Welcome Cleveland Chocolate Company, Megan Dardis Art, & Tremont Cigar Company to Tremont!

The Cleveland Chocolate Company launched their new business in the Fairmont Creamery Building, 2306 West 17th Street Suite 4, at the start of the Pandemic. They have been offering online ordering for pick-up and are excited to welcome you to enjoy their delicious chocolates, treats, and beverages.

Rebecca Hess and her husband, Cory Hess, are excited to have a central location for Clevelanders to enjoy their chocolates. “I have been working in restaurants for over fifteen years, I grew up on a blueberry farm and have had my fair share of food hobbies from bees to cheese to kombucha. My husband and I started getting a weekly tropical fruit box CSA, which they started sending us fresh cacao. I collected enough pods to make a batch of chocolate from start to finish and enjoyed learning the process. Next thing I knew I was ordering beans from all over the world and had enough equipment to make 15# batches at a time. We started to work on our business plan for Cleveland Chocolate Company. Next, I signed up for a couple of classes at Melissa Coppel Chocolate & Pastry School in Las Vegas, to learn how to run a chocolate production. I signed a lease, outfitted my store, sourced my products and now I am ready to grind.

Their motto is handcrafted chocolate from bean to bar. You can order online for pick-up or delivery on their website clevelandchocolate.co.

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Hours
Tuesday-Saturday 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Sunday & Monday Closed
Cleveland Chocolate Co.
2306 West 17th St, Suite 4
clevelandchocolate.co

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By Appointment & Walkabout Tremont
Megan Dardis Art
2355 Scranton Road
megandardisart.com

Congratulations and Best Wishes to CPL Jefferson Branch Clerk, Lillian Conway, on your Retirement!

One of Tremont’s enduring figures, Lillian Conway is retiring from the Jefferson Branch of Cleveland Public Library at the end of May 2020, where she has faithfully served generations of Cleveland’s library patrons for over three decades. “It would be hard to estimate how many people she has impacted with her kindness and bend-over-backwards customer service ethic. She and her expertise will be missed greatly,” says Branch Manager Steve Capuozzo.

A frequent and heartwarming sight is an adult approaching “Miss Lil” at the desk and introducing their own children to her, fondly recalling her and their time spent at the library as a child, recalls Jen Kirk, who has worked alongside Conway for nearly 20 years.

A native of Cadiz, Ohio, Conway worked at Medical Mutual before coming to the Library, something she says she always wanted to do. “I feel blessed to have worked at Cleveland Public Library for 32 years - seven at South Brooklyn and twenty-five at Jefferson. I’ve met some amazing people, co-workers and patrons whom I’ll never forget! I feel truly blessed to have been a part of it all.”

Photo: Lillian Conway, left, pictured at the 2018 CPL Staff Appreciation Gala with Jennifer Moncayo, center, and Marcie Williams, right, both of whom previously worked at the Jefferson Branch.

TUESDAYS
MAY 19 thru SEPT 29, 2020
4PM - 7PM
TREMONT
Farmers Market
LINCOLN PARK
1200 Slavic Terminal Ave. CLE 44113
EAT FRESH BUY LOCAL
HELD RAIN OR SHINE
Ohio City, Inc. (OCI) and Tremont West Development Corporation (Tremont West) have formed a partnership, Near West Partners, Inc. that will allow each one to work on select joint projects that benefit both neighborhoods while keeping the organizations independent and neighborhood-based.

The first of these projects is a community land trust that will help achieve the organizations’ shared goal of maintaining housing affordability, preventing elimination of existing affordable options, and promoting diverse housing choices. Community land trusts are nonprofit entities formed to help maintain the stock of affordable housing in a given area. Nationally, there are over 150 similar community land trusts operating today. The community land trust model involves the nonprofit owning land and then leasing it at a cost to those who live in housing built on that land. Because the land trust continues to own the land, residents do not have to pay for the cost of land—which is a major portion of all housing expense and impediment to ownership in markets experiencing an increase in price. If homeowners in the land trust choose to resell their homes, they will have to sell to moderate or low-income individuals, or they can sell their home back to the land trust. This ensures that the housing stays affordable over time.

