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A Message from Councilman Kerry McCormack

Dear Neighbor,

As we near the end of 2020, we reflect on the challenges that this year has brought.

From our local community, to around the world, the Corona Virus has attacked our health and economy. While the pain of the pandemic is not over, I see inspiration and hope around us.

Over the past year, neighbors have rallied in support of each other. From medical needs, to helping with food essentials, to posting encouraging signs on our front doors, our community has demonstrated the best of who we are. In addition to supporting each other, we've also scrambled to support our beloved neighborhood businesses as they struggle to keep their doors open.

I am confident that by continuing to follow the public health guidelines and doubling down on our commitment to each other, we will get through this pandemic and we will come out stronger on the other side. I know we can do this, because I've seen the strength and determination of our community. There is no

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doubt that the journey to recover and rebuild will take time, but together we can come out of this as a stronger, healthier and more equitable Cleveland. Let's make sure to do that.

From my family to yours, I wish you a holiday season full of joy and love.

I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood.

Take care,
Kerry McCormack

Cleveland City Councilman, Ward 3
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May Dugan Center's (MDC) Food, Clothing and Fresh Produce Distribution Program has been a safety net for low-income residents in Ohio City and its surrounding communities since its doors opened 51 years ago this year. **The program assists individuals struggling with food insecurity by offering food, clothing, and fresh produce on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month of the year.** These distributions aim to alleviate hunger among low-income residents in the communities through these 20 distribution days. The program works in collaboration with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, the Hunger Network, the Westlake PTA and other individual donations.

In addition to food and fresh produce, the program also provides health screenings, clothing and other necessities available for participants. This was a unique year for May Dugan due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It required the center to quickly adapt to meet all the safety protocols set forth by the Governor and local health departments to ensure the safety of the clients, staff and volunteers. In all of 2019, the center provided over 125,000 meals and during 2020 is projecting to



serve more than 400,000 meals. "We have recruited and involved more than 60 volunteers to assist with the packaging of bags of groceries and produce and to assist with loading the bags on distribution days, said Rick Kemm, Executive Director. We are grateful for the outpour of support from our neighbors, including Councilman Kerry McCormack."

It isn't unusual to see hundreds of cars backed up from W. 41st & Bridge all the way to W. 65th on distribution day. In addition to the food distribution, May Dugan has also served as a distribution

site for toiletries, cleaning supplies and Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) during the pandemic with the support from Matthew 25 Ministries and the Cleveland Rapid Response Fund. Many of the individuals who have visited the center have never been to a food pantry before as a result of losing their jobs or being furloughed.



For more information about the May Dugan Center, please visit: www.maydugancenter.org

Father McNulty retires as pastor of St. Augustine Church after 43 Years

Councilman Kerry McCormack is offering well wishes to the **Rev. Joseph D. McNulty**, who retired this month as director of Catholic Charities Ministry to Persons with Disabilities for the Diocese of Cleveland and as pastor of St. Augustine Parish, a position he has held since 1977.



Rev. Joseph D. McNulty

Father McNulty became pastor of St. Augustine Parish in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood after five years as associate pastor there. St. Augustine Church is known for, among other good works, its regular meals programs for the needy that for decades included Sister Corita. Sister Corita and Father McNulty made numerous media appearances appealing for volunteers and donations for their meal service, especially at holiday times.

Father McNulty, while associate pastor also was an instructor of religious education at Cleveland Central Catholic High School. He was also the Episcopal Liaison for Persons with Mental Illness and their families since 1988.

Ordained to the priesthood May 31, 1969,

his first assignment was as associate pastor of Parma's St. Francis de Sales Parish and coordinator of pastoral counseling at Nazareth Academy.

Prior to his ordination, he occupied part-time positions as both a supervisor and caseworker with the Department of Human Services, Cuyahoga County Welfare Department, and as a coordinator for Project

PEACE (Program of Educational and Cultural Excellence).

Fr. McNulty's educational degrees include a Bachelor of Arts from Borromeo College of Ohio, a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from Catholic University of America, and both a Master of Theology and Master of Divinity from Cleveland's St. Mary Seminary.

