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(See more voting information on page 2.)

Near West Recreation



NWR P.E. Sessions:

Near West Recreation will be organizing small group (less than 8) P.E. sessions for kids in grades K-8 weekdays during the late afternoon and early evenings in the fall. Kids can come out and play low-contact sports (soccer, tennis, baseball, floor hockey, running, etc.) for an hour with other kids. There is no weekly commitments. You will just sign up for the date and time you want your child to participate.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns at nearwestrec@ohiocity.org.

In Time of Uncertainty, Leavened Rises

Written by Jimmy Perkins

The anticipated opening of Tremont's newest artisan bakery, Leavened, has arrived. Nestled underneath the Tappan Apartments and across the street from Wagner Awning at 1633 Auburn Avenue, Leavened is welcoming guests for the first time. Owner Ian Herrington and Head Chef/GM Chris Palton are thrilled to finally share their food and coffee with Cleveland's west side after the pandemic caused a bit of a delay.

Herrington and Palton have known each other since kindergarten and they both bring unique experiences to Leavened. Herrington, who spent several years as the head baker at the east side's On The Rise, is from the west side and has long noticed the need for an artisan bakery on this side of town. Palton, who was previously the Head Chef at Jukebox and also a chef at Forage and Greenhouse, shared the same sentiment as Herrington and wanted to bring his service experience to the bakery. Herrington credits Palton as the "brains behind the menu" in regards to the daily specials. After all their work planning and organizing the opening, the pandemic made for unforeseen delays. Still focused on the mission, they used this time to hone the menu and build relationships.

Since Herrington could not yet bake in house, he used the kitchens at Cleveland Bagel to finely tune his recipes, bake for pop ups, and make deliveries for special orders. "The delay caused some unintended results - the most important, we got our name out there," said Herrington. "I was also happy to receive critical feedback and positive response from deliveries," he continued. Using these responses, Herrington and Palton continued to tweak the menu until Leavened's opening in early October.

The final menu will give all west-siders reason to rejoice. Some of the food options include croissants, Danishes, baguettes, sourdough, pastries, cookies, scones, cinnamon buns, artisan hand pies, leavened loafs, and much more. They will also offer daily specials including soups and sandwiches, including vegan options. Leavened also offers Duck Rabbit Coffee including espressos, lattes, and cappuccinos.

Just before their opening, Herrington looked back on the road that led him here, thankful for the opportunities at partnerships he formed over the last few years. He was especially appreciative of the group known as the Sustainable Community Associates who shared his vision and helped bring Leavened to The Tappan. SCA is also responsible for other local restoration projects like Fairmont Creamery, Wagner Awning, and Mueller Lofts. "Sustainable Community was instrumental to making this possible," said Herrington. Not only did they share in his vision, but they also helped organize funding. "Thank goodness," said Herrington. "If someone else opened a west side bakery first, after I crafted my skills for 10 years, I may have gone crazy," he continued.

Current hours are 6:30 AM to 2 PM, but there are plans to expand hours down the line. Though not available yet, full hours and menu will soon be added to Leavened's website. Check back soon for more updates. In the meantime, stop by Leavened to check out the artisan menu and to enjoy the cool welcoming aura of the fresh open space. One visit and all west-siders alike will be thankful that Herrington, Palton, and SCA shared in this same goal and made it a reality in the face of the pandemic's uncertainty. Now, the community will to reap rewards.

Tremont Farmers Market Concludes the 2020 Season

On behalf of the Tremont Farmers Market, I would like to thank everyone for supporting the Market in its 15th year.

This was my first year with the market. So not only was I learning how to run a farmer's market, but run a market safely during a pandemic.

With restrictions in place this year, the market looked different than we are all used to seeing. I look forward to being able to have live music & activities return going forward hopefully next year.

Supporting local businesses is always important, and even more so now. Tremont has shown all of us buying local is important to the community by the numbers of customers that came each week to support the farmers. Thank you to the customers that came out every week to support the Market.

Thank you to all the farmers, bakers, food providers & makers that joined us this season. Your enthusiasm each week was transparent and contagious,

Thank you to Tremont West for all the behind the scenes support given. And thank you to my web master who posted for me every Thursday & Monday to keep everyone informed.

Thank you to Angelica Pozo for being there every week. You have been my rock, advisor & support every week. Special thank you also to Lynn, Michelle & Rachel from Tremont West for all your help & support every week.

And finally, to Tremont West Director Cory Riordan for patiently answering my questions this season.

Stay safe. Stay well. Looking forward to seeing everyone in the spring of 2021.

Lisa Nemeth, Tremont Farmers Market Manager

(Photographed above is Lisa Nemeth, Rachel Juritsch, Lynn Friedel and Angelica Pozo)

FREE HOME REPAIR

The Age-Friendly Home Investment program administered through the City of Cleveland's Department of Aging is now available. The program helps seniors over the age of 60 or adults between the ages of 18-59 with a disability address one home maintenance or home repair need. The program also assists with additional referrals to other home repair programs. The program is first come, first serve, with a limited amount of funding per ward.

To qualify, residents:

- Must be a low or moderate income Cleveland homeowner aged 60 years or older or an adult age 18-59 receiving disability.
- Residence must be a single or two-family home that the applicant owns and resides in.
- Property taxes are current or applicant is on a payment plan.
- Property must not be in foreclosure.

Since the program has limited funding and tends to be competitive, Tremont West would like to help residents who are interested in applying. Please contact Community Engagement Specialist Julie Dahlhausen at 216-280-8411 or juliedahlhausen@tremontwest.org for additional information.

