

A SERVICE OF THE TREMONT WEST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE HISTORIC TREMONT NEIGHBORHOOD

## Tremont West Responds to COVID -19

Tremont Community:

I hope you are doing well and staying healthy. COVID-19, the coronavirus, has disrupted so much of what we take for granted in our lives and our communities. Even as I write this on March 20th, I am unsure of what to expect when you are reading this in early April. Tremont West Development Corporation is committed to keeping you informed of available resources for residents and businesses. Businesses and their employees have been hit especially hard during this time. Please consider supporting them by getting takeout from Tremont restaurants during the mandatory closure. A list of restaurants with pick-up and delivery service can be found on our website at [www.experiencetremont.com](http://www.experiencetremont.com). It will be even more important to support our businesses once they are able to fully re-open.

We have been sharing by email, on social media, and on our website available resources for community members. Throughout this newsletter you will find the most up to date information we had at the time we sent it to the printer. We expect things to continue to change and evolve and will do our best to keep you informed.

I also want to recognize the doctors, nurses, and first responders that are on the frontline of this pandemic. Many of them are our neighbors. They deserve our thanks and appreciation during this time.

Stay safe and check in on each other. I can be reached by cell phone at 216-262-3339. Please reach out if you need assistance connecting to available resources.

Tremont will get through this, TOGETHER!

Cory Riordan

Executive Director

Due to COVID-19 (coronavirus) and recommendations from health care providers and government agencies around best prevention measures and social distancing, Tremont West Development Corporation canceled its Board of Directors meeting and all Tremont West Committee meetings for the month of March. This is likely to extend through much of April. We urge all block clubs to cancel through at least mid- April. We will continue to evaluate our approach to meetings and will make decisions based on the best guidance available on COVID-19. Tremont West is committed to the health and safety of our members and the neighborhood. We will err on the side of caution during this time. Thank you for your understanding and please take necessary precautions to stay safe and keep others safe. Information about the virus and precautions to take can be found at the following links:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>

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## WHY THE CENSUS MATTERS FOR YOU.

Our vision is that all Clevelanders are counted and will receive the necessary resources for the next 10 years. Who stands the risk of not being counted? Our hard to count (HTC) communities. See below and learn more, so we can ensure a complete count.

### MEET ANALISE:

A Latina/x female, 47 years of age, currently living in the Brooklyn Centre neighborhood (44109). Her HTC factors include race/ethnicity, transience, lives in non-traditional housing and is non-english speaking.

AGE AND GENDER

47  
female

HTC FACTORS



RACE BY %

60.2 WHITE  
21.7 BLACK  
1.4 ASIAN  
16.7 OTHER  
31.6 LATINX

### ← ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD

NEIGHBORHOOD



POPULATION BY GENDER



HTC AMOUNT



NUMBER OF PERSONS AFFECTED IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD

15,780

The total number of hard-to-count people who will gain better education, health, food access and mobility after completing the census.

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CENSUS DAY:  
APRIL 1, 2020



## What is Community?

By Khalid Hawthorne, Housing & Economic Development Director – Tremont West

It is during trying times that we figure out what community truly means. Typically, we associate community with the residents that live in Tremont. The many restaurants, bars and small businesses are an important part of this community as well. In addition, these small businesses have communities of their own amongst each other.

I witnessed businesses across the city and country partner up and band together to help each other. A few businesses have partnered on curbside pickup. Others have changed their business models to sell product online to support their current staffing levels.

During this time where your businesses, livelihood and overall economic welfare is at risk, it is more important for Tremont businesses to come together and help each other. You always have a community that is willing to rally around you. Feel free to reach out to myself, Khalid Hawthorne [khalidhawthorne@tremontwest.org](mailto:khalidhawthorne@tremontwest.org) or Cory Riordan [coryriordan@tremontwest.org](mailto:coryriordan@tremontwest.org), to discuss your current and collective needs. Let's make Tremont a stronger business community today and onwards into the future.

We have also included within this edition of *Inside Tremont* on page 4 a number of resources for small businesses, employees and residents. We will continue to update these through all of our online and social media channels.

## Jobs & Unemployment Resources

By Ryan Clement, Tremont West AmeriCorps VISTA Member

Since Governor DeWine has mandated certain businesses to be closed, in order to prevent spreading COVID-19, people are now sadly out of work. Unemployment benefits have expanded to immediately cover you the first day of work and tipped workers. For the most up to date information please go to <https://unemployment.ohio.gov/> or call (877) 644-6562 to file for benefits.

Ohio

Department of  
Job and Family Services

There are several employers that are urgently hiring to meet demand during these tough times. Gojo (Purell), Walmart, Amazon, and Discount Drug Mart to name a few. For an up to date list and how to apply go to [facebook.com/nearwestjobboard](https://facebook.com/nearwestjobboard)

Feel free to contact Ryan directly at [ryanclément@tremontwest.org](mailto:ryanclément@tremontwest.org).