As you know, both Ohio City and Tremont have seen a tremendous amount of development recently, and both OCI and Tremont West are focused on taking action to address the realities of market pressures in their respective neighborhoods. The land trust will work to do so while leveraging resources and expertise, thus allowing the nonprofit efforts of the land trust to have a greater effect.

OCI and Tremont West will continue as independent, separate nonprofits. Near West Partners, Inc. will also allow the organizations to continue evaluating other initiatives and partnerships on shared goals and challenges. Future work of the partnership is yet to be determined, but would focus on leveraging the capacity and resources of each CDC while ensuring that their independent status and neighborhood-based leadership continues. Recent collaborations include Near West Recreation which provides various recreation programs for West Side children, a shared Safety Organizer that has allowed OCI and Tremont West to share safety information and programming, and a new Community Engagement Specialist.

We look forward to sharing updates with you in the future as we make progress towards our goals of creating affordable and diverse housing choices and working jointly on challenges and opportunities that affect both neighborhoods.
MEMORIAM FOR CHRIS HAFF-PALUCK

It is with a regret and a heavy heart that Fred Calatreto, Arts Renaissance Tremont’s Board President, (ART) has informed us that Chris Haff-Paluck, Founder, Artistic Director and the moving spirit behind Arts Renaissance Tremont passed away on April 25, 2020 with her husband at her bedside. We don’t have to tell any of you what a great loss this is not only for ART, but also for her many former students, her numberless friends in the musical community and anyone who had the good fortune to know and work with her over the many years she served the community.

We all know that in addition to her husband, family and friends, Chris’ great passion over the past three decades has been ARTS RENAISSANCE TREMONT. Not only did she create the organization, but she worked years in and out to secure funding and artists so that each year we could bring great music to Northeast Ohio. For Chris, this was truly a labor of love.

Chris struggled with a serious illness over the past several years. She did appear to rally over the past year or so but a new medication she started early in spring did not have the hoped for beneficial impact.

Many people from Northeast Ohio and beyond sent heartfelt comments to express their sincere condolences. Among them are: Jinjoo Cho, world renowned violinist, who said Chris was her guardian angel since the day she arrived in Cleveland 18 years ago. Chris presented her first concert and was there for every step throughout her career and life. Heather Zwettel of Burning River Brass said Chris was BRB’s first champion. She gave us our very first concert. Her passion for music, musicians and Arts Renaissance Tremont was truly something to admire.

Darrett Adkins, cellist, said Chris brought us together to further the role of music in this deeply musical community. She did it with the Youth Orchestra in two conservatories and in her role as presenter of our deep local musical talent. Cleveland has lost a treasure. Her shoes will be hard to fill.

Donald Rosenberg, former music critic for The Plain Dealer said Chris’ stewardship of Arts Renaissance Tremont was a sterling example of devotion to eloquent music and to the people who perform and listen to it. Her indelible contributions to Northeast Ohio’s music benefits so many, and her strength and spirit will continue to inspire us. Erica Brenner, ART Board Member, said a true musical spirit of immense generosity has been lost, and her gifts live on in those she has touched for many years. Many more heartfelt comments can be viewed on clevelandclassical.com

The ART Board will be planning a memorial concert/service for Chris next year. In the interests of everyone’s health, we thought it best to postpone it until next year. More information will be forthcoming.

Near West Recreation

Need Help buying or selling a house?

Annie Laudato
Realtor

The Stupka Laudato Team
www.alaudatocom
www.facebook.com/TheStupkaLaudatoTeam
laudatoremax@yahoo.com
440-221-3491

Near West Recreation is joining the effort to support families during this time. Near West Recreation will be organizing and distributing family activity bags to help keep kids engaged and active and we are looking for some community help.

There are three ways you can support this effort:
2. Send a check to Near West Recreation at 3308 Lorain Ave, Cleveland 44113 of any value and we will purchase family activity bag items on your behalf.
3. Donate new or slightly used items that we can put in family activity bags. Items can include, but are not limited to board games, puzzles, coloring books, crayons, friendly magazines, chalk, jump ropes, sports equipment (basketball, soccer ball, kickball, volleyball), card games. If you would like to donate items, please email kpdalma@ohiocity.org to organize pick up/drop off of items.

