

The VOICE of Ward 3

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A Message from Councilman Kerry McCormack

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!

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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

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/Kyle Lanzer*



Cleveland Bazaar Returns to Market Square Park

Cleveland Bazaar is back! You can find the Cleveland Bazaar in Market Square Park across from the West Side Market in Ohio City on the **first and third Saturday of the month from 10 am to 4 pm.**



Shop among the many indie vendors and artists on display while enjoying live music and supporting the local arts community. Visit www.clevelandbazaar.org for details.

Exterior Public Art Installed at Dexter Building



The Dexter – a new mixed-use building located at Franklin Circle in Ohio City – recently installed 932 square feet of exterior public art.

The artworks are located along Dexter Place and within the pedestrian walkway at the center of the building connecting Dexter Place and the newly constructed Franklin Circle.

CASTO, the developer of The Dexter, partnered with Ohio City Incorporated to curate murals by five local artists -- Antwoine Washington, Mac Love, April Bleakney, and Lindsey Krivenki.

You can find the neighborhood's newest murals by walking along Dexter Place between Clinton Avenue and Franklin Boulevard in Ohio City.

Merrick House Names New Executive Director

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.



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.



CLEVELAND
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News & Updates

Renovation of the Jefferson Library Branch Continues

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://courbanize.com/projects/cpl_jefferson_branch/information

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, 216-623-7060.



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 kids' 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 Tremont 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 6:30pm
Where: Different Location Each Month

- **RUNNING CLUB**
When: 3rd Thursdays at 7:30pm
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 experiencetremont.com/towpath-trail for up-to-date information.

Towpath in Tremont Group	Date	Time	Location
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	Towpath Public Parking
Walking Club	Thurs., Aug. 12th	6:30 pm	Sokolowski's Plaza
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	Sokolowski's Plaza
Tremont Bird Walk*	Sat., August 28th	9:00 am	Towpath Public Parking
Walking Club	Thurs., September 9th	6:30 pm	Cleveland Sign
Family Group	Sat., September 11th	1:00 pm	Tremont Sideyard
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	Towpath Public Parking
Cleveland Metroparks	Sat., October 2nd	11:00 am	Merwin's Wharf

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 kennel.

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.

NEWS FROM Downtown Cleveland AllianceSM

Walnut Wednesday Returns to Perk Park

Walnut Wednesday, Downtown's biggest food truck event, has returned to Perk Plaza at Chester Commons every Wednesday through September 1 from 11 am to 1:30 pm.

Downtown workers and residents are invited to unwind with friends and co-workers at one of downtown's green spaces. Enjoy the food and live music. Visit: <https://www.downtowncleveland.com/events/walnut-wednesday>

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:

- ✓ Over 150 restaurants and shops, including Heinen's iconic rotunda, are open for businesses.
- ✓ The Cleveland Indians are playing games at Progressive Field at full-fan capacity.
- ✓ Playhouse Square and other arts venues are producing live, box-office theater.

Downtown Cleveland Alliance is a non-profit organization dedicated to building a vibrant downtown district. For more information contact dtcle@downtowncleveland.com or call 216-736-7799.

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.glpublishing.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 Ms. Lisa Fischer and Maimouna "Mumu Fresh" Youssef; a mainstage performance by Karamu House; and a fireworks finale made possible by CL3 Alliance, the Cleveland Cavaliers, Cleveland Browns, and Cleveland Indians.



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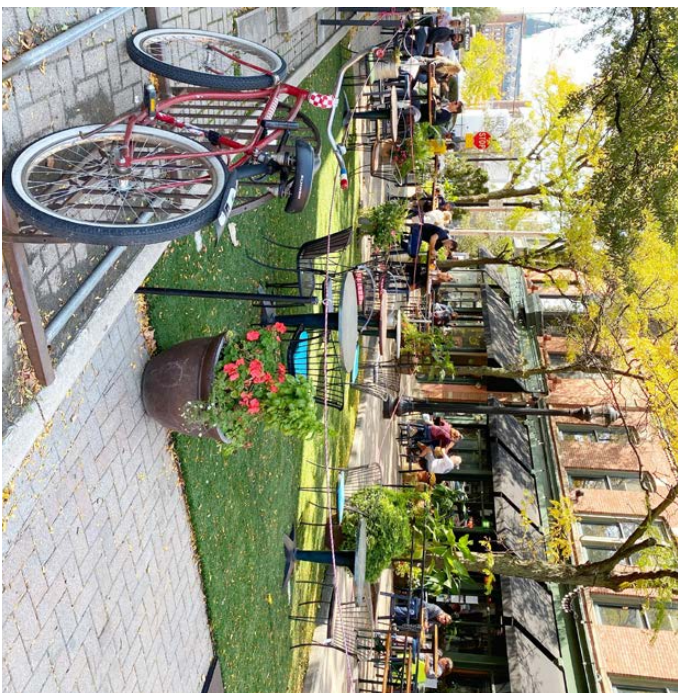
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Market Avenue Closed to Car Traffic

Market Avenue, a one-block brick road in Ohio City, is closed to motor vehicle traffic for the summer and fall seasons, creating more space for patrons to enjoy expanded outdoor dining patios.

Diners can enjoy moon-light meals outside the Great Lakes Brewing Company, Flying Fig, Koffie Café and Market Avenue Wine Bar.

Each restaurant has a different setup for outdoor dining, with additional public seating provided by Ohio City Incorporated.



WALKABOUT TREMONT IS BACK!



See Dr. U.R. Awesome – Bubbleologist & World Record Setter

The 2nd Friday of Every Month from 5-9 pm.

Art, Food, Drinks, Pop-up Vendors, and Street Performers.

Details Coming Soon.

ExperienceTremont.com

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