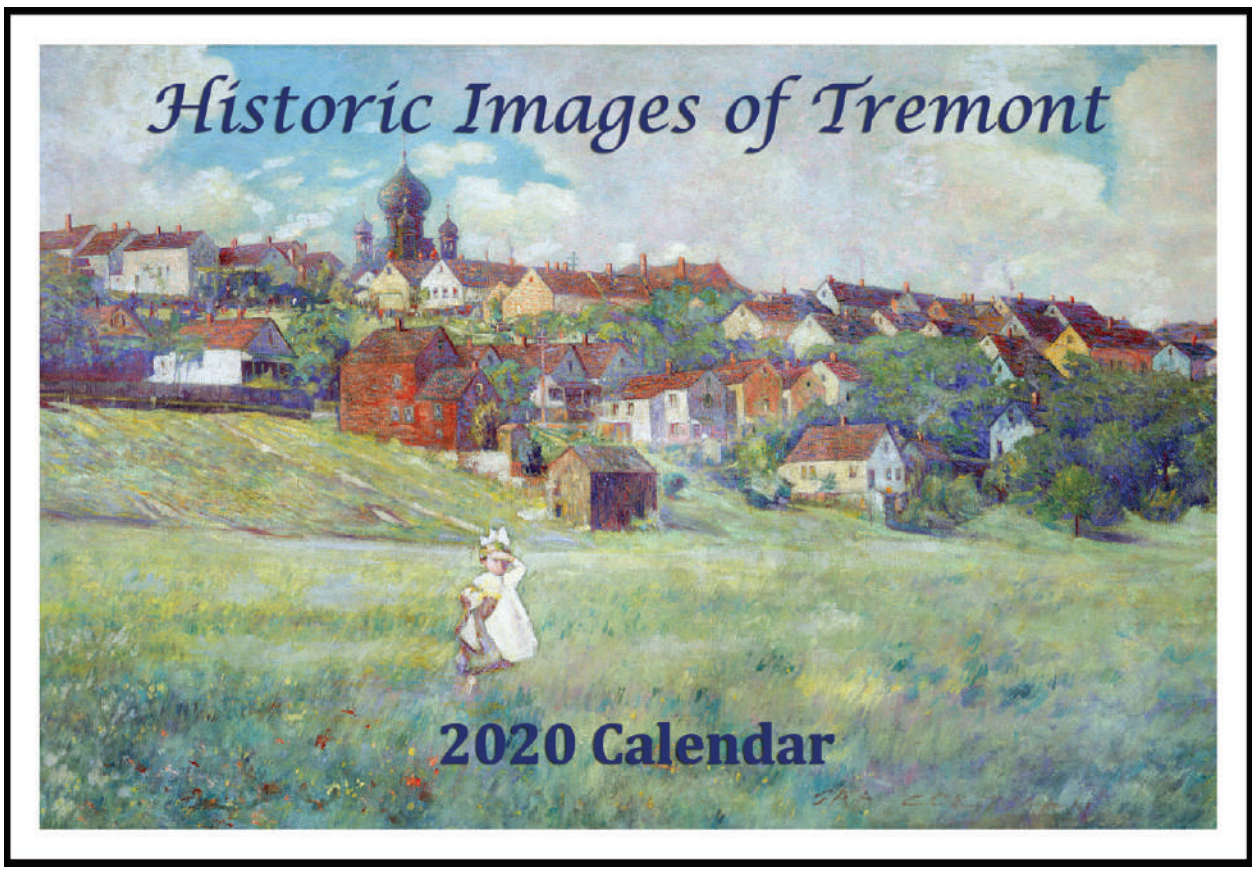
## Tremont History Project presents "Welcome to Camp Cleveland"

Join Tremont History project for a digital tour of Northeast Ohio's largest Civil War training camp, located in what is now the northeast corner of Tremont. More than 15,000 Union soldiers passed through Camp Cleveland between 1862 and 1865. Learn all about their lives and times by joining us at the St. Theodosius Meeting Hall at 1:00pm on February 22, 2020, for a fact- and photo-filled presentation. Presented by Chris Roy, Tremont resident and local historian. Coffee, soft drinks, and snacks will be provided. 2020 Tremont Historical calendars will be available for purchase. Join them at their regularly scheduled meetings on Saturday, 12/14 & 1/18, 10am at the Jefferson Library - calendars will be available for purchase!





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We mean it when we say you are ready "just as you are". What matters is that you want to experience more of your true self and live your best life. We invite you to come as you are, try a yoga class or schedule a private session. We ask that you meet your body where it is, observe yourself without judgement and breathe. We will help you work through any boundary and show you modifications so that you can truly enjoy your practice.

If you are a practitioner looking to take your business to the next level come join the group. We have private treatment rooms available for practitioners who are passionate about their healing art forms.

We are located at 3179 Scranton Rd (corner of Buhrer Ave, across from Mega Church). Entrance is on the southside to the building next to the large mandala. Parking is available on Buhrer and other side streets.

Please check us out at **www.forwardbreath.com** for class schedules and center updates.

