



Ward 12 News

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Rooms To Let: CLE to Brighten Historic Slavic Village Intersection

Evolving from the origins of vacant houses, this summer Rooms To Let: CLE will be beautifying the historic intersection of Broadway & E 55th in the Slavic Village neighborhood. In partnership with Garden Walk Cleveland and Broadway School of Music and the Arts this year's project will feature storefront and vacant lot installations in addition to creative home gardens. On July 10-11th from 12pm-6pm visitors can walk Slavic Village to view outdoor visual and performance works of art from over 40 artists led by talented curator groups; the Visit Arts Collective, Dana Depew, and Cleveland Print Room.

We encourage visitors to stop by the event hub at 5620 Broadway Ave to pick up a map and shop the Artist Market featuring local makers, bakers and more.

Additionally, preceding the event, artists, community members, and volunteers will come together for beautification street clean-ups around the Broadway & E 55th intersection. Artists interested in transforming storefront and lot spaces will be selected by the curators



through an open call for artists process.

Rooms to Let: CLE offers a unique opportunity for the participating artists to interact with the community, bringing beauty and dialogue around the effects of the foreclosure crisis and how a neighborhood can

positively evolve in the aftermath. Led by Slavic Village Development, Rooms to Let: CLE seeks to illuminate one of Cleveland's most diverse and authentic neighborhoods, as it strives to strengthen a community in the midst of recovery.



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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 opening parks, local restaurants and shops.

And here in Slavic Village, a return to a closer sense of normalcy. Don't forget that the **Slavic Village GardenWalk** is scheduled for Sunday, July 11. They are looking for more gardeners to join up to show their great work. A great time to great neighbors you might have not seen for many months. There's more information on GardenWalk Cleveland in the newsletter.

Rooms to Let is returning this summer, July 10th and 11th. There is more information in the newsletter about this as well as the return of **the Artistic Market** that weekend that will offer goods from local makers, bakers and more.

Our local restaurants and businesses, many with outdoor or pick up options, are looking forward to opening their doors to more residents stopping by.

Don't forget your pets. **Neighborhood Pets** has discounted services – free spays and neuters - and a food pantry for those who need help keeping their four-footed family member. And if you can help

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

Neighborhood Pets please donate unopened food, gently used supplies or funds to help others.

However, the pandemic is still with us, with thousands infected and hundreds dying daily. **Please get vaccinated – everyone 16 and over is eligible – and wear masks when around others outside your household and especially inside businesses.** 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.

Stay safe,

Anthony Brancatelli
Councilman, Ward 12



REGISTER NOW to Vote or Update Your Voter Registration Information

Voters must be registered in Cuyahoga County in order to vote in any election. In order to vote in Cuyahoga County, you must meet the following requirements:

- You must be a United States Citizen.
- You must be at least 18 years old on the day of the General Election.
- You must be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days.
- 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.



Sat Jul 10, 2021, 10 am-5 pm: Fairfax, Glenville, Old Brooklyn, West Park
Sun Jul 11, 2021, 10 am-5 pm: Broadway Slavic Village, Clifton-Baltic, Collinwood, Detroit Shoreway, Little Italy

Show Off Your Garden in Slavic Village for GardenWalk Cleveland

Are you a gardener in Slavic Village and would you like to show off your garden on July 10th or 11th as part of Cleveland GardenWalk? It is simple to participate, there are no requirements other than your garden should be something you have put effort into and are proud of.

Your garden can be brand new or decades old, and be all or some: flowers, vegetables, fruits, ponds, bees, chickens and/or art. Gardens do NOT need to be fancy, new gardeners are encouraged to participate – interesting and unique gardens of all types are welcome. Encourage your neighbors to join you, GardenWalk works best with gardens that are on the same block or close



to each other. For more information, go to www.gardenwalkcleveland.org or email gardenwalkcleveland@gmail.com. **Deadline to apply is JUNE 10th!**

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.

"Ohio Means Jobs" Program Re-opens Cleveland Office

The Cleveland office of the statewide "Ohio Means Jobs" program had been closed due to Covid-19 but is now back open for business at 1910 Carnegie Avenue.

Due to safety considerations, the office still requires customers and staff to wear masks and maintain social distancing when visiting the office.

The Resource Room, which is set up with

computers, will be open Monday – Thursday from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. The office will be closed on Fridays for deep cleaning.

Face-to-face meetings with job recruiters and training specialists will still be done virtually.

Whether you are a local employer or a job seeker needing unemployment benefits or career assistance, Ohio Means Jobs can help.

