



### **Smart Parking Comes to Cleveland**

Drivers can ditch the quarters and use the ParkMobile phone app to pay for street parking in some parts of downtown Cleveland.

The long-awaited debut of Cleveland's smart parking payment system recently went into effect, marking the beginning of a rollout period in which street parking spots across the city will convert from coin-only machines to newer payment technology.

"This is something I've worked to achieve for years," said Councilman Kerry McCormack. "It's being rolled out downtown first, which is the right move and I'm excited for residents and visitors to be able to choose how they pay at meters, including if you still want to use quarters."

Over the next year, Cleveland parking will be in somewhat of a transition from the old system to the new. For now, the coin-only machines are still in place where they've always been, and drivers who rely on coin payments are free to continue using them. But those who want to use their phone to pay now have that option. They can do so by downloading the ParkMobile app and linking it with a credit or debit card, or calling in to ParkMobile's voice line.

Councilman McCormack is advising residents and visitors that only select areas of downtown are eligible for app payments right

now, but ParkMobile intends to expand those areas over time. Keep an eye out for new bright-green signs, and green stickers affixed on parking meters. Those designate the areas where the app has already been activated.

Next spring 700 or so new meters will be installed that which will be able to accept

coins, and debit and credit cards, among other payment options.

On ParkMobile, users can input their license plate and the number of the parking zone they are in, and decide how long they want to park. Once the transaction is complete in the app, the city's parking enforcement team will ensure people have paid up by checking license plate numbers, or, in the case of coin-users, checking the physical meter.

Councilman McCormack said the new technology will be especially helpful for residents in Ohio City, for example.

"One of the challenges that we face is the





houses that abut West 25th Street, they get a lot of spillover from the commercial district, and residents that live there will be able to get a code so they will be able to park for free on the street," said Councilman McCormack. "But if you don't have that code, if you are a visitor, you pay for parking."

This change, also allows the city to change the price per hour. In Downtown, be aware that during surge times – when there are games or concerts or other big events, the price can be up to \$8 an hour. **Find the ParkMobile app here: parkmobile.io** 

# **Neighbor Up Action Grants**

Neighbor Up
Action Grants fuel the
power of neighbors to
make the change they
want to see in their
communities.



Grants range from

\$500 to \$5,000, and are meant to spur small, grassroots community projects throughout Cleveland and East Cleveland. Grants may be used for a wide variety of projects, and groups are encouraged to think in new ways about what will work in their communities and with whom they might partner.

Groups may submit one proposal per round. Groups may receive funding once per calendar year—either in Spring or Fall, but not both.

### Neighbor Up Action Grants have three main purposes:

1. Build Resident Leadership & Ownership in Their Neighborhood:

Stimulate and support projects designed and implemented by groups of neighbors that address neighborhood issues. Grants are intended to support the work of everyday people out of their mutual self-interest. We are looking for ideas that originate with a group of people from a neighborhood that are being moved into action as a project, event, or activity. The intent is to support residents as active citizens. Grants are not intended to be used as start-up funds to create more nonprofits, to support established non-profits, or to develop more social service programs.

- 2. Build Community, Especially Across **Lines of Difference:** Encourage new and stronger relationships between diverse residents of the community, among grassroots groups, and between grassroots groups and more established organizations: Building relationships is key to transforming neighborhoods. Projects must have the potential to build and strengthen positive relationships inside the neighborhood and must be inclusive and equitable in their design and implementation. By 'across lines of difference, we mean building trust and understanding across things that many times separate us (racial, ethnic, religious, generational, geographic, socioeconomic, homeowner-renters, residentinstitutional, etc.)
- 3. Build Power: Support opportunities to develop community leadership, organizational capacity and build community capacity: our grants are intended to help support community members develop their leadership skills and make clear the possibilities of what they can do when they come together.

Applications are reviewed and decisions are made by a committee of Cleveland and East Cleveland residents.

Grant applications for the next round of funding are due by Monday, February 12, 2024 at 11:59 pm.







### **Downtown Cleveland Alliance**

216-736-7799 downtowncleveland.com



### Metro West Comunity Development Organizaion

216-961-9073 | metrowestcle.org



### **Ohio City Inc.**

216-781-3222 | ohiocity.org



### **Tremont West Development Corporation**

216-575-0920 | experiencetremont.com

### **Operation of The West Side Market to shift to Cleveland Public Market Corporation in 2024**

The West Side Market transition to nonprofit operation is underway. The City will still own West Side Market, but starting early next year, the non-profit Cleveland Public Market Corporation (CPMC) will operate it.

Over 300 community members attended a presentation of the West Side Market masterplan in July, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. The plan will update the Market to better serve the community's needs and support vendors. Our neighborhood anchor will undergo much-needed reinvestment while maintaining the authentic public market tradition.

Learn more about the masterplan, the nonprofit, and new job opportunities with CPMC at westsidemarket.org/about-cpmc.

#### **Other WSM Updates:**

- Construction on vendor booths will be complete in Spring 2024. The updates include new hand-washing sinks and improved plumbing for each stall in the Market Hall.
- Welcome to Greenleaf Floral Co., a new vendor in the Produce Arcade offering floral arrangements from local flower farms.
- Check the West Side Market's website westsidemarket.org and social media for special holiday hours. Support the West Side Market by shopping year-round!

