Dear Neighbor,

As we move into the summer months, it is so great to get outside and enjoy our community again. Friends, neighbors and family members are seeing each other for the first time in a while, small businesses are starting to open back up and our parks and community spaces are seeing the return of recreation leagues, farmers markets, live music and more. I am so grateful for our community and how we came together over the last year to support each other and how we are now starting a new chapter together. While we are improving every day and starting to see a drop in the numbers of COVID-19 cases in Cleveland and nationally, it is not too late to get vaccinated. Remember, the vaccine is safe, free and our ticket to see friends, family and enjoy our neighborhoods.

In this newsletter, you will find information about events going on in the community, social service assistance, as well as other items of interest in Ward 3. I hope you take time to read through it and learn a thing or two that you had not previously known. Once again, thank you for supporting each other and our entire community over the past year. I look forward to continuing to work with and along side you on our road to recovery.

See you around the neighborhood!

Kerry McCormack
Cleveland City Councilman, Ward 3
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Cleveland Metroparks Opens Wendy Park Bridge and Whiskey Island Trail

On June 24, Cleveland Metroparks opened the Wendy Park Bridge and Whiskey Island Trail, the two final pieces in the transformational $16.45 million "Re-Connecting Cleveland" Federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) trails project. The now complete transportation network of 4+ miles of interconnected bike and pedestrian trails along with the signature Wendy Park Bridge links more than 66,000 Cleveland residents to centers of employment, schools, parks, and commerce and provides a new link between downtown Cleveland and its lakefront. Photos courtesy of Cleveland Metroparks/Ryle Lancaster

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Renovations Coming to Roberto Clemente Park

I'm happy to announce that renovations will commence on the baseball diamonds. The infield for the large diamond will be regraded and amended with Turfice. The small diamond turned into a "T"-ball diamond. The diamond should be able to be used later in the summer.

The playground equipment and swings are being replaced with brand new equipment for families to enjoy.

– Councilman McCormack

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MetroHealth Has Invested in Ohio City – Again!

Just a year after opening the beautiful new Ohio City Health Center on Lorain Avenue next to Urban Community School, MetroHealth is investing in our neighborhood again.
MetroHealth’s Ohio City Family Dentistry, at 3701 Lorain Avenue, is scheduled to open this summer. It’s a brand-new clinic, with new equipment and the latest technology to make dental care as comfortable as possible.
Parking is free, and the clinic accepts most insurance plans.
To make an appointment, please call 216-778-4725 after July 1.
The Ohio City Health Center, just six blocks from the new dental clinic, has been a wonderful addition to our neighborhood. The center not only provides care to the UCS community, it offers everyone access to primary care, specialists, ExpressCare and a full-service pharmacy. Find out more by calling 216-957-4848.

The Jefferson Branch of the Cleveland Public Library, 850 Jefferson Avenue, has been closed due to major renovations and is scheduled to be reopened in the spring of 2022.
The work includes major changes to the branch’s interior and exterior. The result will be better access to the library’s services, collections, and technology.
The branch will retain its historic charm while being newly positioned to continue serving patrons for at least another century.
The renovation project was made possible by Cleveland voters who passed a 2.0 mill property tax increase in 2017. The public is invited to follow the project at: https://oururbanize.com/projects/cpl_jefferson_branch
To offer feedback, you can text 216-284-4698 or leave a voicemail at 833-223-4295.
During the Jefferson closure, please visit the South Branch, 3096 Scranton Road, Cleveland, OH 44113, 216-623-7068.

The board of directors at Merrick House, a long-time social service agency in the Tremont neighborhood, has named Harriet Hadley as its executive director.
Harriet comes to the agency with a solid background in social service and community organization. She has worked with public, private and non-profit sectors, organizing programs aimed at stabilizing communities.
“I am honored to accept this position to be a part of an organization and team that will work towards meeting the needs of the community by providing the necessary resources to support its residents,” she said.
Merrick House has served Tremont and the surrounding Near West Side communities of Cleveland for more than 100 years.
In the settlement house tradition, the organization has a rich history of providing programs and services to the community in the areas of MomsFirst, early childhood education, youth development, and adult education.
Merrick House’s inclusive and adaptable approach over the years has helped to stabilize families, educate children, create leaders, and provide safe and healthy activities.

AT THE CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
Join your neighbors for refreshments and conversation in Frank Novak Park.
Meet neighbors & new friends
Sign up for a free library card
Learn about free CPL technology
Free kid’s activities!
June 26 | July 24 | August 28 | September 25
11:00am – 1:00pm | Carnegie West Branch | 1900 Fulton Rd.
**The Towpath Trail in Tremont: A Place to Walk, Run or Bike**

The section of the Towpath Trail in the Tremont neighborhood offers wonderful winding green space along Cleveland’s industrial past and skyline views of the city.

Programs and activities on the Towpath Towpath Trail are in partnership with Tremont West Development Corporation, the Ohio & Erie Canalway National Heritage Area and Cleveland-Cliffs Inc. Here are some ongoing activities on the trail:

- **FAMILY GROUP**
  - When: 2nd Saturdays at 1p
  - Where: Alternating between the Clark Field Trailhead and Tremont SideYard.

