

# Ward 12 News

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### **Brighton Park Officially Opens**

Join Councilman Brancatelli, representatives from the Cleveland Metroparks and the Western Reserve Land Conservancy at the ribbon cutting ceremony officially opening Brighton Park on Tuesday, June 22nd. The event runs from 10am to noon, with the actual ceremony at 11 am.

The transformation of the Henninger Landfill to Brighton Park is something for the neighborhood, the whole city to celebrate. The Metroparks will run it as a park for use by pedestrians, bicyclists and birdwatchers. There is a parking lot entrance off Henninger near Pearl Road.





#### **GardenWalk is looking for Home Gardeners!**

**It's time to show off your garden!** It is simple to participate – there are no requirements other than your garden should be something you are proud of and show your efforts toward presenting a wonderful garden space. Gardens do NOT need to be fancy, new gardeners are encouraged to participate – interesting and unique gardens of all types are welcome.

**Deadline to apply is JUNE 10th.** Contact your neighborhood Garden Finder (Holly Rose: 216-401-9981; holly.rose99@yahoo.com) or visit www.gardenwalkcleveland.org to sign up!

# Engage with Councilman ANTHONY BRANCATELLI

#### A message from Councilman Brancatelli

#### **Dear Ward 12 neighbor:**

As Mark Twain said, "It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want—oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!"

And we do want and look forward to the warmth of late spring and summer keenly now. Buoyed by being vaccinated and able to get out into the fresh air and able, but still cautious with masks, to visit our local restaurants and shops, to greet neighbors and invite friends into our yards for cookouts.

And here in Old Brooklyn, a return to kids baseball and gardening. Don't forget that the **Old Brooklyn GardenWalk** is scheduled for Saturday, July 10. They are looking for more gardeners to join up to show their great work. There's more information on GardenWalk Cleveland in the newsletter.

And now is the time to sign up the kids for **T-Ball, baseball and more.** There's more information in the newsletter about how to sign up for different leagues.

# The sooner we have a majority vaccinated, the faster we can get back to life and activities..."

However, the pandemic is still with us. Please get vaccinated – everyone 16 and over is eligible - and wear masks when around others. The sooner we have a majority vaccinated, the faster we can get back to life and activities before the pandemic.

Please don't hesitate to call me with any complaints or concerns. My office number is 216-664-4233 or email me at abrancatelli@ clevelandcitycouncil.org.

Anthony Brancatelli Councilman, Ward 12



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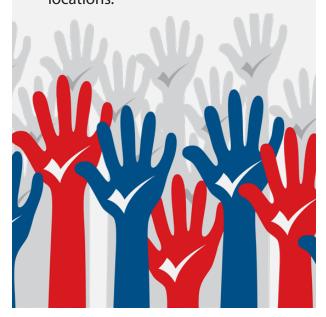
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- You must register to vote at least 30 days before an election to be eligible to vote.
- 17 year old residents can register and vote in a Primary Election if they will be 18 on or before the General Election. 17-year-olds can vote for candidates only.

#### How do I register to vote or update my voter registration information?

- Register to vote or update your Ohio voting address electronically on the Secretary of State website: https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/
- Visit https://boe.cuyahogacounty. us/ to print blank registration form.
- Call the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections at 216-443-VOTE(8683) for a Voter Registration Card to be mailed to you. Complete the form then mail it back to the Board of Elections.
- Visit https://boe.cuyahogacounty. gov/en-US/voter-registration. aspx for a list of voter registration locations.



#### **Beating Covid-19 Requires All of Us Working Together**



We are seeing positive results in the battle against the Covid-19 virus as more and more people line up for the vaccine, but there are a number of people who are resisting the free injection, raising the risk of more Covid spread, more hospitalizations and more deaths.

In order to beat this pandemic, we must all work together, so, please urge your family members, friends and neighbors to "Get the Shot."

The State of Ohio is sponsoring a series of regional and mobile mass vaccination clinics across the state to ensure all Ohioans have access to the vaccine as it is more widely available.