Councilman McCormack is also welcoming

Fr. McNulty's replacement, Cleveland-native **Fr. William "Bill" O'Donnell**, C.P.P.S. (Missionaries of the Precious Blood). Fr. O'Donnell has worked in ministries outside of Cleveland and outside of the United States since leaving for seminary in 1964 and being ordained in 1977.



Fr. William "Bill" O'Donnell

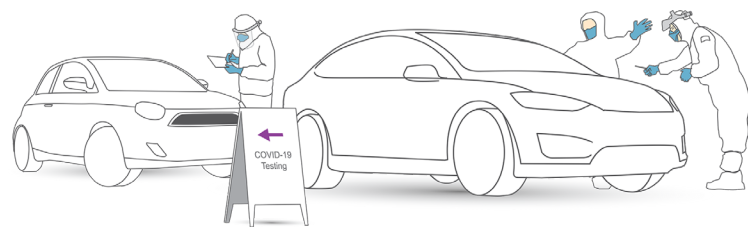
Tri-C offering free COVID testing

Drive-thru and walk-up COVID-19 testing will be offered at Cuyahoga Community College from December through April as part of a partnership with Care Alliance Health Center, a non-profit group providing medical services to residents, regardless of their ability to pay.

The free testing will take place on Thursdays, beginning Dec. 3, rotating between Tri-C sites throughout Cuyahoga County.

Testing at the Metropolitan Campus, 2900 Community College Ave., Cleveland, will take place in the Lot 4 underground garage off Community College Avenue.

The times are 11 a.m. to 4 pm, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11 and April 8. An ID with



name and address is required.

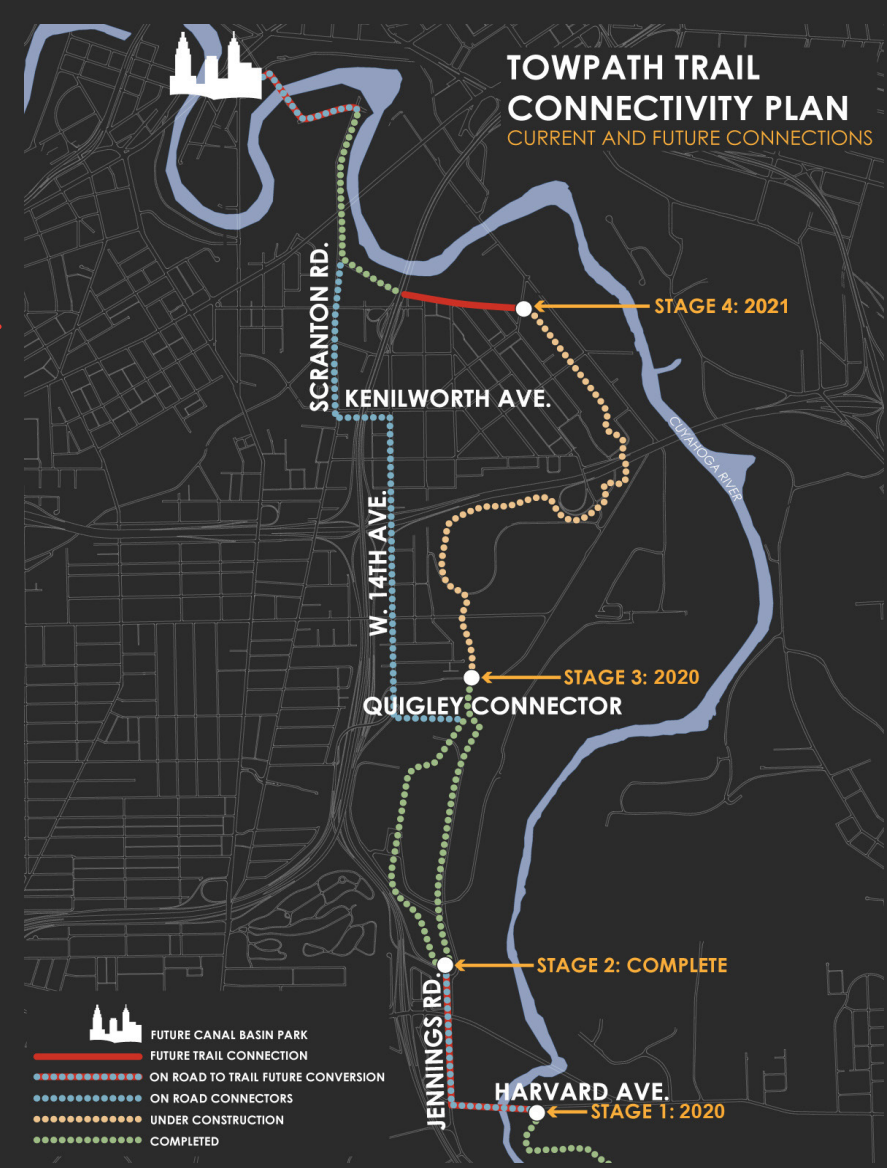
Additionally, testing will be offered at the Metro Campus by Care Alliance on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for the remainder of November and throughout December.