# Inside Tremont

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## Tremont West Annual Membership Meeting

**SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, May 14, 2020 at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church 6pm - Dinner, 7pm - Meeting**  
(If we are still not able to gather in May due to COVID-19, the alternate date is Thursday, June 19, 2020, same place, same time)

### Are You Interested in Serving on the Tremont West Board of Directors?

Tremont West is seeking candidates for its upcoming Board of Directors elections in May 2020! We are looking for members who are interested in working together to give back to the Tremont, Duck Island and Irishtown Bend Community by helping the neighborhood improve and prosper. We are seeking individuals who will be active participants for a three-year term on the Board. Please reach out to Nominating Committee Co-Chairs, Casey Ward and Dan Cotter, at TWDCBoard@gmail.com for information about what a board member does for our community and how to apply. Applicants will be asked to submit an application about why you are interested, what you would bring to TWDC, and how you would support our community, the deadline is Friday, April 10, 2020. Elections will be held during TWDC Annual Meeting in May 2020. Contact us TWDCBoard@gmail.com to get started. We look forward to hearing from you!

### TREMONT FOOD ESTABLISHMENT'S TAKE-OUT/DELIVERY DURING COVID-19

LOCATION	TAKE OUT	DELIVERY
CIVILIZATION	Y	
CORNER 11	Y	Y
CRUST	Y	Y
DANTE	Y	Y
DUCK RABBIT COFFEE	Y	
EDISON'S PIZZA KITCHEN	Y	
FAT CATS	Y	
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LITERARY TAVERN	Y	Y
LUCKY'S CAFÉ	Y	Y
PARALLAX	Y	
PROSPERITY SOCIAL CLUB	Y	Y
SOKOLOWSKI'S	Y	
TANDUL	Y	Y
TERRAPIN COFFEE CO.	Y	
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### Tremont Gardeners Spring Flower & Plant Sale

The Tremont Gardeners Spring Flower and Plant Sale will be held Saturday, May 16, from 9 am until sold out. The sale will feature flats of annual flowers such as petunias, zinnias, begonias, marigolds, coleus, impatiens and more, as well as nearly a dozen additional types of flowers such as geraniums, angel wing begonias, lantana and wave petunias in large, quart-sized pots!!! A variety of herbs will be available for all of you home chefs, and we will feature a variety of large tomato plants, pepper plants, eggplant, kale and more!  
All proceeds benefit beautification and reforestation projects in Tremont!

### Clark Avenue Project Update

\*Updated\* Clark Ave. resurfacing, beginning, Wednesday, February 19, Clark Ave. between Quigley Rd. and W. 25th St. will be closed to westbound traffic for roadway work through September 2020. For more information contact: District 12 Public Information at 216-584-2006 or D12.Public.Information@dot.ohio.gov  
Tentative Completion Date: October 2020

### 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.

# Programs for Home-Owners



Whether you have plans to sell your house or live in it for the rest of your life, it is essential for all homeowners to carry out repairs and regular maintenance. Minor fixes can help you prevent serious problems in the future. Here are some of the public and private loans, grants, and agencies providing home repair resources to help.

### Hebrew Free Loan Association of Northeast Ohio

HFLA lends money interest-free to responsible individuals in need who have been denied by a conventional lender. Maximum loan amount is \$10,000.

### Heritage Home Program

The Heritage Home Program offers a low-interest, fixed-rate, equity-based loan for maintaining and improving their older homes. Interest rates can go up to 2% in Cleveland. Homes must be 50 years old or older.

### Community Housing Solutions

CHS offers a tool loan program, housing counseling, and home repair assistance.

### Home Weatherization and Housewarming Assistance

Services may include furnace repair/replacement, hot water tank repair/replacement, insulation, refrigerator and/or freezer replacement, light bulbs and electrical repairs/updates, minor plumbing repairs, water leaks, main water line repair, and clearing of blockage or replacement of main sewer line.

### Cuyahoga County Veterans Services Commission

Provides temporary and emergency financial assistance to eligible veterans, their dependents, and surviving spouses for rent, mortgages, security deposits, etc.

### Senior Homeowner Assistance Program

SHAP provides a grant to income qualified Cleveland homeowners 60 years old or older, and disabled adults who reside in and own single or two family homes in need of critical health, safety, and maintenance repairs.

### Repair-A-Home

Low interest loans for code related repairs, mechanical repairs, or health and safety repairs.

If you would like to explore your home repair options or need assistance with applications, please contact Julie Dahlhausen at 216-280-8411 or at juliedahlhausen@tremontwest.org

## City of Cleveland

### Trash - Bulk Pick-up

Bulk Pick-Up (3 items only) in Tremont is Friday, April 10  
Questions? 216-664-3711 or cleveland-oh.gov

# FAMILY WORKOUT CHALLENGE

- 10 Push-ups
  - 10 Star-Jumps
  - 10 Sit-ups
  - 10 Squats
  - 10 Lunges
- Repeat hourly!**

## Near West Recreation



Near West Rec Families! Are you looking to keep your young ones active while they're home from school?