Appointments can be made at www.gettheshot. coronavirus.ohio.gov

If you need assistance scheduling, call 1-833-427-5634 between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. All you need is a form of identification. The shot is free.



May has been designated Mental Health Awareness Month in the U.S. since 1949. Observing Mental Health Awareness month helps to reduce stigma surrounding psychological illnesses. It also helps to bring the community together, provide education and promote policies that help people with mental disorders. Here is a list of some local resources in the Greater Cleveland area:

- NAMI Greater Cleveland (National Alliance on Mental Illness) www.namigreatercleveland.org
- ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County (Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services)
   www.adamhscc.org
- MetroHealth https://www.metrohealth.org/psychiatry

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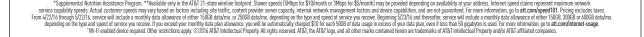
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### **Spring is Here and Tow Path Entrances are Nearby**

Last September, Stage 3 of the Ohio & Erie Canalway Towpath Trail Extension project opened. This urban stretch of 1.9 miles from the northern entrance near Steelyard Commons (parking available) to Literary Avenue in Tremont —an area that was once a brownfield—serves as a greenspace buffer between the residential areas of Tremont and industrial areas of the valley below.

### The Towpath Trail extension project connects 100 miles of trails and paths between New Philadelphia and Cleveland's lakefront is near competition.

Crews broke ground for Stage 3 back in in April 2017. These extensions that bring the tow path into neighborhoods is a joint effort between the Cleveland Metroparks, Canalway Partners, the City of Cleveland, and Cuyahoga County, with the major funder and backer NOACA.

Stage 3 not only provides a biking and walking corridor, but also provides new recreational opportunities in underutilized portions of the Cuyahoga River Valley.

"The tow path trail has been a fabulous project for the city and for neighborhood residents giving them better access to these trails that offer the story of how Cleveland and much of Ohio prospered before the advent of cars, trucks and trains," said Councilman Tony Brancatelli.

This stretch offers views of downtown Cleveland's skyline from 30-foot-high grassy mounds adjacent to the trail and unique landscaping. The mounds offer 360-degree views of the ArcelorMittal steel plant, the downtown skyline and the onion domes of St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral in Tremont.

The trail also features a unique interpretive space at a promontory above Literary Avenue in Tremont. At Literary and University Roads, there's an interactive node

with railroad themed artifacts pulled from the local history of a former 19th century roundhouse in the Cuyahoga Valley.

There are alot of events to get everyone out on the Towpath Trail in Tremont. If you participate in 5 different activities by the end of September, we will reward you with a free incentive. (A gift card to a Tremont business of your choice.)

Email us at towpath@tremontwest.org with any questions about the program. In case of inclement weather, check back here for up-to-date information. (Towpath Trail in Tremont Programs - Tremont, Ohio (experiencetremont.com)

Tremont Bird Walk*	Sat., May 29th	9:00 am	Tremont Sideyard Parking Lot
Cleveland Metroparks*	Sat., June 5th	10:00 am	TBA
Walking Club	Tues., June 8th	6:30 pm	TBA
Family Group	Sat., June 12th	1:00 pm	Clark Field Trail Head
Running Club	Thurs., June 17th	7:30 pm	Cleveland Sign
Tremont History Project	Sat., June 19th	9:30 am	Lincoln Park Gazebo
Tremont Bird Walk*	Sat., June 26th	9:00 am	Tremont Sideyard Parking Lot
Family Group	Sat., July 10th	1:00 pm	Tremont Sideyard
Walking Club	Tues., July 13th	6:30 pm	TBA
Running Club	Thurs., July 15th	7:30 pm	Cleveland Sign
Tremont History Project	Sat., July 17th	9:30 am	Lincoln Park Gazebo
Tremont Bird Walk*	Sat., July 24th	9:00 am	Tremont Sideyard Parking Lot
Walking Club	Tues., Aug. 10th	6:30 pm	TBA
Family Group	Sat., Aug. 14th	1:00 pm	Clark Field Trailhead
Running Club	Thurs., Aug. 19th	7:30 pm	Cleveland Sign
Tremont History Project	Sat., August 21st	9:30 am	Lincoln Park Gazebo
Cleveland Metroparks*	Sun., August 22nd	10:00 am	TBA
Tremont Bird Walk*	Sat., August 28th	9:00 am	Tremont Sideyard Parking Lot
Family Group	Sat., September 11th	1:00 pm	Tremont Sideyard
Walking Club	Tues., September 14th	6:30 pm	TBA
Running Club	Thurs., September 16th	7:30 pm	Cleveland Sign
Tremont History Project	Sat., September 18th	9:30 am	Lincoln Park Gazebo
Tremont Bird Walk*	Sat., September 25th	9:00 am	Tremont Sideyard Parking Lot
Cleveland Metroparks*	Sat., October 2nd	11:00 am	TBA