No appointment is necessary on any of the testing days. Testing will be done on a first-come, first-served basis. **For more information visit tri-c.edu/covidtest or call 216-317-1250.**

Towpath Trail Stage 4 Update!

The Towpath Trail travels down the route of the 1832 Ohio and Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor from Cleveland to New Philadelphia. When completed, it will stretch over 101 miles. Here locally, **Stage 4 of the Towpath Trail is near completion and will run 1.5 miles from Literary Road.** In Tremont to the future Canal Basin Park in the Flats neighborhood of Downtown Cleveland.

www.canalwaypartners.com/towpath-trail/canal-basin-park/



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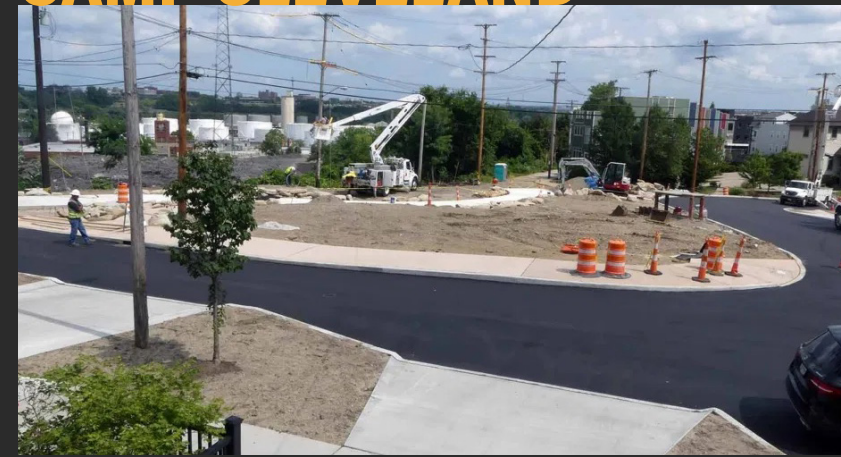
In September 2020, crews installed the pedestrian bridge spanning Literary Rd. connecting the northern end of stage 3 to the southern end of stage 4 via University Rd. Brush and weed overgrowth have been removed along University Rd. providing sweeping views of Cleveland and the Cuyahoga River Valley.

Source: Canalway Partners

CAMP CLEVELAND

Part of the stage 4 project is the addition of historical elements to the greenspace at the corner of University Rd. and W. 10th to commemorate Camp Cleveland's historical significance. Camp Cleveland was the largest of Cleveland's six Civil War training camps for the Union.

Source: Canalway Partners



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MetroHealth recognizes "Shero" Bev Wurm

MetroHealth recently honored eight local women who share their passion for improving the health and well-being of everyone in our community. We call these women "Sheroes."

Longtime Tremont resident Bev Wurm has dedicated countless hours to many community organizations over the years.

Her work as founder and organizer of Friends of Clark Field transformed the area into a welcoming and engaging community gathering space for everyone to enjoy for more than a dozen years. Recent soil remediation efforts stopped all use of Clark Field but efforts are underway to restore it to its former glory.



The title of Shero is so well deserved by Bev. She honors the award as much as it honors her.

Visit www.clevelandhistorical.org/items/show/771 to learn about the rich history of Clark Field, how a dedicated group of volunteers, community

organizations and partners transformed the area into a well-used and much loved community resource, and what lies ahead for the future of the Field.

COVID-19 FAQ's

EMERGENCY WARNING SIGNS

If you develop emergency warning signs for COVID-19, get medical attention immediately. Emergency warning signs include the following:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath.
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest.
- New confusion or inability to arouse.
- Bluish lips or face.