Trying to have the kids burn some energy and not play video games all day?

We thought so! So we put together a little family challenge involving exercises that require no equipment and minimal space!

The NWR Family Workout Challenge consists of 10 reps each of push-ups, star jumps, sit-ups, squats, and lunges. Done every hour from right when you wake up, to just before bed.

Share your family doing the workout challenge together on Facebook or Instagram, tag Near West Recreation, and your children may win free registration for one of our many programs!

Please stay safe during these uncertain times. Be kind to one another and look out for your neighbors

### RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND YOUTH



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<https://artsandculture.google.com/>



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<https://preschoolinspirations.com/>

COVID-19 ("Coronavirus") Information and Resources for Schools and School Personnel  
<https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus>

CDC Guidance for School and Childcare Plan, Prepare, and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-schools.html>  
 CDC\_AA\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fspecific-groups%2Fguidance-for-schools.html

The Child Mind Institute's Talking to Kids About the Coronavirus (<https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/>) Students may experience hunger, abuse, or lack of healthcare in their homes and with their families. Know local resources and be prepared to help.

Anxiety and Depression Association of America Psychologist Jelena Kecmanovic's 7 Science-Based Strategies to Cope With Coronavirus Anxiety  
<https://theconversation.com/7-science-based-strategies-to-cope-with-coronavirus-anxiety-133207>

National Association of School Psychologists' Talking to Children About COVID-19: A Parent Resource  
[https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-\(coronavirus\)-a-parent-resource](https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-(coronavirus)-a-parent-resource)

AT&T offers a discount for those who qualify for SNAP <https://www.att.com/support/article/u-verse-high-speed-internet/KM1094463>

Comcast offers free internet for 2 months effective Monday, March 16, 2020

PBS KIDS Daily Newsletter new for duration of school closures. <https://www.pbs.org/parents/pbskidsdaily?source=email>

"How to talk to your kids about the coronavirus" <https://www.tapinto.net/towns/belmar-slash-lake-como/articles/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-coronavirus>  
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**Sunday at 10am**

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Holy Week  
 April 9th at 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
 April 10th at 3pm Celebration of the Passion  
 April 11th at 2pm Blessing of the Easter Foods  
 April 11th at 7pm Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter  
 April 12th at 10am Easter Day  
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# Resources for Businesses During COVID-19

## Ohio Liquor Buy-Back

- A bar or restaurant may return unopened high proof liquor products purchased within the last 30 days (on or after February 13, 2020)
- To return, a bar/restaurant or F2 permit holder needs to bring the unopened high proof liquor product back to the liquor store they purchased the product.
- The Agency will call the Liquor Enterprise Service Center (LESC) for approval. Approval is immediate, but awareness of the return is necessary.
- For questions or more information regarding the one-time high proof liquor buy back, please feel free to contact the LESC at 877-812-0013 or [OhioLiquorInfo@com.ohio.gov](mailto:OhioLiquorInfo@com.ohio.gov).

## HFLA of Northeast Ohio COVID-19 Emergency Loan

In light of the financial burdens created by the spread of COVID-19, the Hebrew Free Loan Association (HFLA) is offering expedited interest-free loans of up to \$1,500 for purposes including (but not limited to):

- Lost wages due to inability to go to work
- Child care costs due to school closures
- Small business losses
- Related medical costs

To apply, borrowers should contact HFLA at 216-378-9042 or email [team@interestfree.org](mailto:team@interestfree.org) or [Brady@interestfree.org](mailto:Brady@interestfree.org) specifying that the request is for coronavirus related needs. If you need more funds you may be eligible to apply for HFLA's standard interest free loan (up to \$10,000 with a guarantor)

## Small Business Administration Loans

- SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million in assistance.
- Loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact.
- Interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses without credit available elsewhere; businesses with credit available elsewhere are not eligible.
- The interest rate for non-profits is 2.75%.
- Up to a maximum term of 30 years. Terms are determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon each borrower's ability to repay.
- E-mail questions to [businesshelp@development.ohio.gov](mailto:businesshelp@development.ohio.gov) or call 1.800.659.2955

For detailed information on SBA programs for the coronavirus, please visit [www.sba.gov/coronavirus](http://www.sba.gov/coronavirus) and for information on all federal programs, visit [www.usa.gov/coronavirus](http://www.usa.gov/coronavirus) or [www.gobierno.usa.gov/espanol](http://www.gobierno.usa.gov/espanol) (en Español).

## Honeycomb Small Business Relief Loan

- Honeycomb Credit is offering loans up to \$50,000 for business in operation for at least 3 years, up to \$25,000 for business in operation for at least one year
- 45-day payment free periods, 6-month interest-only periods and reducing posting, success, and investor fees.
- Fixed interest rates between 7.5% and 10%
- Loans are community funded via the Honeycomb crowdfunding platform.
- More information available at <https://www.honeycombcredit.com/relief>.