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City of Cleveland Releases Cleveland Tax Abatement Study

During the summer, the City of Cleveland released its much anticipated study on tax abatement. The Cleveland Tax Abatement study was published in July 2020. The lead consultant group was the Reinvestment Fund with assistance from a number of other consultancy groups including Neighbor Up. Neighbor Up completed the public engagement portion of the study. Tremont West was proud to participate and support the study as part of the Equitable Community Development Working Group. The intent of the working group is to look at how housing and housing programs are delivered in the City and make recommendations to strengthen programs to benefit residents in the city. The first task of the Equitable Community Development Working Group was to work with the hired consultants to produce the study. The study findings and study recommendations are below:

Tax Abatement Study Findings

- The Cleveland Housing Market Remains Fragile, but with a Few Areas of Emerging Strength
- Abatements Have Become Increasingly Concentrated in Fewer Places and Increasingly Used for Large Multi-Family Developments.
- There is No Consistent Relationship between Tax Abatements and Residential Displacement. Tax Abatements Were Associated with

Substantial Economic Activity in Cleveland.

- Institutional Stakeholders, Housing Observers, and Cleveland Residents Value the Abatement and Offered Qualified Support for Changes to the Program.
- Institutional Stakeholders, Housing Observers, and Cleveland Residents Expressed Interest in Protecting Long-Term Residents from Displacement Risks but Acknowledged Other Tools Are Required.

Tax Abatement Study Recommendations

Recommendation #1: Cleveland should continue to offer a tax abatement for residential properties tied to green construction standards.

Recommendation #2: Cap the maximum abated value for single family abatements at \$300,000.

Recommendation #3: Implement a "but-for" requirement for market rate multi-family projects with abatement values above \$5 million.

Recommendation #4: Establish a framework for community benefits agreements (CBAs) for developers of multi-family market rate projects in block groups experiencing high displacement pressure.

Recommendation #5: Develop a specific housing market displacement

pressure threshold where the City would trigger adjustments to the tax abatement time period and percentage by block group.

Recommendation #6: Implement process improvements to enhance transparency and streamline the application timelines.

The entire Cleveland Tax Abatement Study can be accessed at experiencetremont.com/newsroom. This is just the first task completed by the Equitable Community Development Working Group. Tremont West hopes to continue to work with this group to bring our neighborhood housing concerns to the table and make positive changes to housing policy that helps move the neighborhood and city forward. If you look closely at the community work completed by Neighbor Up (attached to the end of the study) you will see a major concern of many residents is rising taxes and the ability of long-time homeowners, especially those on fixed incomes, to afford to stay in their homes. A Longtime Owner Occupant Program (LOOP) is mentioned in the study, but was not a major focus. The reason is that the state of Ohio would need to authorize the City of Cleveland to offer a program such as LOOP. LOOP programs have the potential to freeze or greatly reduce increases in real estate taxes to longtime owner occupants of houses. Tremont West looks forward to working with the Equitable Community Working Group to bring additional programs like these to our neighborhood residents.

REGISTER TO VOTE BY OCT 5

The deadline to register, or to update your registration address or name before the 2020 Election is Oct 5.



Since 2018, 182,000 Ohians have been purged from the voter rolls. Many were found to be removed by error.

EVERYONE SHOULD CHECK TO ENSURE THEIR REGISTRATION IS CURRENT AND ACCURATE!



Check your registration TODAY at the

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3 WAYS TO VOTE IN OHIO:

1. Early In-Person

Begins Oct 6 at the Board of Elections, 2925 Euclid Avenue
Bring proper ID

2. Absentee/Vote-by-Mail

Must submit application for absentee/vote-by-mail ballot; ballots then mailed to voters starting Oct 6

3. In-Person on Election Day

Nov 3, 6:30am-7:30pm at your designated polling location. Bring proper ID

Early In-Person Voting Hours

November 3, 2020 General Election



Weekdays	October 6 - October 16	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Weekdays	October 19 - October 23	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday	October 24	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday	October 25	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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"Okay, I applied to Vote-by-Mail--now what?"

4. Use the 'Track My Ballot' tool on the Board of Elections website to ensure it was processed and to track its status.
5. Ballots will be mailed out starting Oct. 6th--watch for yours!
6. Once you receive your ballot, read instructions carefully and complete the ballot as soon as possible, and return it by mail WITH POSTAGE by the postmark deadline of Nov 2--WE RECOMMEND BY OCT 27th--or by delivering it to the secure 24-hr drop-box at the Board of Elections by Nov 3rd.

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...and use the secure, 24-hour ballot drop-box at the Board of Elections parking lot if possible to avoid any potential mail delays!

Regional Partners Celebrate Towpath Trail Stage 3 Opening

1.9 Mile Trail between Steelyard Commons and Literary Avenue Now Open

The City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Cleveland Metroparks and Canalway Partners announced the official opening of the Towpath Trail Stage 3, a 1.9 mile stretch of trail between Steelyard Commons and Literary Avenue in Tremont in mid-September. Stage 3 is the longest piece of the four phased trail project that together will make up a total of five miles on northernmost stretch of the 101-mile Towpath Trail. Click here to watch video of the ribbon cutting.

The completion of Stage 3 provides an important link between the populous Cleveland neighborhood Tremont, the employment and retail center Steelyard Commons and the public outdoor recreation area Clark Field. As the Cleveland portion of the Towpath Trail project nears full completion, it has already become a regional "spine" in a network of trails that connect city neighborhoods and surrounding suburbs throughout Cleveland and down through Cuyahoga County and beyond.

"The completion of this project's third stage brings us one step closer to providing an important new green space in the City of Cleveland," said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. "The building of the Towpath Trail will help our City's neighborhoods be healthier for generations to come."

Stage 3 not only provides an all-new multimodal transportation corridor in Cleveland, but also provides new recreational opportunities in underutilized portions of the Cuyahoga River Valley. The 1.9-mile stretch offers unique amenities to users including views of the city skyline from 30-foot-high grassy mounds adjacent to the trail and unique landscaping.

"The Towpath Trail is used and beloved by so many Cuyahoga County residents," said Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish. "Stage 3 of the trail connects to exciting neighborhoods like Tremont and celebrates beautiful views of Cleveland's skyline while providing free entertainment for all ages. The trail was able to utilize barren brownfields and turned them into spaces that all can enjoy, and I am grateful for the work of our partners to create such a valuable resource for our residents."