When you're sick, continue to stay in contact with your doctor and follow CDC guidelines.

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COVID-19 utility bill assistance

Money is available to help residents affected by COVID-19 with utility bills like water, sewer, gas and electric.

Relief is only available until December 31, 2020! Funding provided by Cuyahoga County.

If your finances have been affected by COVID-19, you may qualify for relief towards your outstanding balances on utility bills like water and sewer, gas and electric.

- Past due amount must have occurred after March 1
- Income-based eligibility
- Help is only available while funds last

If you are a renter having difficulty making payments due to COVID-19, apply for rent help at neorenthelp.org or call us with questions at 833-377-7368 (RENT).

Apply online while funds last: www.chnhousingpartners.org/utilityassistance

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Stay Safe and Vigilant During the Coming Cold Weather Months

In Cleveland, Mayor Frank Jackson has declared an emergency, urging people to keep a strong guard against the COVID-19 and practice simple hygienic protections:

- Wash hands often.
- Keep social distances from others.
- Wear masks when in public places.
- Stay home as much as possible.
- Keep living areas clean and sanitized.

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**“Wishing you a holiday
filled with peace & love.
And a New Year rich
with blessings.”**

*From Councilman Kerry McCormack
& the Ward 3 Staff*

Watch Council Meetings Online



In spite of these trying times, the work of Cleveland City Council continues. Council has been meeting electronically with virtual public hearings and legislative sessions. Go to www.clevelandcitycouncil.org/calendar to find listings of upcoming committee meetings.



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TV 20 **WATCH (LIVE)**
www.tv20cleveland.com/watch-now/

Councilman McCormack serves on the following committees:
Health (Chair) • Finance • Utilities • Operations
Development, Planning & Sustainability

*HOLIDAYS IN OHIO CITY DECEMBER 2020

Holiday Contest

Dec 3 Show us your Holiday Spirit in one of
to OC's 4 Holiday Contests:

Jan 6 Home Decoration
Ugly Mask (like ugly sweater but for your face!)
Homemade Item (wreath, gingerbread, snowman, etc.)
Business Storefront

Mobile Santa

Dec 17 Santa and his elf friend will be riding around Ohio City
& picking up Santa letters and dropping off candy canes.
Dec 18 If you have a group of kids that would like to see
Santa, please email Kerri Palma at
kpalma@ohiocty.org.

Near West Recreation

All in-person winter programming is on hold, but from NOW through Wednesday, January 13 you can join Near West Recreation for Workout Wednesdays.

Coach Matt will host a weekly virtual workout that kids can participate at home with little to no equipment. All kids that participate will be entered into a weekly raffle for sports bag/equipment. You can checkout Workout Wednesdays on our Near West Recreation Facebook page or by joining our email list.

Please email nearwestrec@ohiocty.org with any questions.

Bikes provided to Tremont Pointe families amid pandemic



Tremont West Development Corporation was able to distribute 34 bicycles, helmets, and bike locks to families from Tremont Pointe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tremont West was originally looking to host a bicycle giveaway near the Towpath Trail for children 18 and under from the Tremont Pointe's subsidized housing community on Saturday, May 30th from 12 – 3pm. A survey was distributed and collected to determine how many bicycles, helmet and locks would be needed for the event.

In partnership with Bike Cleveland, Tremont West was hoping to be able to organize a one mile ride throughout the Towpath Trail, along with bicycle safety training. This would have been the first time this event was held, however had to be cancelled, due to the pandemic.

Instead, event organizers decided to schedule bicycle pick-ups with registered families in lieu of hosting an event, due to expressed need from families wishing to have their children remain physically active during the pandemic. Parents have expressed interest in still taking part of a ride-along on the Towpath Trail once physical distancing restrictions are lifted.

The bicycle giveaway was made possible through funding from Arcelor Mittal. We would also like to sincerely thank donors Ann Marie Riley, Carolyn Bentley, and Keith Sulzer for donating bicycles and locks, along with helmets provided Carol Kaminoski, Injury Prevention and Outreach Coordinator from Metro Health Hospitals Division of Trauma, Critical Care, Burns, and Emergency General Surgery.