## Facebook Small Business Grants

Facebook is offering \$100M in cash grants and ad credits for up to 30,000 eligible small businesses in over 30 countries. Application is not yet available, sign up for updates at <https://www.facebook.com/business/boost/grants?ref=eml>.



**RiverSweep 2020**  
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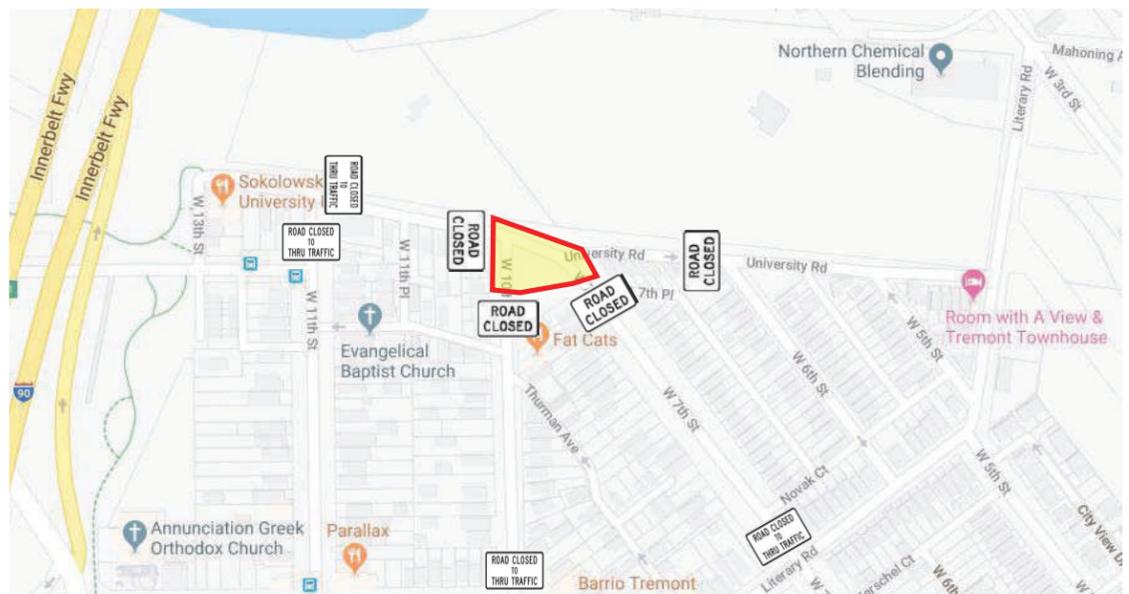
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**Saturday May 9, 2020**

## Cuyahoga Towpath Trail Stage 4 Project Worksite Location Map Tremont Area Updated 3/17/20



The map shows the current Road Closures associated with the work being performed at the West 10th Street and West 7th Street Intersection. We expect these closures to remain in place until the end of October 2020. Additional Road Closures will be installed as the project progresses thru new roadway installations and traffic patterns associated with the CUY-Towpath Trail Stage 4 project.



Rob McAteer, Project Manager, 216-244-1059 cell



NEIGHBORHOOD VISION PLAN  
Lincoln Heights

## ‘REACHING LINCOLN HEIGHTS’ NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN ENVISIONS THE FUTURE

Following three well-attended community meetings, three steering committee meetings, and a number of site walks with residents, the planning process for Lincoln Heights produced a community vision for future development. The final plan was unanimously approved by the Lincoln Heights Block Club in February.

The Tremont West Development Corporation, with funding from the City of Cleveland through Councilmember Kerry McCormack, coordinated the planning process, working closely with the steering committee. The steering committee included representatives from Tremont West and Ohio City, city planning staff, Lincoln Heights Block Club members, and local business owners.

Lincoln Heights is the area of Tremont located between I-71 and West 25th Street, south of Fairfield Avenue, southeast of Train Avenue, and north of Wade Avenue. Scranton Road runs in a north-south direction through the center of the neighborhood. Lincoln Heights currently includes 11 different land uses, ranging from industrial to residential, contributing to the area’s unique character.

Tremont West engaged the services of Seventh Hill, an urban design consultancy led by David Jurca, to guide the planning process. The Seventh Hill team includes independent architectural designer Clifford Benjamin Herring and city planner Robert Brown.

The consultant team recognized the community’s need to prepare for future change. Brown says, “As development interest in Tremont has moved west of I-90 to Scranton Road, it is a critical time to create a plan that ensures that the new development will complement and enhance the existing neighborhood.”

The following project goals were defined with the steering committee early in the process:

- Invite all voices from the community to share their expertise, choose from alternative scenarios, and understand the impacts their decisions.
- Establish a community vision for the character, scale, and uses of new development.
- Create a strategy to address the area’s parking needs now and in the future.
- Improve mobility connections within Lincoln Heights and surrounding neighborhoods.
- Prioritize community goals for reuse of large-scale and scattered site vacant land.