Thanks to a partnership with the Midwest Railway Preservation Society and a generous grant from Rails-to-Trails Conservancy and the Coca-Cola Foundation, the trail also features a unique interpretive space at a promontory above Literary Avenue in Tremont



with interactive railroad themed artifacts that pull from the local history of a former 19th century roundhouse in the nearby Cuyahoga Valley.

"I want to thank Canalway Partners, Cuyahoga County and the City of Cleveland for their tremendous partnership on the Towpath Trail," said Brian M. Zimmerman, Cleveland Metroparks CEO. "The Towpath Trail serves as a regional spine for transportation through our communities and we look forward to continuing to connect our trails, neighborhoods and amenities to the Towpath over the coming years."

Construction is also underway on the final phase of the Towpath Trail Extension. Stage 4 will run 1.5 miles from Literary Avenue (photographed above) to the future Canal Basin Park in Downtown Cleveland's Flats. In 2021, the northernmost section of the Towpath Trail is expected to be completed.

"The Towpath Trail is a catalyst for the city, county and the region. As one of the nation's first National Heritage Areas, the Ohio & Erie Canalway has fostered and championed the vision for the Towpath Trail for nearly 30 years," said Mera Cardenas, Canalway Partners Executive Director. "Through partnerships and perseverance, the Towpath Trail is becoming a reality and forever changing our relationship to the Industrial Valley and the way we move around the city. As we celebrate the completion of the final stages of the Towpath Trail, we're excited to turn our attention and resources to Canal Basin Park which will mark the historic access to the canal and celebrate those connections."

Construction on the \$14.3 million Stage 3 project began in February 2017 and was completed by June 2020 and funded by the following: \$11,388,443: Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency; \$1,379,355: Clean Ohio Conservation, Ohio Public Works Commission; \$1,032,222: Clean Ohio Trail Funds, Ohio Department of Natural Resources; \$250,000: Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.

Tremont History Project

With the current interest in this property, we thought we would share pics of interior of Holy Ghost in its heyday. (FYI: Tremont History Project will not be producing calendars for next year due to the fact we have not been having meetings due to Covid-19.)



INTERIOR OF CHURCH - 1910



INTERIOR OF CHURCH - 1959

Tremont West Office COVID-19 Policy

Board Resolution passed 7.16.2020 - Due to the continued prevalence of COVID-19 (coronavirus) and emerging recommendations from health care providers and government agencies around best prevention measures and social distancing, Tremont West Development Corporation is hosting its Board of Directors meetings and all Tremont West Committee meetings on the Zoom platform until further notice. We urge all block clubs to consider doing the same and to work with Tremont West organizers to facilitate setting up Zoom meetings. Staff from Tremont West will continue to help facilitate meetings by assisting in creating the agenda, sending out postcards and providing materials. If block clubs host in-person meetings, we advise to host outdoors if at all possible while maintaining social distancing and face mask protocols.

Additionally, we will continue to ask that developers present plans to the block club and the Economic Development Committee. However, due to the City of Cleveland hosting their public review online, we do not believe we can successfully require in-person meetings. Tremont West will work with block club chairs to ensure that members have access to materials and can have a presentation provided. We remain committed to the review process we have worked to establish over many years.



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Cloak & Dagger Opens on Lincoln Park

Cloak & Dagger, Co-owners, Cory Hajde and Casey Hughes are opening a cocktail lounge with a focus on hospitality and craft located next to Lincoln Park in the historic Tremont neighborhood. Cloak & Dagger strive to be a neighborhood bar while bridging the gap between craft and accessibility.

They invite you to join them in enjoying their new concept. Cloak & Dagger will offer a variety of signature cocktails on their first menu which is presented as their first book, The Tales of Life & Death. The cocktails will read like a story based on their flavors and recipe. Working with Chef Todd Kronika, Cloak & Dagger decided to go all-in with a full vegan tapas menu. They will also be offering a small selection of beer and wine.

Entrepreneurship is not new to Cory Hajde, he is also founder of BravoArtist, a local concert programming company. While getting Cloak & Dagger prepared for opening during the pandemic, he has also been re-scheduling concerts in 2021 with hopes of a safe and prompt return for live events. Casey Hughes has a background in service management and craft cocktails. She has a bright sense of humor and positive attitude to both opening a small business during the pandemic as well as in a location that has been labeled cursed to the many restaurants that have made 2399 West 11th Street home over the past 25 years. The team of Cloak & Dagger is optimistic and ready for these challenges.



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Clean Garbage Recycling Brings Paper Recycling to Tremont!



As you probably know by now, the material you place in the City's blue bins is NOT being recycled – it is being dumped in the landfill. CLEAN Garbage Recycling, a grassroots, Tremont company was formed in response. CLEAN Garbage Recycling has been collecting clean aluminum and steel cans at the Tremont Farmers Market since August, and recycling it.

In October, we will be placing clean aluminum collection bins in key locations in the neighborhood. These bins will be locked to prevent folks from tossing items other than clean aluminum into them. We are forming a recycling cooperative group – CGR Co-Op. CGR Co-Op members will be given a combination for the lock on the aluminum recycling bins. To sign up for CGR Co-Op, please send an email to Cleangarbagerecycling@gmail.com. We will let you know locations of bins and the combination to the lock.

Also, we have secured a paper retriever for Tremont, which we expect to be in place by October 1st. It will be located in the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church parking lot, in the gravel parking lot south of the church which can be accessed from Fairfield or West 11th. The following materials will be accepted:

- **Books** (Coated/Uncoated, Hard/Soft Cover)
- **Envelopes** (Hard, Windowed)
- **Folders**
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- **Loose Cardboard**
- **Tubes and Cores**
- **Shredded paper** (as long as it is in a plastic bag)

Thank you for recycling and stay tuned for more recycling opportunities! CGR Team

Pour Coffee Co



Pour Coffee Co.

Cleveland has a new coffee roaster, Pour Coffee Co., and they are located in Tremont. They are at 807 Literary Road, across from Barrio.