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Sunday at 10:00am
Monday & Friday at 11:00am

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*Saturday, December 28th. The St. Wendelin Church Choir presents a mini-concert featuring Christmas music in the Slovak tradition.*
*Listen and sing-along. 3:30pm. Free.*

## The Ohio & Erie Canalway Stage 4 Construction of the Towpath Trail in Tremont Photos

Canalway Partners shared these photos of the initial construction for stage 4 of the Towpath Trail extension project near the intersection of University Rd. and Literary Ave. When stage 4 is completed in early 2021, it will connect the stage 3 trail that runs along the eastern edge of Tremont to the Scranton Flats trail.

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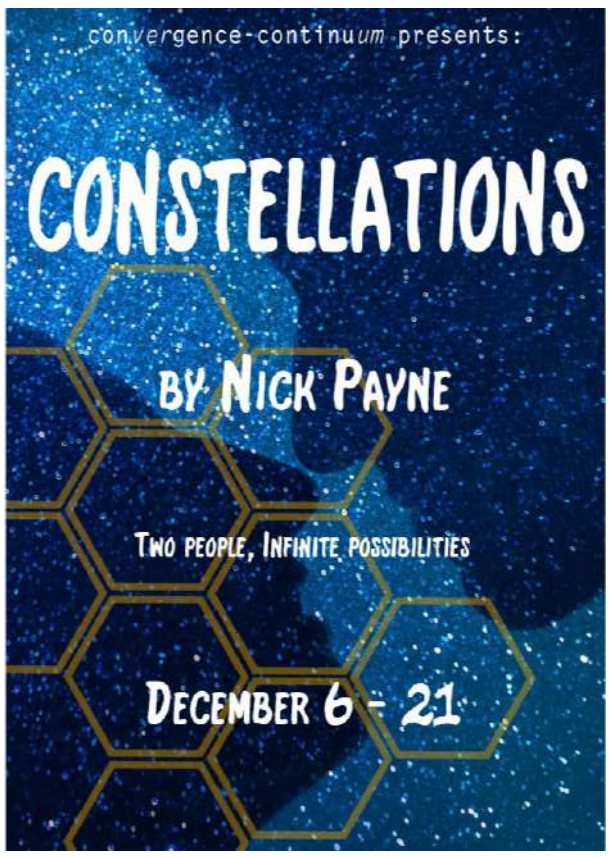


*Constellations* by Nick Payne, directed by Geoffrey Hoffman follows Roland, a beekeeper, and Marianne, a theoretical astronomer, through their romantic relationship. Marianne waxes poetic about cosmology, quantum mechanics, string theory and the concept of multiple universes pulling people's lives in various directions, as the play itself takes the pair's story through the stars to alternative realities where anything can happen – and does.

*Constellations* opens Fri, Dec 6 and runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm through Dec 21 at the Liminis Theater 2438 Scranton Rd. Tickets are available at 216-687-0074 and convergence-continuum.org: $20 general admission, $15 seniors (65+) and $10 students. Thursday discount tickets are $15 gen. adm., $12 seniors and $8 students. Tremont residents are admitted free for Thursday shows (Dec 12 & 19). Call ahead to make reservations.

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**Convergence-continuum's production of Constellations is supported in part by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture.**

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# Block Club Happenings

*"Block Club Happenings" is compiled by Tremont West staff with direct input from Block Clubs.*

## Auburn-Lincoln Park

In November, safety concerns were addressed with 2nd District officers Vic Nan and Eric Thompson. They advised residents and visitors to Tremont to be vigilant during the holiday season and into the new year. They asked block members to pull suspicious evidence from security cameras and/or take photos of suspicious activity in the community and pass it on to the 2nd District in a timely manner. Block members also should visit NearWestSafety.org for other safety resources and, if necessary, use the online tool to report a crime to the Cleveland Division of Police. Officers can be contacted as follows with information or safety questions: Eric Thompson at ethompson@city.cleveland.oh.us and Vic Nan at vnan@city.cleveland.oh.us at the 2nd District Police Office 216-623-5200. Matt Moss, City of Cleveland Neighborhood Planner, presented on the "Vision for the Valley" project (https://visionforthevalleycle.com). It is funded by NOACA through the Transportation for Livable Communities (TLCI). Residents are encouraged to visit the web site and complete the survey on how residents can better enjoy and use the River corridor. Matt Moss can be contacted at mmoss@city.cleveland.oh.us with questions or comments. Spencer Wells provided an update on the Cleveland Lead Safe Network (CLSN), an all-volunteer network working to create lead safe homes in Cleveland. By March 2021 all landlords with property built before 1978 will need to conduct/file a lead safe assessment. For more information visit the Facebook page for the Cleveland Lead Safe Network or their web site http://clevelandleadsafe.net. Questions or comments can be referred to clevelandleadsafe@gmail.com or by calling 216-359-1060. The Tremont Holiday Food Drive challenge is underway. Contact Block Club Food Drive co-coordinators Jonathan Petrea at jpetrea@gmail.com or Patti Choby via phone at 216-849-6333 to arrange for donation pick-up. More information on the annual food drive can be found in this issue. Members making donations by check can designate which hunger center/food pantry will receive their donation. There will be two rounds of collection so please donate now and in January (when many pantries are depleted following the holiday rush!). Nominations for Co-Chairs and Co-Secretaries for 2020 were discussed. Election to be held at the January 27, 2020 business meeting. There is no meeting in December and the Block Club's "After the Holidays Party" also will be held on Monday, January 27 at 6:30 pm at Tremont Public Works. Check the block club's Facebook page for more details. Block club members were reminded that the Christmas Story House 5K/10K Run will be on Saturday, December 7 (9am-Noon). There will be a complete road closure on W. 14th Street from the Innerbelt (Fairfield Avenue) to the W. 14th Street Round-about during the race. You can keep current on what is happening by checking out the Auburn-Lincoln Park Block Club Facebook page www.Facebook.com/auburnblockclub and TWDC's website at ExperienceTremont.org. Questions for the block club? Contact Block Club Co-chairs, Kate O'Neil (auburnlincolnpark@gmail.com) and Jonathan Petrea (jpetrea@gmail.com) or Community Involvement Manager Scott Rosenstein at Tremont West – 216-575-0920, ext. 106. **Happy Holidays and we hope to see you around the neighborhood and at our next meeting on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 6:30 pm.**