Tremont History Project

From our archives. Immanuel German Lutheran Church from our archives. Shown damaged after 1909 tornado.

Tremont West Office COVID-19 Policy

Due to COVID-19 (coronavirus) Tremont West Development Corporation offices are closed to the public through June. We will be appointment only and only in cases that we can practice safe social distancing. Tremont West Development Corporation Board of Directors meetings and all Tremont West Committee meetings until further notice will be hosted on Zoom or a similar platform. The meetings that are open to membership and the public will have information on how to “opt-in” the meeting posted on our website.

We urge all block clubs to contact their organizers to set up meetings through our Tremont West online platform accounts. 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
Earth Angels Holistic Health Moves North to the Corner of Scranton Road and Starkweather Avenue

The journey of Earth Angels began in a tiny tea room on the southeast side of Cleveland. Proprietor, Aimee’ Jordan’s mom was diagnosed with a serious illness and wanted to have something positive to focus on. Aimee’ left college, and her sister joined, and they just took a leap! Crystal Rose Tea Room and Heavenly Hardware Enchantments were born. “As she healed, we learned more than I could have ever expected about love, human connection, life, and the importance of the mind/body/spirit connection,” said Aimee’.

Eventually that growth led them into the Tremont area. This is where Earth Angels manifested. “We opened up a cute little boutique on Kenilworth Avenue but had to leave our tea room behind,” continued Aimee’. They integrated holistic services into their business. They appreciated their new space, but it never quite felt like home. Their beautiful crane fell again, and some decisions needed to be made. In the interim, Aimee’ had a very vivid dream. In it, her late father showed her a space, a sanctuary. It was filled with indigo and green light and had a palpable energy of healing. After her mother’s passing, an opportunity to restore a historic church near Metrohealth presented itself. Knowing this was the space that dream represented, she had to find a way! She truly believed her mother and father had their ‘spirit hands’ in that. Through the help of so many amazing people, a labor of love, they made that dream a reality.

Metrohealth is currently undergoing redevelopment, and their building may not be a part of that plan. Once again, left with a quandary, “do we adapt to continue this mission, or leave it behind?”... She asked for a very clear sign. As some of you know, Aimee’s mom was known as Rev. Rose. She was warm, intelligent, and had beautiful soulful eyes. “I felt so close in a meditation, ‘relax and have faith. All will work out better than you can ever imagine’.... A few days later she received a phone call. In this voicemail she heard her say “by the way my name is Rose”... she knew. They found our new forever home for Earth Angels.

Earth Angels mission now is to elevate! To bring back some of the elements of our origin. To serve herbal tisane teas and aromatics while you shop. To have a more homelike essence. To have a sacred, peaceful, and inviting space for you to receive your holistic services. They are very excited and grateful to the universe that they can carry-on their mission. Earth Angels products include ‘Tools for better living’. They offer holistic services such as Reiki, Aromatouch, Past Life Regression, Thai Massage, Ayurvedic Treatments, Bio-energetic healing, Life/soul Coaching, and Soul Sessions™. Additionally, they sell some enchanted products such as crystals, incense, exclusive candles, and hand crafted fine jewelry, and much more. “We also plan on having a small apothecary in which people can select their own teas and herbs to purchase, after sampling a tea of the day,” said Aimee’.

Another part of their mission at Earth Angels is to be a supportive, integral part of your evolution. Focused on helping you live to your fullest potential and discover your Truth. Come visit. Enjoy sanctuary. Unfold your wings.

This unique boutique carries affordable ‘tools for better living’. They strive to keep products locally derived, cruelty free, and hand crafted, as much as possible. They carry: Sacred Path candles, Taylor Soap Works, handmade gemstone jewelry, Earth Angel Aromatherapy sprays, Essential oil ‘potions’, a wide variety of beautiful crystals, and much more!

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Tremont Cigar Company

Tremont Cigar Company is proud to bring our cigar culture to Tremont. Historically, Tremont has always been a vibrant, destination location. We consider it to be the jewel of Cleveland, and we are extremely excited and fortunate to be a part of the community. Tremont Cigar Company offers over 200 types of premium cigars from around the world. With over 20 years of experience, patrons can expect exemplary customer service and dedication.