Bags of coffee in several sizes, brewing equipment and accessories are for sale on their website – www.pour.com. They also offer walk-up purchases and pick up at the roastery, and they ship nationwide.

Pour Coffee Co. focuses on roasting exciting and approachable coffees. The process starts with selecting high-quality green coffee and roasting the beans so that their intrinsic qualities and unique flavors are highlighted, rather than masked by the roast process. “I tell people drinking our coffee is more like drinking wine,” says co-founder Anthony Lazzaro. “When you drink wine, you’re tasting flavor notes that are in the grapes and where they are grown. We’re doing the same thing but with coffee. And, by the way, coffee also comes from fruit, just like wine.”

Co-founder Charlie Eisenstat, also the owner of the highly regarded coffee shop Pour Cleveland, is the one honing the notes you taste in their coffees, as the head of the roasting operations. “In selecting the coffees, I look to satisfy a diverse range of taste preferences. For instance, we have a Brazil that is approachable with sweet chocolate, caramel, and subtle banana notes. At the other end of the spectrum, we have a much brighter Ethiopian coffee that tastes really juicy with notes of blackberry, lime and mango.”

Mr. Eisenstat draws on years of experience in choosing coffees from the best roasters all over the world to serve at Pour Cleveland. “Nordic-style roasters tend to be our favorites because they are known for finding the perfect balance between sweetness and brightness (e.g., acidity). A common misconception, in my opinion, is that acidity is an undesirable element in coffee. In reality, acidity is what gives coffee its complexity and makes it interesting and delicious to drink. Many people like drinking IPAs because of their tartness, that tingling sensation it gives your tongue. Domestic roasters tend to favor more development in their roasts (e.g., darker roasts), however, we decided to adopt this Nordic approach here in Cleveland.

Pour Coffee Co. starts their roasting process by seeking only current crop coffees from the most recent harvest. Each coffee is then roasted with its own unique curve, varying temperature, time and airflow to optimize the flavor of each coffee. “We’re looking to maximize the brightness while maintaining a balance with the sweetness and body,” says Eisenstat.

Pour Coffee Co. sells coffee to both retail and wholesale customers. They offer full service for wholesale customers, including supply of coffee, equipment and support to restaurants, cafes, and corporate customers. The roastery in Tremont also serves as a training lab on how to use coffee equipment. One of their first local wholesale customers is Luna Bakery. Luna Bakery serves Pour Coffee Co. at both of their locations – Cleveland Heights and Moreland Hills.

Lazzaro and Eisenstat chose Tremont as the location of their roastery because of the high quality of its restaurants and boutiques, the vibrancy of the community, its historic cultural connections, and its desirable location, providing easy access to Cleveland, the West side, and East side.

Pour Coffee Co.

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2020 zoom Community Meetings

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DUE TO CORONAVIRUS, Ward 14 community meetings for 2020 will be held on Zoom video conferencing from July through October.

JULY 23

GUEST: Local Wi-Fi providers talking about 5G internet

AUGUST 27

SEPTEMBER 24

OCTOBER 22

If you have any questions regarding Ward 14 meetings call the Office of Councilwoman Santana at 216-664-4238.

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COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS

Throughout the fall of 2020 Councilwoman Santana will be meeting with small groups of neighbors to discuss residents more pressing concerns. Grab a neighbor or two and request a meeting Email mmiranda@clevelandcitycouncil or send a Facebook message.

Block Club Happenings

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

Auburn-Lincoln Park

Auburn-Lincoln Park Block Club met on Monday, September 21, 2020 via the Zoom platform online and by telephone. The only item on the agenda was for the Block Club to discuss and vote a letter of support or non-support on the proposed apartment building development (Lincoln Park Flats) at the corner of W. 14th and Kenilworth, the site of the existing Holy Ghost parking lot. The project went to the Board of Zoning (BZA) on September 14th but failed to receive sufficient votes to approve the parking variance. Block Club members and neighbors remain concerned with the proposal. Concerns include, but are not limited to the following: The lack of on-site parking. The developers refuse to consider a redesign of the building to include on-site parking; The developers believe they will have sufficient owned or leased parking elsewhere in Tremont to receive the variance from BZA; The developers did not provide any market research or studies demonstrating market demand for an apartment building for car-less renters but pointed to information from City Planner, Matt Moss, and City Planning Department as the basis for their development concept; The developers have failed to provide a development plan for the Holy Ghost Church which is both an historic and architecturally significant building in the City of Cleveland; and, Concerns that traffic and parking congestion from the development will result in a detrimental impact to the community outreach work performed by St. Augustine Church as well as potential for parking congestion that will negatively impact worship services and other Church events and programs. Many Block Club members advocated for the developers to rethink their proposal given the many concerns and partner with the community and Tremont West to come up with other alternatives for the site. The Block Club membership ultimately voted 17-2 in opposition of the development proposal. The project is scheduled to be on the agenda of the BZA meeting on October 5, 2020. Block Club members should watch for updates from the Block Club and Tremont West regarding information on how to attend the virtual meeting via the Webex platform online and by phone. Members of the community who want to write letters concerning the project to the BZA should direct them to Michelle Davis (michelledavis@tremontwest.org) at Tremont West who will forward them on to the BZA. The block club urges members to stay safe, wear face masks and keep socially distancing, while also keeping porch lights on, cup holders clean and your junk in your trunk! You can keep current on all of our activities and meeting dates/locations by visiting the Auburn-Lincoln Park Block Club Facebook page www.facebook.com/auburnblockclub. If you are interested in attending our monthly meeting or have questions for the block club please contact Block Club Co-chairs, Kate O'Neil (auburnlincolnpark@gmail.com) or Jonathan Petrea (jpetrea@gmail.com) and/or Community Involvement Manager Scott Rosenstein of Tremont West by e-mail at scottrosenstein@tremontwest.org. **To join us for the virtual Block Club meeting online or by phone via Zoom on Monday, October 19th 2020 at 6:30pm**, please contact the Co-Chairs or Scott Rosenstein for Zoom log-in instructions or phone access details.