## Central Tremont

The Central Tremont Block Club met on Monday, November 4th, 2019 at The Well House. The block club learned about the history and services provided at the Onley Gallery and The Well House through a presentation and self-guided tour of the Lamson Mansion. After the presentation and tour, Andrew Iarussi of the Dalad Group presented plans for his project on 2291 Professor Avenue and sought feedback from the block club. No vote for this project was held today, however, will be taking place in a future meeting once plans have been solidified or variances sought. Vote was held for Keystate Home's Sixth City Townhomes proposal (West 6th site). The project with the single unit on W.5th was not discussed or presented. Andrew Gotlieb from Keystate provided the group with a powerpoint presentation on the W.6th street project and answered questions from the block club. Results – passed. T**he block club will be holding its holiday party potluck on Monday, December 2nd at 6:30PM at Post 1 (2234 Professor Avenue).** Please feel free to bring food or drinks to share. The block club will also be hosting nominations for both block club chair positions at next month's meeting. In addition, **the Central Tremont block club will be meeting on Monday, January 6th at 6:30pm at Post 1.** For more information on the block club and its activities, please contact Co-chairs Jeffery Buysse (jtbuysse@gmail.com) or Julie Goulis (jgoulis@gmail.com). Information can also be found on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CentralTremont.

## Duck Island

At the Duck Island Block Club November meeting, Lt. Michael Betley came to talk about safety concerns in the neighborhood, including recent car break-ins. Police have arrested one suspect and will possibly have two others who are suspects in the break-ins. The Officer advised neighbors not to leave valuables in their cars. Betley mentioned that there is usually an uptick in robberies and burglaries during the holiday season. A neighbor asked if Court Watch would help and he said he thought it would. Chad Biggers from TWDC spoke up and reiterated that Court Watch has been effective in Ohio City. The county has been taking some of these car break-ins and combining them with larger cases to make a more effective case for jail time. Biggers can also handle other safety concerns and his contact information is 216.375.4840 (cell phone) and cbiggers@nearwestsafety.org (email). He also emphasized that it's important to file a police report when your car is broken into, so it can be on record and police are aware of activity in the area. You can now file these kinds of police reports online, and you can find this reporting system by searching on the Internet for "online crime reporting Cleveland." Spencer Wells from Cleveland Lead Safe Network came to talk about the lead safe initiative from the City of Cleveland. Lead safe means any lead on the property is kept away from the living space (e.g. painting), with a periodic check-up every two years, and should not be confused with "lead-free." City Council has delegated much of the work on this initiative to Lead Safe Coalition, which will train testers and create a fund to help low-income owners of rental properties complete testing and take the remediation actions. Tremont is unique in that it has a concentration of lead contaminated soil as it's adjacent to several highways. Cleveland Lead Safe Network has funding to provide soil test kits and testing training. Scott mentioned that Metro West Development Office has a trained inspector on staff that will be available to do the inspection. A question was asked about extensive construction in the neighborhood, what is the responsibility of the contractor? Wells said that efforts must be taken to keep the debris wet during demolition to keep the dust down, and that it might be advisable to test the soil on construction sites. Community gardens are also a concern, if the soil is contaminated, and they should be tested. Rachel Dissell, a Plain Dealer reporter who lives in Tremont is also doing story on lead contamination and has a budget for testing; residents can reach out to her if interested. The block club meeting in December will be the second Tuesday of the month (December 10th), and will not be at Forest City Brewery. The location for the December meeting will be communicated via postcard and e-mail, but will likely be at St. Wendelin. Mary, Rick and Milton will be stepping down next year, so new volunteers need to step up for these positions of Chair, Co-Chair and Co-Secretaries, and elections will be held in December. The Holiday Food Drive will be starting soon, so volunteers are needed to coordinate in the neighborhood -- donations of non-perishable items and cash donations are accepted. Philip Major (coach.philip.major@gmail.com) and Ashley Major (arparsell@gmail.com) agreed to coordinate the food drive for the Duck Island neighborhood. To be counted for DIBC, checks must be made out to the hunger center of choice directly and Duck Island Block Club must be in the memo line so that the block club gets credit. Sat. December 7th will be the Christmas Story run, and W 14th St. will be closed from 9am to 12 Noon. from the roundabout to Abbey Avenue. Anyone who needs to use this section of W. 14th will be redirected. For Duck Island: All of West 19th, Smith, 18th and the southern lane of Old Lorain Av. will be closed from 9am – 12pm. Residents should park on the east side of the street. A question was asked about the new LED lights that the City is installing. They've started installing them on the south end of W 14th St. near the roundabout, if anyone wants to check them out. After 4:30pm mass on Sat. November 30th, St. Wendelin will be holding their annual tree lighting ceremony (Saturday after Thanksgiving). For more information on the block club and its activities, please contact Chair, Milton Lorring (mlorring@ameritech.net) & Co-Chair Rick Warren (rick.warren@gmail.com) or Scott at Tremont West (scottrosenstein@tremontwest.org) – 216.575.0920 ext. 106. **Please join us for our next meetings on Tuesday, December 10th (note change of date and meeting location for December only), 6:30pm at St. Wendelin Parish and Tuesday, January 7th, 6:30pm at Forest City Brewery. Bring a neighbor and join us!**