Public meeting attendees identified many strengths of the Lincoln Heights neighborhood. These included diversity of architecture and land use, diversity of people, walkability, single-family houses, the Liminis Theater, the Tremont Tap House, the Tremont Athletic Club, and proximity to the Cuyahoga River, Lincoln Park, restaurants, downtown, the Towpath, and other local businesses serving the community.

With respect to weaknesses and threats facing Lincoln Heights, the meeting attendees discussed increasing housing costs and property taxes, dead-end streets, poor lighting on Willey, unpleasant pedestrian connections to surrounding areas, lack of retail stores, inadequate off-street parking in some areas, petty crime, and limited RTA access, among other issues.

Many long-time and newer residents wanted more opportunities to meet each other. Current options in Lincoln Heights to socialize outdoors and places to sit are limited. The plan’s proposed public spaces, including parks and sidewalk seating, are designed to encourage these everyday acts of neighborliness.

One of the key concerns shared by meeting attendees was affordability. Both the cost of new housing units and increased property taxes for existing residents were pointed out as challenges. In addition to visual renderings of new development, the plan also includes strategies to address housing affordability. Through creative and open engagement between residents, developers, and Tremont West, the plan recommends specific actions to increase new affordable housing units and financial resources to enable long-time residents to remain in the neighborhood. Jurca hopes the framework for physical design and financial strategy in Tremont inspires other neighborhoods. “We expect the Lincoln Heights plan will serve as a relevant example for other communities facing similar changes.”

The difficult work of implementing the vision plan is still ahead. But the ongoing support of community members involved throughout the process will help ensure the plan’s ultimate value. “Seventh Hill’s David Jurca and team did an awesome job engaging all of the stakeholders in this area,” said Khalid Hawthorne, housing and economic development director for Tremont West Development Corp. The engagement experience was deemed successful for the consultant team, as well. Clifford Herring notes, “Often times, when speaking with disparate interest groups, it is hard to gather consensus. In this case, I really enjoyed how much the process was able to establish common concerns and in the end how much the block club expressed sincere and thorough appreciation for our work.”

If you’d like to read the full plan it, can be found here:

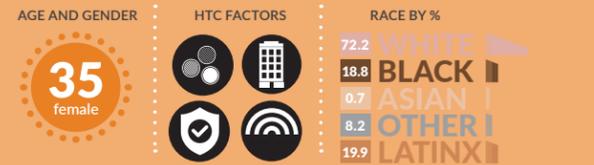
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## WHY THE CENSUS MATTERS FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

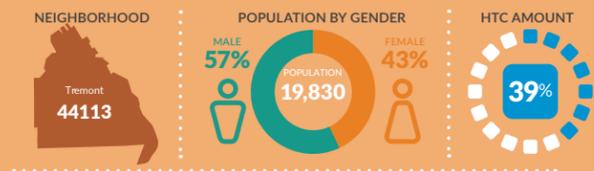
Our vision is that all Clevelanders are counted and will receive the necessary resources for the next 10 years. Who stands the risk of not being counted? Our hard to count (HTC) communities. See below and learn more, so we can ensure a complete count.

### MEET CHEYENNE:

A Native American female, 35 years of age currently living in Tremont (44113). Her HTC factors include race/ethnicity, non-traditional housing, a lack of trust in government, and is in the LGBTQ community.



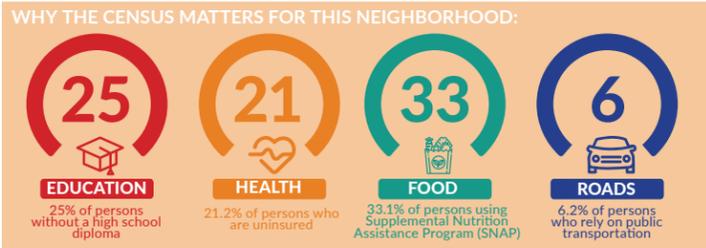
### ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD



NUMBER OF PERSONS AFFECTED IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD



CONTACT THE MAIN LIBRARY BRANCH FOR ASSISTANCE:  
Main Library  
Louis Stokes Wing  
525 Superior Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44114  
216-623-2800 • cpl.org



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**CENSUS DAY: APRIL 1, 2020**

## CONVERGENCE-CONTINUUM PRESENTS ANGRY FAGS

OPENING FRI, MAY 15 AT THE LIMINIS THEATER ON SCRANTON RD.