Central Tremont

The Central Tremont held its Summer Picnic Celebration at Lincoln Park on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. First, Dan Lotz, from the "Our Neighborhood Votes" Committee presented the block club with a review of 2020 initiatives that will take place until Election Day, as well as provided them with several ways to get involved in voter registration activities throughout the neighborhood. Next, the Matt Talbot Inn provided the block club members with an introduction to their new project. No vote was taken today by the membership to support or oppose the project, however, a vote may take place at next month's meeting. Lastly, Deb Smith, Co-Chair of the South of Jefferson Block Club, presented the block club with a new initiative to provide a recycling option for Tremont. The Central Tremont block club decided they would be in favor of supporting the new "Clean Garbage Recycling Initiative". The next Central Tremont block club meeting will be held on Monday, October 5th at 6:30pm. Location is still to be announced. For more information on the block club and its activities, please contact Co-chairs Jennifer Zellner (zzzellnerjl@gmail.com) or Chris Zellner (zzzellner@gmail.com). Information can also be found on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CentralTremont. Also feel free to contact Dharma, Community & Equity Organizer at (216) 394-6298 or dharmavalentin@tremontwest.org.

Duck Island

Duck Island block club met virtually via the Zoom platform online and by phone on Tuesday, September 1st, 2020 at 6:30pm. Sgt. Patrick McClain of the Second District Cleveland Police Community Services Unit called in to discuss what is happening in the neighborhood. Complaints were made about loud cars congregating under the Innerbelt

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 October 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

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

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.

bridge and racing across Abbey Rd. He recommended calling the non-emergency police line 216-621-1234. But it is hard to track these cars down because they are not allowed to chase them. Khalid Hawthorne, Housing and Economic Development Director with Tremont West introduced the Stoneleigh project of Waterford Bluffs. Denver Brooker and Jason Burick the architects from Vocon presented changes to the project and updates. Including some finishing changes and parking changes. This will be the final design presented to the Planning Commission. Jayme Schwartzburg from Deru Landscape design discussed some of the additions to plantings and green spaces. The proposed development for the northwest corner of West 20th Street and Lorain Avenue would include over 200 apartments. Neighbors are concerned about traffic congestion, noting that the intersection of West 20th Street and Lorain appears to be severely inadequate for the increased traffic volume, and that traffic would likely be diverted along Old Lorain and then south towards Abbey Park. The safety of our children is the main concern. The block club sent a letter to the Planning Commission and to Ward 3 Councilman Kerry McCormack expressing that this be looked at and addressed. NOTE: Several block club members participated in the Planning Commission meeting via Webex and expressed resident concerns regarding traffic volume. The Commission approved the project with a condition the developer complete an independent traffic study. **The next meeting is scheduled for an in-person Tuesday, October 6th, at Forest City Brewery.** Face masks are required – and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

Holmden-Buhrer-Rowley/Mentor-Castle-Clark

The HBR-MCC block club meeting was cancelled for the month of September, however, we gathered on Saturday, September 25th and Sunday, September 26th to complete the "Bridging the Gap" project. **The next regularly scheduled block club meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7th at 6:30pm outside of Pozo Studio** (1193 Holmden Avenue). To learn more about our block clubs and their activities, find us on Facebook or contact MCC Co-Chairs Josh Wright (jwright.cle@gmail.com), Beverly Wurm (wurm_beverly@yahoo.com), HBR Co-Chair Angelica Pozo (earth.angelapozo@gmail.com) or Dharma Valentin, Community and Equity Organizer – dharmavalentin@tremontwest.org – 216.575.0920 ext. 102.

Irishtown Bend

There was no meeting in September, but preparations are underway for an October 14th meeting. In September News: 1) A City Council committee gave its approval to legislation that would commit Cleveland to contributing more than \$1.4 million toward stabilizing the Irishtown Bend hillside, rebuilding a roadway there and developing a park with a view of downtown; 2) Flats Forward sent word that the wayfinding sign that was previously on the island and was damaged in the winter by a car, is going to be installed in the next 2 weeks where we have suggested them to place it: next to the Metroparks sign at the entrance of the trail and the bridge; 3) On September 10th, Merwin's Wharf reopened for patio dining, carry out and window service! And 4) Be on the lookout for packages being stolen off porches on Columbus. Neighbors report that younger children were seen on security camera removing 2 packages from porches. The Stoneleigh apartment development (Waterford Bluffs) proposed for W. 20th and Lorain Avenue presented to the neighboring Duck Island Block Club on Tuesday 9/1, to the Flats Design Review Committee on Thursday 9/17, and to the Planning Commission for a Final Review on Friday 9/18. For more information on our block club and its activities, please check out our Facebook page – or contact Block Club Chair, Jenny Rodriguez at jrodriguez@brandes.us or Scott of Tremont West by e-mail at scottrosenstein@tremontwest.org. **Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 14th, 6:30pm.** Whether the meeting will be in-person outdoors or virtually on the Zoom platform is still under consideration. Watch for more details on our Facebook page and by e-mail.

Metro North

Metro North Block Club met virtually on Tuesday, September 22nd via the Zoom platform with participants joining the meeting by telephone or online. First on the agenda was neighborhood Safety Update with 2nd District Police Community Services Police Officer, Sgt. Patrick McClain, who joined the meeting by telephone to hear and respond to neighbors safety concerns. Residents Sandy Smith and Eric Lutz, along with some of their neighbors, updated Sgt. McClain and our membership on several Safety & Housing Issues on Holmden Av – what actions neighbors and the police have taken and what issues still need addressing. Guest presenter and Tremont resident, Debbie Smith, of CLEANGarbage Recycling – a Tremont-based Clean Stream Recycling Collection explained how they are trying to develop a grass roots, community-based model that breaks even and can be adapted in other cities. They have started by collecting clean aluminum, tin and steel cans at the weekly Farmers Market. They are looking for a site for a paper/ cardboard retriever in the neighborhood. There is