## Irishtown Bend

**Let's get together Sunday, December 1st to kickoff our 2019 Holiday Food Drive at our Holiday Party at Brick and Barrel Brewing, 1844 Columbus Road**, which Marcy Vander Tuig (marcy.vandertuig@gmail.com) is once again leading the efforts; watch the Cleveland Browns face the Pittsburgh Steelers and definitely get into the Holiday Spirit. We can bring snacks to Brick and Barrel Brewing, and order pizza from Sainato's at Rivergate… so, do plan on bringing something to share or order a pizza. and bring canned goods, non-perishable food items, paper products, or a check made payable to St. Malachi Back Door Ministry (food pantry) or one of the other 7 food bans/food pantries of your choice. See you all then! For more information on our block club and its activities, please check out our Facebook page – or contact Block Club Chair, Jenny Rodriguez at jrodriguez@brandes.us or Scott at Tremont West, 216.575.0920 ext. 106, scottrosenstein@tremontwest.org. **The next meeting of the Irishtown Bend Block Club will be on Wednesday January 8th, 2020 at 6:30pm at Hoopples.**

## Holmden Buhrer Rowley/ Mentor Castle Clark

The Block Club received a general safety update and reported that trucks were regularly attempting to enter and exit from Holmden and getting stuck at bottom of hill. Block club members requested to have signs placed at bottom of hill to deter truck traffic. Request was placed through to Councilman Tony Brancatelli, who was present at this month's meeting. Please remember to report all crimes online at the City of Cleveland website in order to track them. Rebecca Mauer, Democratic Ward Leader for Ward 12, addressed the Block Club regarding an invitation to attend the Monthly Ward 12 Democratic Club. Next meetings are October 16 and November 20th at 6:30 PM at Gino's at 1314 Denison Avenue. Next, the block club continued to hold a discussion regarding options for turning W 11th Street into a one way south of Clark in order to alleviate traffic problems on W 11th, associated with traffic related to the Christmas Story House. Residents from W.11th and Rowley Avenue were in attendance to provide their experiences and insights, as well as concerns associated with possible changes to area parking and traffic patterns. Several options were presented to the group by Councilman Brancatelli, however, the group agreed to not make any major changes this year and, instead, may consider piloting different options by the next holiday season and keeping street parking and patterns the same for now. "Bridging the Gap", the painting of the pedestrian bridges, was briefly discussed. MCC Co-Chairs, Bev Wurm and Josh Wright met representatives from Sherwin Williams to measure both pedestrian bridges (W.11th and Buhrer walkways) for the project. It was determined that both bridges will need 10-15 gallons of paint to cover existing paint and graffiti. Ultimately, Sherwin Williams committed to creating an account for the block club to have access to discounted paint and supplies for the project. Additionally, they will be working to generate a list of materials needed for project completion in the Spring. ODOT has also been contacted for initiation of completing permitting process. Finally, the block club heard a presentation from Spencer Wells of the Cleveland Lead Safe Network, who briefed the block club on the new lead ordinances being presented and enacted, starting on March 1, 2021. The fact sheet that was provided by Spencer will be distributed to block club members on the mailing list after the meeting, for reference. **The next block club meeting will also be a Holiday Cookie and Cider Party and will take place on Wednesday, December 4th at 6:30pm at Pozo Studio (1193 Holmden Avenue).** Please feel free to bring your favorite cookies to share! Additionally, the block club will be planning their holiday party for January. Stay tuned for details! To learn more about our block clubs and their activities, find us on Facebook or contact MCC Co-Chairs Josh Wright (jwright.cle@gmail.com),Beverly Wurm (wurm_beverly@yahoo.com), HBR Co-Chair Angelica Pozo (earth.angelpozo@gmail.com) or Dharma Valentin, Community and Equity Organizer – dharmavalentin@tremontwest.org – 216.575.0920 ext. 102.