*Angry Fags* by Topher Payne is part of convergence-continuum’s 2020 “Fight Back!” Season, with this play representing revolt at the State level. *Angry Fags* is an outrageous, over-the-top, political satire with video. It’s election season and Bennett is the speechwriter for Georgia’s only lesbian state senator engaged in a campaign against a conservative darling. When Bennett’s ex is attacked outside a gay bar, Bennett and his friend Cooper learn the assault can’t be pursued as a hate crime, as in Georgia hate crimes against gays don’t legally exist. Frustration turns to rage and they become killer queens of domestic terrorism in a wacky Oscar Wilde meets Fight Club fantasia. But then the campiness turns dark and the underlying issues hit home. *Angry Fags* opens Fri, May 20 and runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm through June 6 at the Liminis Theater 2438 Scranton Rd. Tickets at \$20 general admission, \$15 seniors (65+) and \$10 students are available at 216-687-0074 and online at [convergence-continuum.org](http://convergence-continuum.org).

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





# Scams to Avoid During COVID - 19 from the Department of Aging

During these challenging and uncertain times, we may be more susceptible to information from unverified sources and/or more vulnerable to scams. The Office of Consumer Affairs has shared links to several COVID-19 scams that are currently going around. Please share this information with your organizations and residents, so that they be aware of predatory behavior and/or scams.

**Web links for Coronavirus/COVID-19 Scams:**

- <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/coronavirus-scams-what-ftc-doing>
- <https://www.forbes.com/sites/mattperez/2020/03/16/coronavirus-scams-watch-out-for-these-efforts-to-exploit-the-pandemic/#423726c66103>
- <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/health/a31676773/how-to-avoid-coronavirus-scams/>
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- [https://about.att.com/pages/cyberaware/ni/blog/virus\\_scam](https://about.att.com/pages/cyberaware/ni/blog/virus_scam)
- <https://fox8.com/news/coronavirus/scammers-target-northeast-ohio-families-with-phony-coronavirus-tests/>
- <https://fox8.com/news/akron-police-warning-residents-after-scammer-spoofs-department-phone-number/>

If you have heard of other scams and/or would like more information, please contact John Mahoney at JMahoney@city.cleveland.oh.us

## FOOD PANTRIES AND MEALS TO GO

*Tremont, Duck Island, and Irishtown Bend*

\*\*this list has been updated (as of 3/20/20), but in rapidly changing circumstances, it is always best to call ahead to the pantry to verify meal/grocery status\*\*

**Buhrer Dual Language School**

Type: Free for All Children in the City of Cleveland 18 and Younger Bagged Lunch for the Day & Breakfast to Take Home for the Next Day

1600 Buhrer Ave, Cleveland, 44109  
Pantry Phone: 216.838.8350

One of 22 sites where children 18 and younger can pick up a bagged lunch for the day and a breakfast to take home for the next day.

Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) will provide yellow bus shuttles to site with times and locations listed:

Shuttle Pickup Location:

- Tremont 2409 W 10th St. 11:08 a.m.
- Scranton 1991 Barber Ave. 11:15 a.m.
- Luis Munoz Marin 1701 Castle Ave. 11:22 a.m.

RTA will continue to honor student bus passes for meal pickups. Monday, March 16 - Friday, April 3, 2020 11:30 am through 1:00 pm FREE FOR ALL CHILDREN IN THE CITY OF CLEVELAND 18 AND YOUNGER

**Greater Cleveland Food Bank**

Type: Pantry  
15500 S. Waterloo Road, Cleveland, OH 44110

Pantry Phone: 216.738.2067

Here's what the food bank is doing:

- Call Help Line at 216.738.2067
- Packing emergency boxes with a seven-day supply of nonperishable food for households in need, including families and seniors.
- Reaching out to after-school meal partners to plan how to provide food for children while they're out of school and providing grab-and-go lunches.
- Providing weekend bags of food through the Backpacks for Kids program at 22 Cleveland schools. The program provides more than 3,500 children each week with a bag of food containing six meals for Saturdays and Sundays.
- Turning the monthly produce distribution (third Thursday, 4pm-6pm) into a drive-through pantry, where volunteers can put food into client's trunks. The food bank is also working on helping partner agencies do the same.
- Promoting calls to the Help Center for anyone in need of food. The food bank is tracking any changes at partner agencies and connecting callers to an open food site in their neighborhood.

**Iglesia Nueva Vida - Free Methodist Church**

Type: Pantry  
2327 Holmden Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44109

Pantry Phone: 216.741.0511

Please call ahead to check status.

**Iglesia Sinai**

Type: Pantry  
3256 Scranton Road, Cleve., 44109  
Pantry Phone: 216.201.9112

Please call ahead to check status.

**Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Hunger Center**

Type: Pantry  
2928 Scranton Road, Cleveland, OH 44113

Pantry Phone: 216.781.9511

E-mail: immanluth1@sbcglobal.net or Revjablonskilutheran@gmail.com

Bag of Groceries are distributed on the last Wednesday of each month at the door of the Church Hall.

**Mega Resource Center**

Type: Pantry  
2401 Prame Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44109

Pantry Phone: 216.398.6324

Pantry services provided - Monday – Friday until 1:00pm

**Pilgrim Congregational UCC Food Pantry**

Type: Pantry  
2592 W. 14th Street, Cleveland, OH 44113

Pantry Phone: 216.861.7388

E-mail: info@pilgrimalive.org

UPDATE: As of 3/17/20 the decision was made to close the Tues & Thurs pantry services, but the status going forward is a week-to-week discussion and decision with a dependency on the Greater Cleveland Food Bank staying open.