For more information, call 216-777-8200.

Symbolic Statue Installed at the Polish American Cultural Center's Garden

A statue of an American Bald Eagle and Polish Eagle was installed at the Polish American Cultural Center, in the Pope John Paul II Heritage Garden on Tuesday, April 27. The Heritage Garden is located behind the cultural center at 6501 Lansing Ave., in Slavic Village.

The garden, dedicated in November of 2018, has a circular brick walkway with 27 educational placards providing a century by century tour of the 1000 years of Poland's history.

The new addition to the garden, the statue consisting of an American Bald Eagle and a Polish Eagle joining together in flight, represents the historic relationship of the U.S. with that of Poland.



that it was able to be forged locally," said Councilman Brancatelli. "This is a symbolic piece for the times we are in, having these two eagles joining wings together."

The eagles were sculpted by renowned Polish-American artist Andrzej Pitynski who passed away just after he completed the piece. The statue was forged locally at Studio Foundry. A future dedication will be planned subject to the Covid pandemic health concerns.

Councilman Tony Brancatelli, himself of Polish and Italian heritage, was on hand when the statue arrived.

"We are truly fortunate that sculptor Andrzej Pitynski was able to design this amazing piece before he passed and



Registration Now Open for Neighborhood Resource & Recreation Center Summer Programming



Stella Walsh Recreation Center • 7345 Broadway Ave
Call 216-664-4658 for facility hours and program information.

The City of Cleveland's recently rebranded Neighborhood Resource & Recreation Centers are now offering expanded fall programming at all 22 of its centers. Expanded intergenerational programming - aimed at providing holistic resources to all residents, especially youth and young adults - includes job readiness and placements assistance,

ACT/SAT prep, theater, photography, ballet, STEM workshops and more. Old favorites like aerobics, basketball, football and swimming are also available. Register in person or online at www.clevelandohio.gov/NRRCActivities. Some class sizes may be limited and early registration is advised. All programs are free.



May has been designated Mental Health Awareness Month in the U.S. since 1949. If you or a loved one has ever struggled to keep their mental health in balance, you might want to learn more about how to celebrate or show your support during this time. 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.adamhsc.org
- **The Centers/Circle Health Services** www.thecentersohio.org/services/mental-health/
- **MetroHealth** <https://www.metrohealth.org/psychiatry>

It's Time to Tee Off Try the Cleveland-owned Highland Park Golf Course



Some Cleveland residents might not know that the city owns a 36-hole golf course open to the public and that Cleveland residents get discounts on all fees. Anyone under the age of 18 plays for free.

Highland Park Golf Course - in Highland Hills near the Cleveland border - is now open for the season and fairways and greens are in great shape.

The city a few years ago had turned over the operation of Highland Park to a private contractor, but the deal proved to be a disaster as the course deteriorated and golfers fled for better clubs.

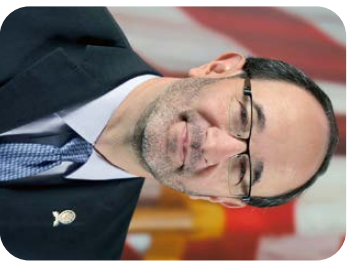
In 2018, the city took back the operation and since then there has been a remarkable turnaround. In 2020, the club's annual revenue was \$682,000, up from \$120,000 when the city took it over in 2018. Today, the course is regaining its plush turf and golfers are returning.

Highland Park was built in the 1920s and was one of the first courses in the region to allow African-Americans play there.

The course is at 3550 Green Rd. in Highland Hills. For schedules and fees, call 216-348-7225.

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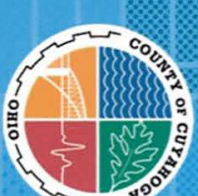
Cleveland's tastiest race is back for a hybrid event in 2021! The 15th annual run, presented by Third Federal Savings and Loan will take place over a 9 day period.

Visit Slavic Village to follow the official course loop; beginning and ending at Daisy's Ice Cream (5614 Fleet Ave.) so you can conveniently fill up with your post-run pierogi! Or participate from the destination of your choosing and enter your time digitally.

PLUS there will be prizes! Fastest Finish (times can be uploaded online), Farthest Runner (Since it's virtual, we hope you can join us from near and far and we want to see how far away from Cleveland the pierogi enthusiasts lives!), and BEST COSTUME! Get creative with your pierogi presentation and hashtag #pierogidash2021 with your picture on either Instagram or Facebook to enter.

Visit www.slavicvillage.org for more information


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