## Metro North

On the agenda for the November 26th is the presentation of the annual Good Neighbor Awards (awarded to individuals and organizations that have worked to benefit the quality of life for residents of the Metro North Block Club service area). We also celebrated our November Holiday Potluck. Our annual Holiday Food Drive is underway to benefit St. Michael's Hunger Center/Food Pantry. Food Drive Coordinators are Maryann Balog (thegodfather3977@sbcglobal.net) and Angela Guy (a1m2guykaz@att.net). Last season, Metro North won all three categories of the Food Drive "friendly competition" with the other neighborhood block clubs – with the most food items and cash/checks donated! Let's open our hearts once again to our neighbors in need and support the wonderful ongoing ministry of the St. Michael's Food Pantry. As for the designated bike lanes proposed on Scranton Road between Valentine and Clark, Ward 14 Councilwoman Jasmin Santana reports that she has met several times with Streets Commissioner Rob Mavec, Matt Moss and Calley Mersmann to go over the residents' feedback. Councilwoman Santana shared with team that the residents feel that the street is dangerously tight and wouldn't support bicyclists safely. Also, local businesses have expressed that there is already limited parking on the street and further restrictions would negatively impact their businesses. As of our last meeting in November, she was told that ODOT would not be striping with bike lanes. ODOT is a little behind with their workload, so don't anticipate striping until possibly March, 2020. In the meantime, there will be temporary road striping onto the street, until final decisions have been determined. Councilwoman Santana also mentioned the frustration by residents due to minimal community engagement. Therefore, the path forward was to offer more community impact meetings, where residents and business owners can discuss the impacts of bike lanes on Scranton. Furthermore, once public meetings are secured and the dates for them set she will share on Facebook, canvass area to reach out to the broader community that resides in Ward 14 Tremont neighborhood and add to the Ward 14 newsletter. The Councilwoman encourages residents to continue to offer your thoughts on the bike lanes to: Commissioner of Traffic and Engineering, Rob Mavec, rmavec@city.cleveland.oh.us For questions about the block club or its' activities, please contact Metro North Chair, Sue Krosel or Scott at Tremont West, 216.575.0920 ext.106, scottrosenstein@tremontwest. **Following the Holiday gathering in November, the block club takes a winter break with the next business meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 23rd, 2020, 6:30pm at the ground floor meeting room of St. Michael Church.** Please join us!

## North of Literary

The printer deadline for the December newspaper occurred just prior to our November 19th meeting. Items on the agenda of the November meeting included: discussion of Neighborhood Safety concerns with Officer(s) of the Community Services Unit of the 2nd District Police; Updates on development projects in and around NOL by Khalid Hawthorne, Housing & Economic Development Director of Tremont West; Guest: Matt Moss, City of Cleveland Neighborhood Planner, to present on "Vision for the Valley" project (https://visionforthevalleycle.com) and seek resident input; Guest: Spencer Wells, Community Manager, Cleveland Lead Safe Network, with a briefing on lead safe housing in Cleveland. Cleveland City Council has adopted a landmark ordinance requiring all pre-1978 rental properties to be certified "lead safe" beginning in March of 2021; the 7th annual Christmas Story House 5K/10K Run on Sat., Dec. 7th 9am-12Noon (W. 14th Street will be closed to through traffic during those hours – please access the NOL neighborhood via Quigley & W. 7th Street. The annual Holiday Food Drive Challenge is underway with Liz Gedeon (eagedeon@gmail.com) as our Food Drive Coordinator– and please bring canned goods/paper products/checks (made out to the hunger center/food pantry of your choice) to donate at the December Holiday Party, Tuesday, December 17th at Post 1. The Election for 2020 Co-Chairs, Secretaries, & Sign-In/Attendance Coordinators will be held at January, 2020 meeting. Seeking volunteers to serve! For more information on our block club and activities, please check out our Facebook page, or contact 2019 Co-Chairs, Chris Roy (christopheroy@aol.com) or Kyle Poney (kyleponey@gmail.com) or Community Involvement Manager, Scott Rosenstein at Tremont West at 216-575-0920ext. 106 (scottrosenstein@tremontwest.org). **Please join us for our Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 17th, 6:30pm at Post 1 and our first meeting of 2020 on Tuesday, January 21st, 6:30pm at Post 1 which includes the election of block club officers for 2020!**