**Scranton Road Bible Church**

Type: Pantry  
3095 Scranton Road, Cleveland, OH 44113

Pantry Phone: 216.861.7539

Food Pantry (can get a bag of groceries-while supplies last): Tuesday 10am-11am & Wednesday 12pm-1pm

**St. Augustine Hunger Center**

Type: Pantry  
32486 W. 14th Street, Cleveland, OH 44113

Pantry Phone: 216.781.5530

- Take-out meals only during lunch (11:30am) and dinner (4:30pm).
- Call to sign up for meal delivery.
- No on-site canned good pantry services at this time.

**St. John Cantius Hunger Center**

Type: Pantry  
2265 West 10th Street, Cleveland, OH 44113

Pantry Phone: 216.781.9095

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. we require a photo ID and a current piece of mail with name and address. We will remain open unless we are instructed to close.

**St. Malachi Parish – Back Door Ministry**

Type: Pantry  
3135 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44113

Pantry Phone: 216.861.5343

E-mail: Backdoor@StMalachi.org.

The Back Door Ministry provides bagged or container meals to anyone that comes to the window between 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM daily. Monday dinner available at 6pm – no entry into the hall; bagged or container suppers given at the door.

**St. Michael the Archangel - St. Procop Pantry**

Type: Pantry  
3114 Scranton Road, Cleveland, OH 44109

Pantry Phone: 216.621.3847

Take out Hot meal – generally last Sunday of the month, 1pm, meals to go – still offered.

UPDATE: 3/20/20 – Mon & Thurs Pantry Services closed until further notice

**West Side Catholic Center**

Type: Pantry  
3135 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44113

Pantry Phone: 216.631.4741

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Resource Center

- No group activities in building
- Meals operate 6 days per week providing meals to go
- Street Survival Services offers showers (Monday, Wednesday, & Friday mornings), and mail pick-up to those living on the streets.
- Assistance with social work requests

TUESDAYS  
MAY 19 thru SEPT 29, 2020  
4PM - 7PM

**TREMONT**

**Farmers Market**

EAT FRESH BUY LOCAL

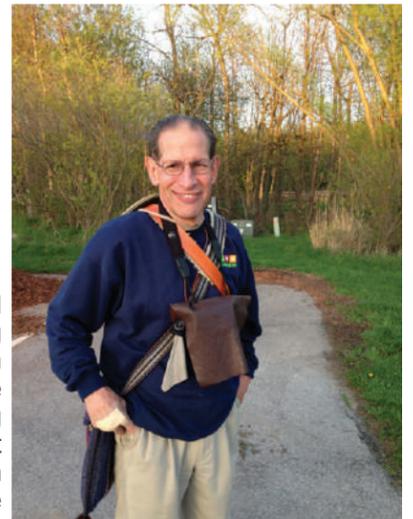
LINCOLN PARK  
1200 Starkweather Ave. CLE 44113

HELD RAIN OR SHINE

[ifm@tremontwest.org](mailto:ifm@tremontwest.org) 

## The Urban Birding Cleveland Initiative

by Tom Romito



You may have seen and heard me talking about Urban Birding Cleveland at block clubs in Tremont this year. Spring is here and the birds are singing during the migration season. We're not going to go out and see them right now, though, due to the coronavirus pandemic. Once it has passed, we'll schedule a date to walk around Lincoln Park and practice identifying birds by sight and sound.

In migration, which runs from mid-April through late May, we can expect to see songbirds that have stayed in Cleveland over the winter but also those that have recently just arrived from their wintering grounds in South and Central America, as well as the southeast United States. "Likely suspects" will be American robin, European starling, blue jay, white-throated sparrow, red-winged blackbird, turkey vulture, red-bellied woodpecker, song sparrow, and red-tailed hawk, among others.

Urban Birding Cleveland is a new initiative of Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society (WCAS), and we have chosen to launch it in Tremont. Our goal is to increase the number and diversity of guardians of nature in Cleveland by engaging and educating people about birds and nature. We are visiting block clubs to encourage people to walk circular urban birding routes in their neighborhoods. Groups of volunteers are also planning or conducting birding programs in schools, libraries, and Boys & Girls Clubs in Cleveland.

We hope that these activities will have a significant impact on residents by getting them to see that nature is right in their neighborhood and enriching their lives and their community.

If you are interested in learning more about Urban Birding Cleveland, Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society, or to keep up-to-date on birding and conservation issues or to volunteer, visit [www.wcaudubon.org](http://www.wcaudubon.org) to visit and learn. Become a member of WCAS or make a donation to help birds and support programs and activities for youth and residents in your neighborhood.

Tom Romito is a member of Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, and longtime resident of near west Cleveland. He's a facilitator, lecturer, and resource for community and non-profit organizations.

