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 as you’re 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. 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 well informed.

I also want to recognize the doctors, nurses, and first responders that are on the front line 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.

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://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/

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 or Cory Riordan 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.
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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 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!

**CLERKSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Are you interested in advertising in Tremont West? Please contact Michelle at michelledavis@tremontwest.org.
**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?

Try 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, squares, and lunges. Done every hour from right when you wake up, to just before bed.

Share your family doing the workout 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.

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**RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND YOUTH**

**COVID-19 ("Coronavirus") Information and Resourcers 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)**


**The Child Mind Institute’s 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**


**National Association of School Psychologists’ Talking to Children About COVID-19: A Parent Resource**


**AT&T offers a discount for those who qualify for SNAP**


**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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**ART is cancelling the remainder of our 2019-2020 Season. Including: 3pm, Sun., MARCH 22 - BACH Birthday Tribute; 3pm, Sun., April 19 - Ivan Zenaty, violin / Dmitri Vorobiev, piano; 3pm, Sun., May 10 - Mark Kosower, cello & Stepping Out Series:**

Feel free to contact Katie directly at katieross@tremontwest.org.

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**Tremont History Project**

From our archives. Lincoln High School graduating class 1926.
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 617-812-0013 or 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 or 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 or call 1.800.659.2955

For detailed information on SBA programs for the coronavirus, please visit www.sba.gov/coronavirus and for information on all federal programs, visit www.usa.gov/coronavirus or 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% for small businesses without credit available elsewhere, businesses with credit available elsewhere are not eligible.
- Loans are community funded via the Honeycomb crowdfunding platform.

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.

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 through safety installations and traffic patterns associated with the CUY-Towpath Trail Stage 4 project.

Rob Mclaure, Project Manager, 216-244-1059 cell
‘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. Lincoln Heights produced a community vision for future development. The final plan was unanimously approved by the Lincoln Heights Block Club in February.

Lincoln Heights is the area of Tremont located between I-71 and West 25th Streets, east of Fair Avenue, southeast of Train Avenue, and north of Waste Avenue. Scranston 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.

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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.

The Consultants

Robert Brown.

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.

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Public meeting attendees identified many strengths of the Lincoln Heights neighborhood. These included diversity of architecture and land use, variety 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 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 community 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:

https://experiencetremont.com/tremont-west/strategic-planning/
Block Club Happenings

“Block Club Happenings” is compiled by Tremont West staff with direct input from Block Clubs.

Auburn-Lincoln Park

Members of Auburn-Lincoln Park Block Club met on Monday, March 22nd, and discussed various issues of safety concerns with Officer Patrick McCoIn of the Second District Community Services Unit. J. Allen Burger, candidate for Ohio House District 10, joined the group and laid out his campaign platform with a promise to meet with the line officers in each of his districts to discuss issues. Another special guest, Matthew Szlak, presented information on the upcoming US Census. Please respond to the Census in 90 days. The choices by phone when you receive the notification in the mail. Let’s have 100% participation.

Central Tremont

Central Tremont's April block club meeting has been cancelled at this time. Tremont West has recommended canceling public meetings and gatherings scheduled between now and early to mid-April as part of the “social distancing” public health response related to the Covid-19 coronaviru. In early April, we will re-assess and make new recommendations for the second half of April based on the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Ohio Health Department, and Governor DeWine. For more information on the block club and its activities, please contact our block club chair, Jennifer Zellner (jen.zellner@gmail.com) or Dharma Valentin, Community and Equity Organizer – dharmavalentin@eversource.com. Information can also be found on our Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/CentralTremont.

Duck Island

The Duck Island Block Club is now meeting in even numbers without a Zoom call. The last meeting for 2020 was held on Tuesday, February 4th at Forest City Brewery. Lieutenant Mike Betley from the Cleveland Police Second District Commander’s Office came to inform us on recent police work in the area and to discuss concerns from residents. Matthew Szlak, representative for the 159th District, informed us on the importance of the 2020 U.S. Census and related job opportunities. Buck Club Chair Milton Loring thanked Mary Rood and Majo, who participated in the Downtown Area Block Co-Secretaries in 2019. Carolyn Bentley explained her role as City Council representative to Tremont West’s Board of Directors. Co-Chair, Philip Major, reported on the block club food drive, in which our block club and activities, please contact Co-Chairs Jennifer Zellner (jen.zellner@gmail.com) or Dharma Valentin, Community and Equity Organizer – dharmavalentin@eversource.com. Information can also be found on our Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/CentralTremont.