St. Wendelin Parish

Join us.
Monday and Friday at 11am
Saturday Vigil at 4:30pm
Sunday at 10am
Watch mass online
Go to our website at stwendelinohio.org

St. Wendelin Parish | 2281 Columbus Road

Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church

2928 Scranton Rd. | Cleveland, Ohio 44113
Sunday worship times:
German service 9:00am
and English service 10:30am
Rev. Jerry Witt-Jahblonski, pastor
Rev. Horst Hoyer, pastor emeritus
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Tremont West Storefront Incubator Program - Request for Proposals: Deadline Extended

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

Proposals are due June 30, 2020. Please visit experiencetremont.com/newsroom for the complete RFP.
Near West Partners, a partnership of Ohio City Incorporated and Tremont West Development Corporation, is excited to announce the addition of CoUrbanize, an online platform that will expand our engagement (communication, information sharing, and ability to gather feedback) around large-scale development and community projects that are changing the face of our respective neighborhoods. CoUrbanize is a digital engagement platform designed specifically for community connection around development projects. Near West Partners will utilize the platform for large projects in Ohio City, Tremont, Duck Island and irishtown Bend that impact their respective neighborhoods. CoUrbanize will provide an opportunity for continuous engagement between the organization, residents, and developers. Community engagement around large scale projects will not be limited to existing schedules. Feedback will be collected on an ongoing basis and from a broad spectrum of the neighborhoods. Updates are shared in real time, meaning we don’t have to wait for meetings. CoUrbanize will allow Near West Partners to keep all of the pertinent information on a specific development project in one place. Residents will be able to view developer plans and comprehensive timelines for each project. Each organization will gather relevant feedback from the community to be shared with the developer as well as to inform the City of Cleveland. There is both an online and SMS option to provide feedback to the site. Both organizations are currently developing plans for more engagement for those without computer (or digital) access. This is not meant as a substitute for block club meetings or our Economic Development Committee meetings, but meant as a tool to be utilized in the community review process. Both OCI and Tremont West will be following the state guidelines for healthy and safe public meetings moving forward. We are exploring options such as Facebook Live/Zoom meetings to provide a more in-person like opportunity for dialogue and feedback as well as an opportunity to share information collected and updates back to the community. All information gathered and shared will be stored on the CoUrbanize site, allowing all feedback to be located in one location for community reference and transparency.

**Home Maintenance and Repair Programs**

Please contact Julie Dahlhausen at 216-280-8411 if you would like to learn more about home maintenance and repair programs. Here is a sample list of programs you may qualify for:

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<td>The Homestead Water/Sewer Discount Program offers a lower fixed charge and consumption charge for seniors and/or permanent disabled individuals.</td>
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<td>Water Affordability Program</td>
<td>The Water Affordability Program offers a 40% discount on all standard water charges. This includes both the monthly fixed charge and the consumption charge. To qualify for the program, a customer must meet income guidelines and own/live at the applying service address.</td>
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<td>Senior Homeowner Assistance Program (SHAP)</td>
<td>SHAP provides grants to Cleveland residents age 60+ or disabled adults who meet income eligibility guidelines and own single or two family homes in need of critical, health, safety and maintenance repairs.</td>
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<td>Lead Hazard Control Program</td>
<td>The Lead Hazard Control (LHC) Grant Program is designed to strategically advance efforts to increase lead-safe affordable housing while eliminating the possibility of childhood lead poisoning in the City of Cleveland. The LHC program provides lead risk assessments, identifies lead–based paint and provides grants to control lead-based paint hazards.</td>
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<td>Delinquent Tax Payment Plan</td>
<td>Behind on your property taxes? Payment plans are available for homeowners who live in their homes. Landlords may be eligible for installment plans (up to 24 months), at the discretion of the Cuyahoga County Treasurer.</td>
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<td>Housing Enhancement Loan Program (HELP)</td>
<td>HELP provides homeowners of occupied or investment properties in eligible Cuyahoga County communities home improvement loans, at three percentage points below normal bank rates, for home repair or remodeling projects. HELP has no restrictions on a borrower’s income and few limitations on what improvements can be made to a property.</td>
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**NEWS FROM THE LIMINIS THEATER ON SCRANTON**

Due to the COVID-19 shut-down, convergence-continuum, the theatre company at the Liminis Theater, has cancelled their first three shows of the 2020 Season. The last three shows, scheduled to run from August 28 through December 19, are on hold pending the reopening situation at that time. If re-opening is permitted, a somewhat reduced seating configuration will be introduced that maintains the recommended 6-foot distancing between audience patrons.