## South of Jefferson

The South of Jefferson block club met Tuesday, November 12th at Post 58, with a light agenda. Sgt. Patrick McClain informed the group of two recent car break-ins and two garage break-ins. He offered to contact RTA regarding concerns of vehicle speed in the neighborhood. Several members raised some questions and concerns regarding electric scooters. Matt Moss, of City Planning, joined us to discuss a new initiative to begin brainstorming and planning for the future vision of the Cuyahoga River valley. As industrial land use declines, opportunities for recreation and other uses grow. The process is just beginning with no specific plans or timeline yet. The group had a positive discussion and provided many good thoughts and ideas. Two Thurman Ave residents, neighbors to the proposed home construction for 2433 Thurman (reviewed and approved by SoJ in October), updated the group. They attended the scheduled Board of Zoning Appeals hearing for which the appellant did not appear, and have issue with the BZA and TWDC review processes and are considering filing complaints. Having arrived late, they also took issue with wording of the already approved October minutes for this matter, but did not raise a motion to amend at that time. The Lucky Park mural project is still temporarily on hold. Deb and Randi were able to meet with Father John, of

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# Near West Recreation

**2020 Basketball League**
**Registration ends Wednesday, December 18**

**Divisions:** coed U8 (ages 7-8), coed 10(ages 9-10), coed U12(ages 11-12), middle school boys (ages, 13-15,7th-9th grade), high school boys (ages 16-18, 10th-12th grade), and teen girls (age 13-17).

**Dates:** January 13 - March 21. Parents meeting will be the week prior to the start of the season. Date and time to be determined.

**When:** Youth practices (ages 7-12) will take place once a week in the evenings. Games will take place on Saturday mornings and early afternoons, February 8-March 21. Teens (ages 13-17) practices and games will take place weeknights - no more than twice a week.

**Location**: Practice and games will be located at gyms on the near west side of Cleveland. Gyms include: Pilgrim Church, Merrick House, Hispanic Youth Center, Nehemiah Mission, etc.

**Cost:** $40. Need based financial assistance is available.
**Online registration is open at www.ohiocity.org/nearwestrec until 12/18**

**Interested in coaching with Near West Rec.? Or know someone who is?**
**Call 216-781-3222 x 108**
**Email kpalma@ohiocity.org**

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## Lincoln West SNR

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Site coordinator: Michelle Cruz

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Night Rec & Community Programming

Beginning in November, we'll be open from 6-8 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays on school days thru March.

**What's up with the SNR night program?**

Free recreation and community programs, free meeting space for your block club, extracurricular program, mom's group, book club—whatever you'd like to see, **bring it!**

Available spaces include the cafeteria, gym, pool, track, weight room, auditorium and classrooms. To reserve space for your free activity or interest group, call program director Blair Wise at 216-658-1360.

Programs slated to return this year include:

- Arts & crafts
- Basketball Open Gym
- Batting cage
- Cooking class
- Indoor track
- Near West Rec
- Soccer
- Tutoring
- Weight room
- Zumba

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St. Theodosius, who indicated support for the project, but encouraged the group to still seek church council approval. He indicated the council has been occupied with important church matters, hence the lack of ability to hear the project proposal. The plan is to wait until the new year to either be heard by the council, determine a direction to pursue, and/or consider alternate design ideas that may not require permits and approvals. Thanks to Deb Smith and Randi Zubin for continuing to pursue this project and their general Lucky Park efforts. Thanks go to Kate Carden and Tom Tosuksri for volunteering to serve as this year's Holiday Food Drive collection coordinators for the block club. Hope you can help us reclaim our prior trophy. An update was provided for the long requested city security camera for West 7th at I-490. Reports are the location was not included in the initial list for area camera installations as part of the city's new street light and camera initiative. Ward 3 Councilman Kerry McCormack is requesting a general review of the proposed area locations. For this year's A Christmas Story House Run (Saturday, 12/7), word is the street closures will be more strictly enforced, so please be aware and plan accordingly. The next meeting will be the annual Holiday Party, scheduled for Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30PM, Post 58. The group agreed a $10ish/person charge was acceptable to cover some sort of catering or other food option, with cash bar to support the Post. Hope to see all our members at the party and in the new year. For more information on the block club and its activities, visit our Facebook page, and contact our Co-Chairs, Debbie Smith at ebussmith11@gmail.com and Greg Kobe at egreg_99@yahoo.com or Community Involvement Manager Scott Rosenstein at scottrosenstien@tremontwest.org. **Please join us for our Holiday Party on Tues. Dec. 10th, 6:30pm – and –our regular meeting on Tues., January 7th, 6:30pm - both at Post 58 on Professor Ave., 2nd floor. All are welcome to join us.**

# CENSUS 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

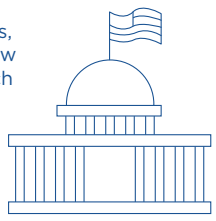
The 2020 Census is closer than you think!
Here's a quick refresher of what it is and why it's essential that everyone is counted.

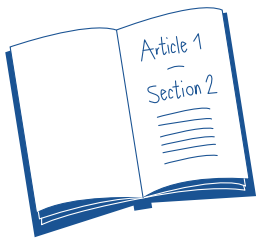
## Everyone counts.

The census counts every person living in the United States once, only once, and in the right place.