Irishtown Bend

St. Patrick’s Day is coming to Irishtown Bend! The St. Patrick’s Day 2020 block club meeting was held on Tuesday, February 11th.

Jefferson

North of Literary's April block club meeting was cancelled, and the Tuesday, April 21st block club meeting is tentative. Tremont West has recommended canceling all public health response related to the Covid-19 coronavirus concerns. In early April, we will re-assess and make new recommendations for the second half of April based on the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Ohio Health Department, and Governor DeWine. For more information on the block club and its activities, please contact our block club chair, Jennifer Zellner (jen.zellner@gmail.com) or Dharma Valentin, Community and Equity Organizer – dharmavalentin@eversource.com. Information can also be found on our Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/CentralTremont.

North of Literary

The Rite Aid Cleveland Marathon is to take place Sunday, May 17th. See the map below for traffic changes. For more information, please contact the Tremont West office at 216-575-9200 ext. 102.

Ohio City

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South of Jefferson

South of Jefferson, the Tuesday, March 10th meeting of the South of Jefferson Block Club met at Roosevelt Post 58 on Professor Avenue. Safety updates led off the meeting with Cleveland Police Officers Nan and Thompson joining the club to talk about safety. The officers encouraged the members to file police reports online and the use of the GroupMe app to help quickly feed potential crime info and photos to the officers to improve their probable cause in stopping suspects. Officers Nan also noted an uptick in Airbnb rentals being used for parties that exceeded the occupancy limits. Additionally the officers suggested if selling or buying something on Craigslist meeting the buyer/seller in the 2nd District’s parking lot was an option and a safe way to deter a potential crime. J. Allen Burger, candidate for Ohio House district 10 joined the group and laid out his campaign platform with a promise to meet with the constituents including the occasional SOJ meeting if elected. Members were reminded to offer their opinions and ideas, such as plates, cups, napkins, paper towels, etc., for the Annual Picnic to be held in May. Members were also reminded that the second half of April will be dedicated to the Covid-19 coronavirus. In early April, we will re-assess and make new recommendations for the second half of April based on the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Ohio Health Department, and Governor DeWine. For more information on the block club and its activities, please contact our block club chair, Jennifer Zellner (jen.zellner@gmail.com) or Dharma Valentin, Community and Equity Organizer – dharmavalentin@eversource.com. Information can also be found on our Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/CentralTremont.

West Side Market

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The HBR-MCC block club met on Wednesday, March 4th at 6:30 p.m. at Pozo Studio. 2nd District Police Representatives were not available for this meeting; however, block club members were encouraged to attend Cleveland Police Department meetings held at Applewood Center. Next, Jeffrey Berger, incumbent candidate for District 13 City Council seat, shared his platform with the block club and made himself available to respond to questions and concerns members had. Following the Berger presentation, discussion and Q & A, a Vote on Letter of Support was held. Members were asked to sign the letter of support for the new term. The chair, Michel Cribb, presented an update to the rest of the block club. The Western Cuyahoga Land Conservancy reviewed tree planting sites and areas along the roads, trails, and bike lanes, etc. in your community, online comments may be shared regarding roads, trails, bike lanes, sidewalks, bus stops, etc. Information can also be found on our Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/CentralTremont.

Granville

Granville's April block meeting has been cancelled at this time. Tremont West has recommended canceling public meetings and gatherings scheduled between now and early to mid-April as part of the “social distancing” public health response related to the Covid-19 coronavirus concerns. In early April, we will re-assess and make new recommendations for the second half of April based on the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Ohio Health Department, and Governor DeWine. For more information on the block club and its activities, please contact our block club chair, Jennifer Zellner (jen.zellner@gmail.com) or Dharma Valentin, Community and Equity Organizer – dharmavalentin@eversource.com. Information can also be found on our Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/CentralTremont.
FOOD PANTRIES AND MEALS TO GO
Tremont, Duck Island, and Iritchens 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.**

**Buhrer Dual Language School**
Type: Free for All Children in the City of Cleveland
13 and Younger
Bagged Lunch for the Day & A Breakfast to Take Home for the Next Day
1600 Buhrer Ave, Cleveland, 44109
Pantry Phone: 216.838.8350
One of 22 sites where children 13 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 shuttle bus slips to sites with times and locations listed.