# 2020 Tremont Storefront Incubator Program Request for Proposals

## OBJECTIVE

Tremont West Development Corporation is initiating its 5th Small Business Incubator Program for a storefront space located at 2406 Professor Avenue in the heart of the retail district in the Tremont neighborhood. Tremont West is beginning the search process for a 2020 participant. In previous years, the space was utilized for several Pop-Up Shops and five incubators. The integral part of the program is our partnership with the Hispanic Business Center.

## OPPORTUNITY

Tremont West Development Corporation is offering approximately 400 square feet of retail/office space in its storefront through a Request for Proposals. The proposals will be reviewed by a panel consisting of Tremont West staff members as well as local community stakeholders. Each proposal will be scored by the same criteria outlined in this RFP. The terms of the agreement will include:

- Free rent for the first three months
- Rent of \$400/month for the following seven months
- Rent includes all standard utilities as well as Internet connectivity through the TWDC Wi-Fi network (no telephone included)
- Additional extension of lease may be negotiable after the 10 month Program

Services from Hispanic Business Center include:

- Ongoing business development training and support
- Accounting and record-keeping support
- Growth plan and/or exit strategy post program

## REQUIREMENTS

The applicant must be willing to begin operation by June 1st and continue operation through the expiration of the lease (10 month period). Additionally, hours of operation must be at least 5 days per week, no less than 25 hours.

Hispanic Business Center support for:

- State registration, vendor's license and EIN obtained at time of application
- Commitment to a minimum of monthly business development meetings with the Hispanic Business Center
- Maintain accurate record-keeping of sales and expenses
- Business development training

It is the intention of Tremont West Development Corporation for the lessee to have an opportunity to operate a small business for a set period of time and determine the feasibility of the business operation in Tremont. At the end of the ten month lease term, it is the expectation that the lessee, if planning to continue operations, work with Tremont West Development Corporation to find a feasible location within the Tremont service area to continue services. Scoring will be based on the long-term viability of the business to provide services to the Tremont neighborhood and its patrons in the long-term.

The intention of the program is to add to the vitality of the neighborhood



by providing opportunities to future small business owners to establish themselves within the neighborhood and then find a permanent location for their goods and services. Tremont West will not consider businesses in Cleveland with existing leases (unless compelling evidence can be given, with discretion given to the review panel) and/or businesses that are in current negotiations with property owners or real estate agents in Tremont.

The Small Business Incubator Program will give priority to retailers and businesses that fill specific needs in the Tremont community that do not duplicate current businesses.

Additionally, the storefront is not conducive to kitchen operations, bar operations, hair salons, or other businesses with high renovation needs.

In order to respond to this Request for Proposals:

1. Cover sheet with Name, Address, Phone, Email, Business Name, and Statement of Purpose of business
2. No more than 3 page Business Plan to include: Business Description and Operating Plan including days and times
3. Brief description of your financial resources
4. References

Please send your proposal by hard copy or email with one attachment (Subject Line: Tremont Storefront Incubator Program) by April 20, 2020 to: [contact@tremontwest.org](mailto:contact@tremontwest.org)

**SCORING CRITERIA** - Each Category Five Possible Points

**Project Vision/Concept**  
**Neighborhood Need**  
**Neighborhood Impact**  
**Business Experience**

**Business Plan**  
**Financing**  
**Complete Proposal**



# [www.tremontwest.org](http://www.tremontwest.org)

## Block Club Meetings

Central Tremont	No meeting in April.
Holmden-Buhrer-Rowley	No meeting in April.
Mentor-Castle-Clark	No meeting in April.
South of Jefferson	No meeting in April.
Auburn-Lincoln Park	4/20 TBD
North of Literary	4/21 TBD
Metro North	4/25 TBD
Duck Island	No Meeting in April.
Irishtown Bend	No Meeting in April.

## Other Committee Meetings

Tremont West Economic Development Cmt.	4/2 TBD
2nd District Police Community Relations	4/14 TBD
Tremont West Safety Cmt.	TBD
Tremont West Ad Hoc Arts Committee	TBD
Ward 3 Democratic Club	TBD
Ward 12 Democratic Club	TBD
Tremont West Board of Directors	4/16 TBD
Tremont History Project	No Meeting in April.
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

**All Events & Meetings are Subject to Change:**

**Census Day**

Wednesday, April 1st  
**Fill out your Census!**

**Dyngus Day**

Monday, April 13, 2020

Visit [experiencetremont.com](http://experiencetremont.com) if there will be events in Tremont on this day.

**Cleveland Animals Bar Crawl benefit for APL**

Saturday, April 25, 2020

**Riversweep**

**Saturday, May 9th, 9am in Lincoln Park**  
(See ad on page 4.)

**Tremont West Membership Meeting**  
Thursday, May 14, 6pm at Annunciation  
(See page 2 for details.)

**Rite Aid Cleveland Marathon**

Sunday, May 17th  
(See route on page 6.)