## It's about fair representation.

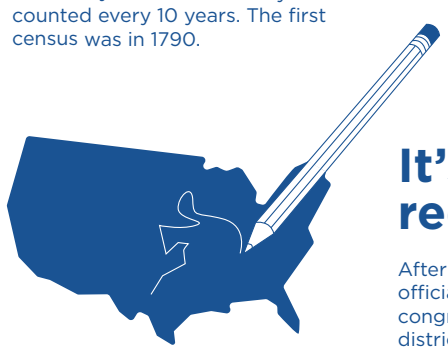
Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.






## It's in the Constitution.

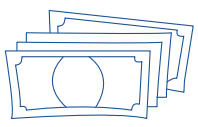
The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.



## It's about redistricting.

After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.

## It's about $675 billion.



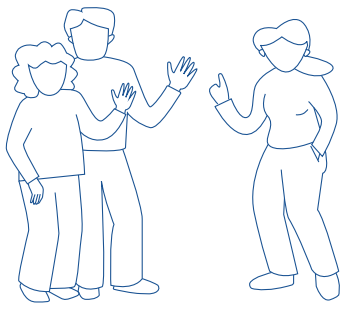
The distribution of more than $675 billion in federal funds, grants, and support to states, counties, and communities are based on census data.

That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works, and other vital programs.

## Taking part is your civic duty.

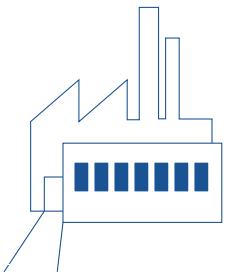
Completing the census is mandatory: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"

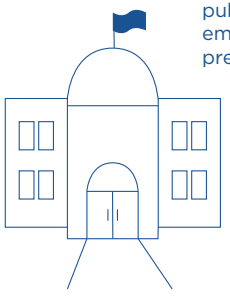
## Census data are being used all around you.



Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life, and consumer advocacy.

Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices, and stores, which create jobs.





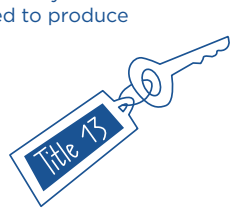
Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.

Real estate developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.

## Your privacy is protected.

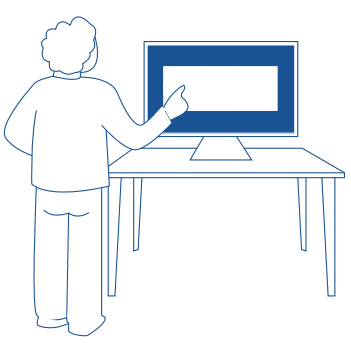
It's against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household.

By law, your responses cannot be used against you and can only be used to produce statistics.




## 2020 will be easier than ever.

In 2020, you will be able to respond to the census online.



## You can help.

You are the expert—we need your ideas on the best way to make sure everyone in your community gets counted.

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FIND OUT HOW TO HELP AT 2020CENSUS.GOV/PARTNERS

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## Road Closure & Traffic Delay Notice:

On Saturday, December 7th, Tremont & Duck Island residents should expect Road Closures and Traffic Delays from 7am until noon or later as A Christmas Story 5K-10K takes place in the neighborhood.

All proceeds from the event benefit the A Christmas Story House Foundation, whose main goal is to restore and maintain the neighborhood surrounding A Christmas Story House & Museum for future generations to experience and enjoy. The foundation provides grants, both public and private, to projects that enhance and preserve the surrounding neighborhood. The foundation also provides educational scholarships to families of A Christmas Story House to create college opportunities for our next generation.

**Traffic Delays: ALL lanes of West 14th** (from Fairfield to the Roundabout) will be closed from 9am to 12 Noon on Sat. December 7th.. To accommodate residents with emergencies or special needs, the following has been put in place for very limited access that morning during these times.

If you are entering the Roundabout from Steelyard Commons and traveling north from 1-76/ I-71 exits, there will be uniformed officers who will inform you on how you can get to your house and the best alternative for re-routing based on the location of your home.

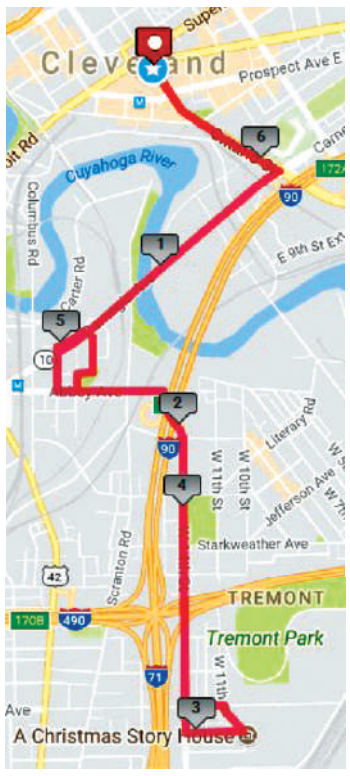
**NOTE:** During the time of the road closure, if a resident living on W. 14th, W. 12th, & W. 11th Streets and Clark Avenue, need to leave their residence for emergency purposes, they can contact the below phone number for assistance. If you are aware of an important appointment or special need in advance, contact this hotline prior to Race Day and we can make arrangements. **Emergency Hotline:** 1-216-854-0165.