If all continues according to plan, the Extension will be complete this summer with Stage 4 a connection to Canal Basin Park and downtown.

#### **New Old Brooklyn Business Getting Ready to Open**

**Sticks and Stones,** a cigar lounge and tavern, is nearing its opening. Located at 3312 Broadview Rd., at the intersection of Broadview and Pearl. Read a little about the business from the owner Anthony Duvall (he also has a partner Lenny Carnegie.)

#### Q1: Tell us about your business?

Sticks and Stones is an exclusive cigar and cocktail tavern inspired to accommodate hard working professional looking for a quaint atmosphere to unwind.

#### Q2: Why did you choose Old Brooklyn?

Old Brooklyn appeared to be a rejuvenating community. We really locked in to the diversity of the neighborhood and wanted to partnership with a specific community to bring



these diverse backgrounds into a collaborative venue enjoyed by everyone.

#### Q3: What upgrades are you making to the interior or exterior of the building?

The interior of the building has come a long way. Immediately upon purchase, we assisted with upgrade to our neighboring storefront KCC Catering (BBQ restaurant). Secondly, we've made improvements to the 2nd floor apartments (modernized). Sticks & Stones itself was given a premier interior facelift. Fresh paint, new décor within the storefront with the addition of an enclosed patio for cigar consumption.

We're currently working with the Old Brooklyn Development Council and the Storefront Renovation program to provide façade upgrades to the exterior of the building which will include new signage to the exterior of the building.

#### Q4: Any other interesting tidbits you think neighborhood residents would be interested to learn about you or your business?

Sticks & Stones will operate as an exclusive members only lounge. Open only 3-4 days a week (Wed-Sat), we hope to provide the community a place to unwind in a safe environment amongst working professionals. We encourage the residents of the Old Brooklyn community to take advantage of this "capped membership" to ensure you have a seat in this "exclusive" venue in your own backyard!

# Looking to fund a community project?

New Community Garden Grant Opportunity:
Neighbor Up is offering one time grants for
community gardens, farmers markets, and for
garden art in the cities of Cleveland and East
Cleveland. Grants will be reviewed on a rolling
basis each week starting May 1st through June
15th. Groups and organizations may only be
funded once during this time period. Check
out more information here / contact OBCDC for
more information. https://neighborupcle.org/

#### Neighbor Up COVID-19 Rapid Response grants:

Neighbor Up is continuing to provide grants ranging from \$500-\$5,000 to small nonprofit organizations, faith-based congregations, and grassroots and neighborhood civic groups throughout Cuyahoga, Lake and Geauga counties for a broad range of essential human needs during COVID-19, such as healthy food, safe shelter, and to reduce social isolation. Visit http://neighborupcle.org/covid19grants/ to learn more. Grants are due Thursdays at noon, and are reviewed every other Monday. Contact OBCDC if you'd like to brainstorm some ideas!

#### Got an idea for your community?:

ioby Cleveland has supported over 200 resident leaders as they plan, crowdfund, and build positive change in neighborhoods across the city. With a median donation of \$35, these leaders have raised over \$500,000 in small donations to make ioby Cleveland neighborhoods greener, safer, more livable, and more full of opportunity for all residents. Visit this link to learn more about how you can fundraise for your project! https://ioby.org/campaign/cleveland

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