no market for glass to recycle, but there is potential to recycle plastic bottles. They are looking to place bins around the neighborhood. Two representatives of Digital C joined the meeting and presented the Cleveland-based high speed internet service, EmpowerCLE, to address the digital divide in Cleveland neighborhoods. Residents of Metro North, with the support of Ward 14 Councilwoman Jasmin Santana, can enjoy high speed internet access from EmpowerCLE for \$18/month plus taxes. MetroHealth is offering residents a \$10/month subsidy for 12 months making this internet access available for around \$10 month - households with a CMSD student receive free internet courtesy of CMSD. Our third guest presentation was by Greg Barron of CHN Housing Partners - who presented the concept for St. Michaels School Senior Housing. Construction will begin in Fall, 2021, with occupancy available by Spring/Summer 2022. Ward 14 Councilwoman Jasmin Santana was unable to join the meeting due to illness. Jaime Delet, Librarian of the South Branch Cleveland Public Library updated us on the COVID-safe services offered by the library in-person or by drive-up. Residents were encouraged to complete the US Census ASAP, if they have not already done so. The membership was invited to a virtual MetroHealth Online Community Meeting on September 30. Scott Rosenstein, Community Involvement Manager with Tremont West, encouraged membership to register to vote or to update their registration information with the Board of Elections by October 5th, the deadline for registration in advance of the November 3rd General Election. Residents are encouraged to join the Ward 14 Community Meetings (Virtual) to learn more about events and programs in the community on the fourth Thursday of each month through October. REGISTER HERE: <https://buff.ly/2O2Oun2> - Phone or Video in! For information about the block club or its' activities, please visit the block club's Facebook page, or contact Metro North Chair, Sue Krosel or Scott of Tremont West by e-mail at scottrosenstein@tremontwest.org. **Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27th, 6:30pm.** Please watch for more details by US mail and e-mail.

North of Literary

The North of Literary Block Club Summer Cookout/meeting Amanda Braddock chaired the meeting attended by 27 members, 4 guests and Scott Rosenstein, Community Involvement Manager with Tremont West. Second District Police Community Services Officer Sgt. Patrick McClain noted continuing enforcement of parking violations, particularly when blocking driveways. Officers responded to numerous speed and noise complaints on Abbey Road and under the I-90 bridge. Continuing presence planned, particularly on weekends. Two building projects were reviewed. First, renovation of historic building and new construction underway at 2258 W. 10th Street and Literary. There will be 6 apartments plus 2 condos, 1st floor retail space, patio, and 7 tenant/ owner parking spaces. There was encouragement for the project, which requires no variances, but two concerns were raised. Noted 8 residential units and 7 parking spaces, and no parking for whatever retail business is identified (will not be a restaurant). The parking spaces provided meet the city requirements. Others were concerned that the large, unrelieved wall on the stair tower seems heavy and out of context: could there be windows, or perhaps a mural to break up that space? The second project involves a small addition to the rooftop at 2137 W. 6 St. Owner is in conversation with neighbors and no views will be impeded. Variance will be requested when plans are further developed. We received a briefing from Tremont residents, Debbie Smith and Dave Freitag, co-founders of Clean Garbage Recycling, which was created in response to the city's inability to offer recycling. Clean Garbage Recycling is trying to develop a grass roots, community based model that breaks even and can be adapted in other cities. They have started by collecting clean aluminum, tin and steel cans at the weekly Farmer's Market. They are looking for a site for a paper/ cardboard retriever in the neighborhood. There is no market for glass to recycle, but there is potential to recycle plastic bottles. Looking to place bins around the neighborhood. Congratulations to South of Jefferson Block Club on the new windscreen mural in Lucky Park. The unveiling is planned for Tuesday, October 13th, 6:30pm in Lucky Park. Scott Rosenstein gave an update on voting: Urge any new neighbors to ensure they are registered to vote at current address. Check Cuyahoga County Board of Elections website to verify your registration, which ends October 5. Apply for vote by mail ballot now, or plan to vote early in person starting October 6 at the BOE (2925 Euclid Ave). Do not turn in completed ballots for anyone but yourself or your immediate family (not allowed in Ohio). For more information on the block club and its activities, please contact Co-Chairs, Chris Roy (christopheroy@aol.com) and Amanda Braddock (abraddock@gmail.com) or contact Scott at Tremont West (scottrosenstein@tremontwest.org/). **The next ZOOM or in-person meeting will be on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 6:30 PM.** Please watch for e-mail and postcards with more details.

South of Jefferson

The South of Jefferson Block Club met at Lucky Park on Tuesday, September 8th. We were joined by Sgt. Pat McClain of Cleveland's 2nd District Police Community Services Unit. Sgt. McClain shared that Tremont continues to do better than surrounding areas. Police are aware that cars and motorcycles have been speeding through the neighborhood and rolling stop signs. They are strategically monitoring corners to ensure drivers are stopping at intersections. Police are also trying to proactively ticket vehicles that are parked in front of residents' driveways, as well as for cars that are blocking sidewalks. It is important to note that you should not park in front of your own driveway, as you could be ticketed for this. The final design for the Lucky Park mural, created by artist Rachel Usmani, was shared. Thank you Rachel for bringing this project to life! Please join us for an unveiling celebration at our October meeting. The installation of LED streetlights is currently in progress. With the city's recycling program suspended, Clean Stream Recycling Collection (sponsored by Tremont residents and SOJ members, Debbie Smith, Dave Freitag, and Viktor Kitsis) is collecting clean aluminum cans at the Tremont Farmers Market. They are looking for a site for a paper/cardboard retriever in the neighborhood. There is no market for glass to recycle, but there is potential to recycle plastic bottles. Looking to place bins around the neighborhood. Make sure to fill out your 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail if you have not done so. You can check your voter registration status at www.443vote.com - early voting starts on October 6th! **Our next meeting, and the mural unveiling, is planned for Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30 at Lucky Park.** Please BYO chair and mask. Social distancing of 6 feet is encouraged. For more information on the block club and its activities, visit our Facebook page or -email our co-chairs, Debbie Smith (ebussmith11@gmail.com) and Greg Kobe (egreg_99@yahoo.com) or Community Involvement Manager Scott Rosenstein (scottrosenstein@tremontwest.org).