Meanwhile, on May 3 the Liminis Theater suffered a structural collapse of our decorative parapet above the roof of the performance space, exposing our stage to the elements. This incident was swiftly addressed. The Fire Department showed up immediately and knocked down any loose bricks that presented a hazard, and convergence-continuum had a contractor on the spot to clear up the rubble and tarp the roofline by the end of the same day. Currently crews are being taken to rebuild and improve the facade over the next few weeks. We are currently working with contractors to help advance the art, and prepare for re-opening in the future. While our theater is damaged, our spirit is not. Anyone wishing to contribute to the repair effort for this Scranton Rd. landmark can donate to the cause at convergence-continuum.org/donate.
Block Club Happenings

"Block Club Happenings" is compiled by Tremont West Board Members and Co-Chairs of Tremont West Block Clubs.

Auburn-Lincoln Park

The Auburn-Lincoln Park Block Club did not meet in March or April but is planning a virtual meeting for May 4th, which will include an update on tree planting which is taking place in the neighborhood. Residents are invited to join in and discuss the ongoing project. The meeting will be held via Zoom call.

Holmeden-Buhler-Rowley/Mentor-Clarity

The HBCR block club meeting was cancelled for the month of April due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The club has recommended canceling public meetings and gatherings scheduled through the end of May and possibly into June. The Club will meet virtually to discuss the Club's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Club plans to meet virtually on Friday, May 22nd at 7:30 PM. To join the meeting, visit the Club’s Facebook page or contact the Co-Chair.

Irishtown Bend

On May 12th, Irishtown Bend Block Club met virtually via Zoom and an update on the construction of the Red Line Greenway trail was given. The trail is expected to be completed by the end of the summer. The Club also discussed the possibility of a virtual meeting in June.

Metro North

On May 5th, the virtual Community Meeting was hosted by the MetroHealth, Ward 14 Co-Chairs, Chris Roy and Amanda Braddock. The meeting was held via Zoom call and phone access via Zoom on Tuesday, June 9th, watch the meeting on our Facebook page or contact our Co-Chairs or Scott for Zoom login instructions or phone access details.

Central Tremont

The Central Tremont Block Club held its monthly community meeting remotely on Zoom on Monday, May 4th at 6:30 PM. The speaker for this month’s meeting was the North of Literary Block Club. The Club met via Zoom and phone access. The Co-Chairs, Scott Rosenstein by email at scottrosenstein@tremontwest.org.

Duck Island

The Duck Island Block Club has not been able to meet in person due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Club is planning to meet in June if it is safe to do so. Those interested in attending the meeting can contact the Co-Chairs or Scott for Zoom login instructions or phone access details.

South of Jefferson

The South of Jefferson Block Club did not meet in April or May as part of the "social distancing" public health response related to the Covid-19 coronavirus concerns. We are in the process of re-assessing our meeting options in light of the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Ohio Health Department, and Tremont West. For more information on the block club and its activities, please check out our Facebook page or contact our Co-Chairs, Debbie Smith at debbiewsmith11@gmail.com and Greg Kobe at grekgreg99@yahoo.com or Community Involved Manager Scott Rosenstien at scottrosenstein@tremontwest.org. The next virtual meeting of the South of Jefferson Block Club is planned for Tuesday, June 16th, 6:30pm via Zoom and phone access.

Congratulations, Rich Sosenko, Ward 12 Senior of the Year!