COMING Danny's on Professor 2258 Professor Ave:

> 2341 Scranton Rd: TOST Sandwich Café

Late night food and beverages offered at an

affordable rate. (a) @dannysonprofessor

Sandwich and panini shop will be opening their

second location after much success in Lakewood.

They will also have deli salads and other items to

2179 W. 11th St: STEAK

Hip steakhouse planned for an early February

permits and signage currently. steakcle.com

900 Literary Rd:

Kathleen Sullivan, and Will Hollingsworth

are ironing out details but have acquired this

be a good addition to the business district and

complimentary to the surrounding businesses.

2442 Professor Ave:

(NOT A HAPPY DOG)

To be determined food

Owners of Happy Dog in Detroit Shore way, Little

Rose Tavern in West Park, and other neighborhood

stakeholders will be opening an Eastern European-

College Now

inspired place. Many details are still in progress.

Hoping to open early 2024. Working on getting

their permits and licensing currently.

building. From the things we have heard, this will

opening in the former Parallax space. Working on

Yet to be determined concepts

Jonathan Sin-Jin Satayathum,

grab and go with your lunch!

# SENIOR OF THE YEAR Sr. Mary Kay Conkey with Councilman Kerry McCormack and Mayor Bibb at the

2023 City of Cleveland Senior Day event on May 25th at Cleveland Public Hall. A true champion for children, Sister Mary Kay Conkey always dreamt of an after-school program in the city that would teach life skills, social skills and academics. In 2012, a meeting with several religious

congregations from the lower Westside of Cleveland gathered to brainstorm how to make her dream a reality. And after some research and planning, she casually shared the idea with her brother over the holidays. Just days later, he called to tell her that his friends loved the idea and wanted to get involved in making the after-school program happen. Soon after, her dream had a name, the House of Champions. As word spread, Tom Gill, President of Urban Community School, offered the project a house for a monthly rent of one dollar. After a spaghetti dinner fundraiser, they had enough funding to open "The House of Champions," for eight children in August 2013, just ten months after the idea took root. Sr. Mary Kay believes it was absolutely the work of God.

Today, the House of Champions provides a nurturing and safe family-like environment where school age students have after-school opportunities to learn life skills, to strengthen academic abilities, and to practice communication and appropriate social skills. Sister Mary Kay's dream continues to grow with the help of so many, including City Councilmember Kerry McCormack and the Cuyahoga Land Bank. In 2019 the second house opened with eight students. Recently, additional property has been obtained for a playground and a new home that will house 16 students when completed. In total, the House of Champions will now support 32 students.

Sister Mary Kay begins most days with a morning reflection and a walk at Edgewater Park. She enjoys staying active and meeting friends and family for dinner.

> **Congratulations** Sr. Mary Kay!

# **NEW** BUSINESS UPDATES





### 1104 Rowley Ave: The Rowley Inn

Reopened in November after a quick hiatus to renovate and expand their space.

therowleyinn.com





### 1020 Kenilworth Ave: Jazzy Cakez

This bake shop opened this past summer and specializes in delicious cakes, cupcakes and dessert tables for all occasions.







### 1009 Kenilworth Ave: Art Tremont

Art Tremont is a locally sourced fine art supply and class space. Their meticulous restoration of the property has been very exciting to see! This female-owned business is featuring workshops and classes by local artists and more! arttremont.com





### 710 Jefferson Ave: La Cave du Vin

A new wine bar opened by the same owners as the former Spotted Owl before the Holidays. (C) @lacaveduvin

NIR-VA-NA COFFEE COMPANY



### 807 Literary Rd: Nirvana Coffee Co.

Andrea Boccuzzi recently opened her roaster and coffee shop on Literary Rd. nirvana-coffee.com



also offer debt forgiveness programs for eligible residents, enabling them to re-enroll at their former college or other institutions. Contact College Now at 216-241-5587 or

**counseling, and scholarship services.** They

College Now Greater Cleveland aims to enhance

postsecondary educational attainment in

Northeast Ohio by providing college and

career access advising, financial aid

email info@collegenowgc.org to learn how you can get the education you need for the career you want. Go to **cngc.org/adults** for more information.

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**batteries to Cleveland residents.** Smoke alarms are installed by Cleveland firefighters at no cost to residents.

Operation Save A Life, a program of the Red Cross and Cleveland Fire, provides free smoke alarms and

Smoke Detectors

Save Lives

Visit www.ClevelandCityCouncil.org/ward-3

## 2024 Primary nformation lection

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to a Health & Human child protective services, & Human Services levy for federal, state, and Democrats and Republicans election. Now, you'll have voted in the November '23 Clevelanders recently fast approaching! Another election is treatment, MetroHealth, funds substance abuse county offices, in addition the opportunity to vote for services levy. The Health nomelessness services,



# CALENDAR

- Election day: Tue., March 19 Registration deadline:
- Early voting begins: Tue., February 20
- Wed., February 21
- Visit myohiovote.com **Update or check registration:**
- WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT:
- Representatives; Health & Human Primary election for President; U.S. Senator; Congress; State Services Levy