Thank you in advance from the A Christmas Story House, Run and Foundation. To Date, $500,000 has been raised to improve homes in Tremont.

On Saturday, December 7th, some RTA routes will be on detour. Call 216-621-9500 or visit www.riderta.com for details.

**No Parking Zones** Areas along the route will be marked "No Parking – Tow Away Zones." Please adhere to dates and times posted; all zones will be enforced. A complete list of no-parking zones is on the website.

Contact race organizers before race week for more information or help with alternate directions. Email: info@achristmasstoryrun.com




**www.AChristmasStoryRun.com**

# www.tremontwest.org

**Block Club Meetings**

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| Irishtown Bend | 12/1 at Brick & Barrel @ 1pm & 1/8 at Hoopples @ 6:30pm |
| Central Tremont | 12/2 & 1/6 at Post 1 @ 6:30pm |
| Holmden-Buhrer-Rowley | 12/4 at Pozo's Studio @ 6:30pm & January TBD |
| Mentor-Castle-Clark | 12/4 at Pozo's Studio @ 6:30pm & January TBD |
| Duck Island | 12/10 at St. Wendelin & 1/7 at FCB @ 6:30 pm |
| South of Jefferson | 12/10 & 1/7 at Post 58 @ 6:30pm |
| North of Literary | 12/17 & 1/21 at Post 1 @ 6:30pm |
| Auburn-Lincoln Park | 1/27 at Tremont Public Works @ 6:30 pm |
| Metro North | 3/23 at St. Michael's Meeting Room @ 6:30pm |

**Other Committee Meetings**

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| Tremont West Economic Development Cmt. | 12/5 & 1/9 at South Branch Library @ 6:30pm |
| 2nd District Police Community Relations | 12/10 & 1/14 at Applewood Center @ 7pm |
| Tremont West Safety Cmt. | 12/11 & 1/8 at TWDC Conference Room @ 6:30pm |
| Tremont West Ad Hoc Arts Committee | TBD. |
| Tremont History Project | 12/14 & 1/18 at Jefferson Library @ 10am |
| Tremont West Board of Directors | 1/16 at South Branch Library @ 6:30pm |
| Ward 3 Democratic Club | 12/18 & 1/15 at Tremont Pointe @ 6pm |
| Ward 12 Democratic Club | 12/18 & 1/15 at Gino's @ 6:30pm |
| Tremont West Ad Hoc Fundraising Cmt. | TBD. |
| Tremont West Nominating Committee | TBD. |
| Tremont West Finance Cmt. | Meets Bi-Monthly. Call TWDC for next meeting. |
| Friends of Clark Field | TBD. Please call Bev at 310-6810. |
| Tremont West Governance Committee | TBD. |
| Tremont Gardeners | TBD. |
| Friends of Tremont School | Please call Cory, 216-575-0920, ext. 101 |

## Special Events

**Cleveland Public Library**
All Cleveland Public Libraries now serve **FREE Meals** to children 18 and under Monday through Friday from 3:30pm-4:30pm!

**Jefferson Branch Seeking Input (See page 3.):**
Tues., Dec. 3rd, 5-6:30pm & Fri., Dec. 13th 4-5:30pm

**Tremont Think & Drink Book Club**
Monday, December 9th, 7pm at Prosperity

**A Christmas Story House 5K-10K**
Saturday, December 7, 9am-12pm (See page 2.)

**St. Theodosius Cookie Walk**
Fri., Dec. 13th, 6-8pm & Sat., Dec. 14th 10am-1pm
(See ad on page 2.)

**Walkabout Tremont**
Friday, December 13th, 5-10pm,
walkabouttremont.com (See p. 5.)

**Holiday Hops and Shops**
Saturday, December 14th at Forest City Brewery

**Cookie Walk**
Fri., Dec. 13th 6-8pm & Sat., Dec. 14th 10am-1pm
as St. Theodosius (See ad above.)

**Santas in Tremont**
Saturday, December 14th, 1:30-8pm
(See ad above.)

**Arts Renaissance Tremont -Burning River Brass**
Sun. Dec. 15th & Mon. Dec. 16th, 7pm at Pilgrim

**Residential Tax Policy Listening Tour**
Wednesday, December 18th, 6-8pm at Pilgrim
(See page 2 for details.)

**St. Wendelin Parish Choir Mini-Concert**
Sat., Dec. 28th, 3:30pm (See ad on page 4.)

**Walkabout Tremont**
Friday, January 10th, 5-10pm
(See ad on page 5.)

**Reaching Lincoln Heights**
Tuesday, January 21st, 6pm at South Branch Library

**Arts Renaissance Tremont**
Sunday, January 31st, 3pm at Pilgrim Church
(See ad on page 3.)

## Tremont Means Jobs

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