Tremont West Board Member. Rich Sosenko operated the Block Club in the Auburn-Lincoln Park area of Brancatelli to be Ward 12 Senior of the Year. Traditionally, awards are invited to a lunch during Senate Republicans’ annual state and town meeting Cleveland Mayor, Frank G. Jackson. That was unable to happen due to COVID-19. A formal ceremony will be next year as the City of Cleveland plans to honor the 2020 and 2021 award winners.

your home by locking the doors and windows, as well as reporting criminal or suspicious activity to the police by dialing 911. Columbus Metropolitan and Tremont West Executive Director Cory Riordan, updated us on conversations with North of Literary residents about University of Akron Traffic and Engineering, Robert Mavec, met with the neighborhood on Monday, May 25th, and its activities, please check out our Facebook page – or contact Block Club Chair, Jenny Rodgers, Jordan Mavec or Ward 3 Councilman Darnell Brown by e-mail at scottrosenstein@tremontwest.org. The block club meeting of the Duck Island Block Club is planned for Wednesday, June 10th 6:30pm via Zoom and phone access. Please contact Scott Rosenstein by email at scottrosenstein@tremontwest.org for Zoom login instructions or phone access details.

North of Literary

In its second meeting of the year, North of Literary held a virtual meeting on Zoom and with phone access on Tuesday, May 12th. The meeting was held via Zoom call and phone access at 7:30 PM. The meeting was held via Zoom call and phone access at 7:30 PM. The meeting was held via Zoom call and phone access at 7:30 PM. The meeting was held via Zoom call and phone access at 7:30 PM. A vote was held for Tuesday, June 9th, 6:30pm via Zoom and phone access. Please contact the Co-Chairs or Scott for Zoom login instructions or phone access details.

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Great Neck

The Great Neck Block Club met virtually on Zoom on Wednesday, May 27th. The Club discussed the neighborhood’s ongoing tree plantings and the progress on the construction of the new street lights on the west side of the neighborhood. The Club also discussed the planned neighborhood clean-up day on June 6th.

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FOOD PANTRIES AND MEALS TO GO

**Tremont, Duck Island, and Irlinton Bend**

**This list has been updated (as of 4/23/20), but in rapidly changing circumstances, it is always best to call ahead to the pantry to verify meal/grocery status**

**Merrick House**
Type: Free for All Children in the City of Cleveland
18 and Younger
Bagged Lunch for the Day
1050 Starkweather Ave, Cleveland, 44113
Pantry Phone: 216.771.5077
Please call ahead. Start Date TBD
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**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 (this Friday, 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.
Call Help Line for information on drive through distributions at the City’s Munis lot.

**Iglesia Nueva Vida - Free Methodist Church**
Type: Pantry
2327 Holmden Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44109
Pantry Phone: 216.741.0511
Pantry services: 2nd & 4th Saturdays:
9:00am - 12:00pm
Please call ahead to check status.

**Iglesia Sinai**
Type: Pantry
3265 Scranton Road, Cleve., 44109
Pantry Phone: 216.201.9112
Pantry – Last Wednesday of the month:
4:00pm - 6:00pm
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: immmanulhunger.org or Reyجابشلیکی@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: Mondays & Fridays:
11:00am - 2:00pm
Please call ahead to check status.

**Pilgrim Congregational UCC Food Pantry**
Type: Pantry
2592 W. 14th Street, Cleveland, OH 44113

**Scarton 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.
Hot Meal: 4th Saturday of each month

**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 meat delivery.
No on-site canned good pantry services at this time.

**St. John Cantius Hunger Center**
Type: Pantry
326 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44113
Pantry Phone: 216.781.9095
Take-out meals only during lunch (9:00am – 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
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 (or Sunday before if last is a holiday), 1:30pm-3:00pm.
meals to go Food Pantry Distribution Mondays and Thursdays, 1-3pm.

**West Side Catholic Center**
Type: Pantry
3135 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44113
Pantry Phone: 216.861.4741
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

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Thank You, Ryan Clement and Katie Ross! Welcome, Emma Schubert and Rachal Juritsch!

Ryan Clement has served with Tremont West as an AmeriCorps VISTA member since June of 2019. He also served with us as a Summer Associate and Tremont Farmers Market staff in 2018. Ryan was the creator of the Tremont Means Jobs Facebook Page that eventually became the Near West Jobs Facebook Page. This is a resource for the Near West Side to work through their community development offices to post and look for jobs locally. Ryan was with us during the pandemic and assisted with the Tremont West Social Media Platforms to keep everyone apprised of the ever-changing information regarding the different resources available to residents and businesses. He did an awesome job of sharing information regarding Tremont’s small business community during this time as well. Tremont has over 100 small businesses and he was able to help those active on social media in sharing their messages with our followers.