- **HISTORY WALKS**
  - When: 3rd Saturdays at 9:30 am.
  - Where: The Gazebo at Lincoln Park

- **WALKING CLUB**
  - When: 2nd Thursdays at 6:30 pm
  - Where: Different Location Each Month

**RUNNING CLUB**
- When: 3rd Thursdays at 7:30 pm
- Where: The Cleveland Sign on Abbey

**TREMONT BIRDERS**
- When: 4th Saturdays at 9am
- Where: Towpath Public Parking
  - Pre-registration is required.

If you participate in five different activities by the end of September, Tremont West Development Corporation will reward you with a gift card to a Tremont business of your choice.

**Email towpath@tremontwest.org with any questions about the program. In case of inclement weather, check experient.com/towpath-trail for up-to-date information.**

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**Downtown Cleveland Alliance**

**Welcome (Back) to Downtown Cleveland Campaign**

Downtown Cleveland is back in business as thousands are enjoying live theater, major league baseball, re-opened restaurants and the sights and sounds of a bustling city.

To mark the rebirth of our city center, Downtown Cleveland Alliance has launched a campaign to welcome workers and visitors (back) to the city’s vibrant core. The campaign includes digital messages welcoming returning office workers and a media strategy that highlights the many amenities that make the downtown work experience special.

The Welcome (Back) to Downtown Cleveland campaign continues through the summer with a mix of events, patio seating, streetscaping, and business openings. The messaging includes:

- **FAMILY GROUP**
- **HISTORY WALKS**
- **WALKING CLUB**
- **RUNNING CLUB**
- **TREMONT BIRDERS**

**Walnut Wednesday Returns to Perk Park**

**Downtown Digs**

Produced through the additional support of the City of Cleveland and Cleveland Magazine, Downtown Digs gives an updated listing of all downtown properties and a close-up view of living in downtown. Downtown Digs is printed and released with the June issue of Cleveland Magazine.

**Visit: http://digitaleditions.gpaypublishing.com/downtowndigs2021/**

**MetroHealth Cleveland Juneteenth Freedom Fest**

On June 19, Downtown Cleveland hosted the first MetroHealth Cleveland Juneteenth Freedom Fest on Mall C, in the heart of Downtown Cleveland. The family-friendly, free citywide festival is produced in partnership with Karamu House, Downtown Cleveland Alliance (DCA) and Ingenuity Cleveland — with the support of Cleveland Clinic, the City of Cleveland, Destination Cleveland, and Greater Cleveland Partnership.

Juneteenth is a celebration and commemoration of the ending of slavery on June 19, 1865. Freedom Fest spotlighted the rich historical presence of African American arts and culture in Cleveland.

The Freedom Fest included a JACK Casino vendor village, showcasing more than 20 Black businesses and entrepreneurs, and guests experienced community programming and education. The celebration continued into the evening with a headline performance by GRAMMY Award winner Terri Lyne Carrington + Social Science with special guests M. Lisa Fischer and Maimouna “Mama F Extro” Youssef, a mainstage performance by Karamu House, and a fireworks finale made possible by GL Alliance, the Cleveland Cavaliers, Cleveland Browns, and Cleveland Indians.

**Fifteen Solar Sites Planned**

Cleveland plans to install solar panels at 15 sites to reduce electric costs and promote clean energy. Initially, the solar energy systems, some on rooftops and others on the ground, would generate electricity to help power city-owned buildings in the future.

That energy would help Cleveland move toward a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the city by 80% by 2050. The Cleveland City Council’s Development, Planning and Sustainability Committee signed off on legislation authorizing the project to proceed at an estimated cost of nearly $14 million.

About half the installations would be on rooftops. The other half would be ground sites. The sites include several recreation centers, two water treatment plants, three pump stations, Public Auditorium, a new fire station and the city’s kitchen.

City Council, which had done its own study, had identified 20 sites though Council’s study focused primarily on city-owned surface lots that could be ideal for solar canopies. Solar canopies can be built to include electric charging stations, the demand of which is expected to increase as the US pushes forward on electric vehicles.

Over 25 years it is estimated that the city could save more than $1.1 million in its electric costs on these 15 sites. The city would hire a vendor to build and maintain the systems, paying for the electricity it uses in its buildings. Other plans, including the canopies, are expected to be discussed in the near future.

Exploring solar power is a natural step in Cleveland’s “green city” initiatives, which includes a goal that city-owned Cleveland Public Power obtain 100% of its electricity from renewable sources by 2050.

CPP has used renewable energy credits obtained by buying power on the aggregate market from clean energy sources, such as hydroelectric plants.

But this effort goes further, seeking to ultimately develop clean energy in Cleveland and bringing to the city the benefits that go with that including cleaner air, job creation, and ultimately a reduced cost for energy.

Data from the U.S. Census Bureau shows that nationally, electricity and gas bills account for about 3.6% of household expenses. But that energy burden is higher in Cleveland, due in great part to poverty.

In 100,000 households the energy burden for Cleveland residents tops 6%, and in 40,000 households it tops 10%.

The legislation must still go through Council’s Utilities Committee before it can be put to a vote by all of council.
Market Avenue is closed to motor vehicle traffic for the summer and fall seasons, creating more space for patrons to enjoy expanded outdoor dining areas. Diners can enjoy moon-light meals outside the Great Lakes Brewing Company, Flying Fig, Koffie Café, and Market Avenue Wine Bar.

The 2nd Friday of Every Month from 5-9 pm.
Art, Food, Drinks, Pop-up Vendors, and Street Performers.
Details Coming Soon.