Tremont Arts & Cultural Festival

The Festival committee is grateful to the visual and performing artists, community and cultural groups, vendors, volunteers and patrons that take part in the Festival. We are looking forward to the third weekend of September, 2021, when we can gather to celebrate the beauty of the arts, the joy of creativity and the spirit of community that is intrinsic to the Festival. The Tremont Arts & Cultural Festival will welcome you to Cleveland's Lincoln Park on Saturday and Sunday, September 18-19, 2021 for the 22nd Annual Tremont Arts & Cultural Festival – and until then, wishing you good health and safety throughout the year.

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NORTHEAST OHIO COVID-19 RENT HELP

This lifeline, funded by the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County, is for residents who are facing financial hardships due to COVID-19 and need help paying rent.
Income restrictions apply.

<p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">How Does it Work?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHN is the entry point to access rental assistance, a broad array of housing, financial counseling and referral resources. Depending on the nature of your financial hardship, you may be referred to EDEN for longer-term assistance, at which time you may be asked for additional information and documentation. • If you qualify, your landlord may receive up to three months back rent. • CHN will screen all applicants for utility assistance programs that may help make your electric, gas and water/sewer bills more affordable. 	<p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Who Qualifies?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents of the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County who are having difficulty making rental payments due to the economic impact of the pandemic and who meet income eligibility requirements. • If you qualify for rental assistance, you may be required to attend more in-depth financial counseling, provided by CHN, as a condition for payment of the rental assistance. • Priority is given based on criteria such as eviction status, accurate information and complete documentation.
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Boys & Girls Clubs opening sites on Cleveland's West Side

Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio is opening two new ClubSmart Learning Centers – places where kids doing digital schoolwork can get in-person help -- on Cleveland's West Side.

A ClubSmart Learning Center will open Monday, Sept. 28 at The City Life Center, 3340 Trowbridge Ave., a building which for years housed Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland's West Side Club. A second ClubSmart location is scheduled to open Oct. 12 at Riverview Tower, 1795 W. 25th Street.

Hours for the Trowbridge center will be 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays. The hours for the Riverview Tower are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Centers are open to kids ages 6-18, and there is no charge.

Each location can serve up to 30 kids and will have four BGCNEO staff members on hand.

The Trowbridge site is a partnership between BGCNEO and City Life, a relational, holistic, community based ministry. The Riverview Tower ClubSmart location is a collaboration between BGCNEO, building owner Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority and LAND Studio.

BGCNEO has been searching for West Side locations since two schools in which it has Clubs – Joseph Gallagher and Luis Munoz Marin – closed in March. Gallagher Club Director Natasha Arroyo will now oversee the ClubSmart site on Trowbridge, while Luis Munoz Marin Club Director Alex Rivera will head the program at Riverview Tower.

For registration information, contact Sandra Del Valle at sdelvalle@bgcneo.org.

"We are extremely pleased to be able to open these ClubSmart sites and serve the West Side families that have been such great supporters of our Clubs," said BGCNEO President and CEO Jeff Scott.

Boys & Girls Clubs provide safe, fun places for kids ages 6-18 after school with an emphasis on academic success, healthy lifestyles and character development. This fall, BGCNEO opened ClubSmart Learning Centers in response to the needs of kids and families hurt by the digital divide.

The digital divide is among our greatest enemies! We are calling on all of our friends to act now.

The Problem:

The digital divide is among our greatest enemies! According to a 2018 report by the National Digital Inclusion Alliance, Cleveland was ranked the fourth worst internet-connected city in the United States. Couple this with a pandemic, economic challenges, language barriers, lack of infrastructure, and support, and we have a recipe for disaster.

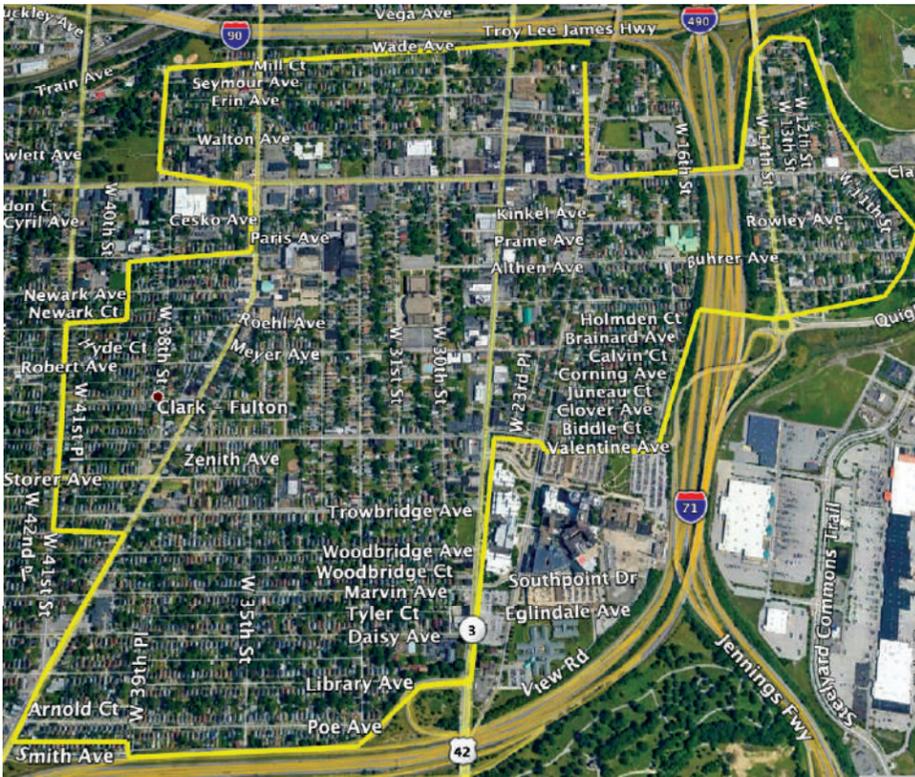
The digital divide gap between people who have sufficient knowledge of and access to technology and those who do not can perpetuate and even worsen educational, socioeconomic, health, and other disparities for already underserved groups. Every student needs adequate access to instructional resources and support services to succeed academically, and it's up to us to ensure that no student gets left behind!