Ryan is enrolled in classes and is still looking for full-time employment once he completes his year of service with Tremont West in early June. Thank you, Ryan and best wishes in your future endeavors!

We are proud to inform you that Katie Ross from Case Western Reserve University’s Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences has successfully completed her internship at Tremont West Development Corporation!

During her time at Tremont West, Katie brought her unparalleled passion and knowledge of youth engagement and empowerment to her day-to-day activities.

We found Katie to be an incredible advocate and leader who always took initiative and brought her core values and principles to her internship and to our community.

Our association with her was very rewarding and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

Congratulations Katie!

Hello, Tremont! My name is Emma Schubert and I am excited to spend this year as Tremont West Development Corporation’s AmeriCorps VISTA. I am a 4th generation Clevelander and grew up Cleveland Heights. Having recently graduated from Smith College with a degree in Sociology and Urban Studies, I am thrilled to start my career in my home city. I can’t wait to meet and work with the Tremont community! See you around!

Hello! My name is Rachal Juritsch and I am excited to be the Summer AmeriCorps VISTA at Tremont West. I recently moved from rural Minnesota to begin the next chapter of my life in Cleveland. Outside of VISTA, I hope to continue my passion of gardening and fishing. I am eager to learn more about the city through this experience and make Cleveland my home.

Emma Schubert
Katie Ross
Rachal Juritsch
The Tremont Tree Initiative (TTI) is a group dedicated to planting trees in the Tremont neighborhood of Cleveland, Ohio. The initiative was started in 2019 and has been working to improve the tree canopy in the area. The TTI has partnered with the City of Cleveland and other organizations to plant trees in various locations throughout the neighborhood.

The Tremont Tree Initiative has identified two main areas where trees are needed: Lincoln Park and Tremont West. The Lincoln Park area is a large park located in the center of Tremont, while Tremont West is a residential area on the west side of the neighborhood.

The TTI has partnered with the City of Cleveland to plant trees in Lincoln Park. The City had made a goal to grow the tree canopy in Cleveland and had resources to do so. Additionally, a meeting with Western Reserve Land Conservancy occurred to learn of the resources they could share with TTI because they are the organization who runs the Tree Steward Program.

The Lincoln Park Sub Committee visited Lincoln Park to develop a plan. They discovered there are no trees in the very large tree lawns. They also discovered areas where there is plenty of room for a large trees that will not prohibit all of the activities that Lincoln Park is used for annually. The committee met with Jennifer Kipp, the head arborist at the city of Cleveland, to go over their proposal. Ms. Kipp informed the committee that sometimes after tree planting time in the spring and fall there are "left-over" trees and that she would be happy to use our plan to plant the "left-overs" in Lincoln Park. Sure enough, this spring there were "left-overs" and the city planned to plant them Memorial Day Weekend in Lincoln Park.

The HBR/MCC had already completed a tree survey in 2018. This survey was to "left-overs" and the city planned to plant them Memorial Day Weekend in Lincoln Park.

The Tremont West Ad Hoc Initiative Committee met with TTI because they are the organization who runs the Tree Steward Program. Their arborists helped choose the trees that will be planted, they identified small to medium size that will not need to be trimmed by utilities. The committee had a date scheduled for late May to do the tree-lawn plantings, but due to social distancing protocols, we had to postpone this work.

Dan Leamon, the chair of the committee, has been a tree stewards for a few years now and is happy to bring this project to his home neighborhood of Tremont. "It is fun to work with my neighbors in growing the tree canopy in Cleveland," said Dan. TTI wants to thank are partners in this project, including the Celebrate Tremont fundraiser for purchasing a couple of trees. Thank you to our councilmembers who helped us forge a relationship with the city. Thank you to Jennifer Kipp, lead arborist of the City of Cleveland. Thank you to Western Reserve Land Conservancy, especially to Lizzy Sords, arborist extraordinaire. Thank you to Tremont West and to our community members. These will be the people who will help water the trees for the first year of their planting. It is the most critical time for the tree. Please reach out to us if you are interested in getting involved with the Tremont Tree Initiative. Email us at volunteer@tremontwest.org.

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