Shuttle Pick-up, Location:
- Tremont 2409 W 10th St. 11:08 a.m.
- Scranton 1191 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 bag 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 Saturday, Sunday, and Supper.

- Turning the monthly produce distribution (third Thursday, April 16) 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.

**Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Hunger Center**
Type: Pantry
2301 Scranton Road, Cleveland, OH 44113
Pantry Phone: 216.781.9511
E-mail: immanuel1h@b sclglobal.net or Rockf eldsonskllt@gmail.com
Bag of Groceries are distributed on the last Wednesday of each month at the door of the Church Hall.

**Scranton Road Bible Church**
Type: Pantry
2401 Prave Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44109
Pantry Phone: 216.398.6324

**Pilgrim Congregational UCC Food Pantry**
Type: Pantry
2592 W. 14th Street, Cleveland, OH 44113
Pantry Phone: 216.861.7386
E-mail: info@pilgrimlive.org
UPDATE: As of 3/17/20 the decision was made to close the Tues & Thurs pantry services but the status going forward is week-to-week according to the 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: 216.861.7533
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)
- You 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: 216.861.9095
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.

**St. Malachi Parish - Back Door Ministry**
Type: Pantry
3135 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44113
Pantry Phone: 216.861.5343
E-mail: BackpackstoStMalachi.org
Food is given to families who come to the door.

**St. Michael the Archangel - St. Procop Pantry**
Type: Pantry
3114 Scranton Road, Cleveland, OH 44113
Pantry Phone: 216.621.3847
Take out Hot meal – generally last Sunday of the month. 11:00am to 1:00pm

**Westside Catholic Center**
Type: Pantry
3135 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44113
Pantry Phone: 216.631.4741
PROGR AAMS & SERVICES Resource Center
- No group activities in building
- Meals operate 6 days per week providing meals to go to Street Survival Services offers showers (Monday, Wednesday, & Friday mornings), and meal pick-up to those living on the streets.
- Assistance with social work requests

**Iglesia Nueva Vida - Free Methodist Church**
Type: Pantry
2327 Holmden Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44110
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.

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

**Web links for Coronavirus/COVID-19 Scams:**
https://www.coronavirus-sca ms watch-out-for-these-efforts-to-exploit-the-pandemic/#24327268103
https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/health/a31676773/how-to-avoid-coronavirus-scams/
https://about.att.com/pages/cyberwaren/ni/blog/virus scam
https://foxtv.com/news/coronavirus-police-warn-residents-about-phone"77859c84a0f1b7f6b3d15f1

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

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**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 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.

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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

SCORING CRITERIA - Each Category Five Possible Points

- Project Vision/Concept
- Neighborhood Need
- Neighborhood Impact
- Business Experience
- Business Plan

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- Storefront Incubator Program
- Business Plan
- Financing
- Complete Proposal

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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 experience.tremont.com if there will be events in Tremont on this day.

- Cleveland Animals Bar Crawl benefit for APL
  Saturday, May 9th, 9am in Lincoln Park
  (See ad on page 4.)

- Riversweep
  Saturday, May 9th, 8am 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
  May, May 17th
  (See route on page 6.)

- Employee Appreciation Event
  TBD

- Tremont on the Green 2020 participant
  TBD

- Visit experiencetremont.com if there will be events in Tremont on this day.

Block Club Meetings

- Central Tremont
  TBD

- Holmden-Buhler-Rowley
  TBD

- Mentor-Castle-Clark
  TBD

- South of Jefferson
  TBD

- Auburn-Lincoln Park
  TBD

- North of Literary
  TBD

- Metro North
  TBD

- Duck Island
  TBD

- Irishtown Bend
  TBD

Other Committee Meetings

- Tremont West Economic Development Cmt.
  TBD

- 2nd District Police Community Relations
  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
  TBD

- Tremont History Project
  TBD

- Tremont West Ad Hoc Fundraising Cmt.
  TBD

- Tremont West Nominating Committee
  TBD

- Tremont West Finance Cmt.
  TBD

- Friends of Clark Field
  TBD

- Tremont West Governance Committee
  TBD

- Tremont Gardeners
  TBD

- Friends of Tremont School
  TBD

Please call Cory, 216-575-0920, ext. 101