Action required:

We are asking that you please share all this information with your constituents, friends, and neighbors immediately! Please help us spread the word and ensure that no student gets left behind!

The solution:

First, supporting students with access to education: For Cleveland public school families, you can receive free high-speed internet through the partnership with Empower Cle. The district pays your installation costs as long as a student lives in the home. That's right, free! No hidden charges and no bait and



switch. Moreover, the school system will provide your child with a computer.

That service is now available in the designated area on the map above. To participate in the program, you have to opt-in by calling 216-777-3859. Do not wait till the last minute, call today while supplies last!

For all other residents in the above designated map area:

Even though you do not have a child in the Cleveland school system, you can have high-speed internet in your home for less than \$10 per month through Empower Cle. That's right, no installation cost and no monthly fees. Call 216-777-3859.

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Merrick House's Academic Learning Pods

The Cleveland Foundation and United Way of Greater Cleveland, in partnership with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD), announced the Academic Learning Pods (ALP) initiative to provide students in kindergarten through eighth grade with a safe space and in-person tutoring to supplement their virtual learning. Through the initiative, more than 800 CMSD students who are academically vulnerable, homeless, without internet or have guardians who are essential workers will gain in-person educational support and on-site enrichment, including reliable internet and lunch, when they are not in school classrooms.

"The impact of COVID-19 on the education sector is unprecedented," said Dale Anglin, Cleveland Foundation's Program Director of Youth, Health and Human Services. "The abrupt shift to virtual learning comes with a cost for working parents who need childcare, families without adequate internet connectivity and students who are academically underserved and rely on schools not just for the education they provide, but also for social and emotional support. This initiative directly addresses achieving equity and opportunity for less advantaged students and families by helping classroom teachers and out-of-school-time providers collaborate to provide the greatest level of support in the safest environment possible for our youngest residents."

Academic learning and enrichment programming will take place at Merrick House for nine weeks starting Monday, September 14, 2020 through November 13, 2020. We have the capacity for eighteen students that will be grouped with a 1:9 ratio. Parents MUST register their child for a minimum of a 3-week session. Drop-ins are NOT ALLOWED. The sessions will take place Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The learning pod "WILL NOT" occur on Wednesdays.

The students will receive breakfast, lunch and a snack as well as a grab and go bag from the Cleveland Food Bank when they leave for the day. Enrichment activities will be provided each day from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. by America SCORES Cleveland and will consist of team based soccer and writing workshops. If you are interested in registering your student, please contact Jennifer Pullom, Director of Youth Programs at Merrick House via phone at (216) 771-5077 or email at Jenniferp@merrickhouse.org.

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Block Club Meetings

Central Tremont	10/5 at 6:30pm at TBD.
Duck Island	10/6 at 6:30pm at Forest City Brewery
Holmden-Buhrer-Rowley	10/7 at 6:30pm outside at A. Pozo's Studio
Mentor-Castle-Clark	10/7 at 6:30pm outside at A. Pozo's Studio
South of Jefferson	10/13 at 6:30pm at Lucky Park
Irishtown Bend	10/14 at 6:30pm at TBD.
Auburn-Lincoln Park	10/19 at 6:30pm Virtually. Email chair for details.
North of Literary	10/20 at 6:30pm at TBD.
Metro North	10/27 at 6:30pm at TBD.

Other Committee Meetings

Tremont West Economic Development Cmt.	10/1 6:30pm Virtually. Email Khalid for details.
2nd District Police Community Relations	No meeting in October.
Tremont West Safety Cmt.	10/7 6:30pm Virtually. Email safetremont@gmail.com
Tremont West Ad Hoc Arts Committee	TBD
Ward 3 Democratic Club	TBD
Ward 12 Democratic Club	TBD
Tremont West Board of Directors	10/15 at 6:30pm Virtually. Email Cory for details.
Tremont History Project	No meeting in October.
Tremont West Ad Hoc Fundraising Cmt.	TBD.
Tremont West Nominating Committee	TBD.
Tremont West Finance Cmt.	TBD
Friends of Clark Field	TBD. Please call Bev at 310-6810.
Tremont West Governance Committee	TBD.
Tremont Gardeners	TBD
Friends of Tremont Montessori	TBD. Please call Cory, 216-575-0920, ext. 101

Special Events

All Events & Meetings are Subject to Change:

Merrick House Activities

Tremont Grinders Basketball Fridays from 5-6:30pm
Zumba - Mondays and Wednesdays at 4:30pm
Martial Arts on Thursdays from 6-7pm

Professional Public Speaking on Mondays from 3:30-5:30pm

Last Day to Register to Vote Monday, October 5th (See p. 2)

St. Francis Day Pet Blessing

Saturday, October 3rd, 1pm at Pilgrim Church
Sunday, October 4th, 3pm at St. John Cantius

Tremont Think & Drink

Monday, October 12, 7pm via Zoom, email cpl-jeff@ccpl.org or call 216-623-7004 for login.

Ward 14 Meeting

Thursday, October 22nd, 7pm via Zoom
(See ad on page 5.)

Election Day

Tuesday, November 3rd (See p. 2)

ST. FRANCIS DAY PET BLESSING



ST. JOHN CANTIUS CHURCH
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SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2020 AT 3.00 PM

Blessings will take place in the Church parking lot. Bring your dogs, cats, fish, birds, and any other pet you may have for a special St. Francis Day Blessing.

(Masks will be required and please leave at least 6 feet in-between each person/family. This event has been sponsored by the St. John Cantius Ladies Guild)