



A Message from Councilman Kerry McCormack

Dear Neighbor,

Happy Spring! It's been an exciting start to the year in Ward 3. After years of advocacy, cleanup efforts and construction of the **Towpath Trail**, we finally broke ground on the brand new **Clark Field** park in Tremont. I want to thank everyone involved in the redesign of the park, especially Bev Wurm and Friends of Clark Field! This new park will be a tremendous asset for years to come!

With the warmer weather comes fun outdoor activities and events. Please make sure to check out **our local community development organizations** to find events

and programming near you. You can also find information about community cleanup days and other volunteer activities through their webpages and this newsletter. A listing of our local organizations are on page 3.

As always, thank you for staying engaged in our community and continuing to look out for your neighbors, especially those in need.

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Long Awaited Clark Field Park Ground Breaking



Councilman Kerry McCormack was joined by Mayor Justin Bibb, Council President Blaine A. Griffin and Friends of Clark Field members on Saturday, April 9, for the long-awaited ground breaking of Clark Field Park.



The ceremonial ground breaking kicked-off the nearly \$2.9 million plan to build a brand new park, including a picnic shelter, play areas, water splash pad, basketball and tennis/pickle ball courts. A walking loop will be included and the dog park will be relocated, and there will be a new entrance to the park just north of the Towpath Trailhead that was recently completed. Field sports will be accommodated on informal lawn areas and the eastern portion of the park will become a naturalized meadow with tree plantings.

"For many years the community has been an integral part of the success of Clark Field Park in Tremont," said Councilman McCormack, who represents the area. "Following the demolition of the park and subsequent cleanup work performed by the EPA and Sewer District, the neighborhood rallied to help design and rebuild the new park.

"I want to especially thank Beverly Wurm, Friends of Clark Field and Tremont West Development Corporation for their tireless efforts to ensure that the community has a high quality park to enjoy for many years to come."

Last November, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency completed the \$5.5 million cleanup of contaminated soil at the Clark Field park site which completed the necessary improvements needed to reclaim the park for people. But the journey to reclaiming the 50 acres back to a park has been lengthy.

"Parks like Clark Field help improve the quality of life for the residents in our neighborhoods" Mayor Bibb said. "It is a priority for us to ensure that everyone has walkable access to outdoor courts, play areas and recreation centers throughout the city. This is an exciting time for the Tremont Community and the city of Cleveland."



Tremont Neighborhood Activities and Resources

Tremont Arts & Cultural Festival

The 23rd annual Tremont Arts & Cultural Festival will return to Cleveland's Lincoln Park on Saturday & Sunday, September 17th & 18th, 2022. Saturday, 12 Noon – 7pm, and Sunday, 12 Noon – 5pm. Juried Artists applications will be available by March 1st and Community and Food Booth applications will be available in late March. Visit TremontArtsFestival.com and our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/tremontartsandculturalfestival> for more information.

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) Runs Through September 30, 2022

CHN Housing Partners (CHN) announced today that assistance will soon be available to help residents with water and sewer bills. The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), which will begin on January 18, 2022 and end on September 30, 2022, will help Ohioans at or below 175% of the federal poverty guidelines pay their water and wastewater bills (for a family of four, the annual income must be at or below \$36,375). Call Julie at Tremont West for more information, 216-575-0920, ext. 108.

FREE Home Repair Program

Tremont West Development Corporation
2406 Professor Avenue, Cleveland Ohio 44113
Contact: Julie Dahlhausen, e-mail (juliedahlhausen@tremontwest.org)

tremontwest.org) or by phone: 216-280-8411.

Tremont Shot Finders and Link to FREE COVID-19 Tests

Need Help Scheduling a Covid-19 Vaccine Appointment? Covid-19 vaccinations are here! A team of Tremont residents and professionals have volunteered to help those eligible secure your vaccine appointments around the area. Current eligibility is detailed at coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine. This confidential service is for anyone living, working, worshipping, or having a friend or relative in Tremont.

What You'll Need to Provide:

Name, Phone number, Email (yours or someone you know), Date of Birth, and how many minutes you're willing to travel to a vaccine site (or if you need a ride to your appointment).

What To Do Next:

Email us at TremontShots@gmail.com or call 216-200-8951 and leave a voicemail. A volunteer will contact you to set up your appointment with us. For details on how it works visit TremontShots.com. If you or someone you know would like to join our volunteer team, email Jack at TremontShots@gmail.com.

Also, Cleveland's health centers are open for COVID-19 vaccines and boosters! McCafferty (4242 Lorain Avenue) is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, and Thursdays from

9:00am-6:30pm. You can walk in, or visit gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 216-664-2222 to schedule an appointment.

Merrick House

- Merrick House has **Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) funding** available to assist anyone with rent or utility payments. Payments are limited to \$125.00 per household and will be paid directly to the vendor. Interested parties should call Merrick House at 216-771-5077 for an application.
- Open Gym:** Mondays, Wednesday from 3:30-5:30 pm
City Connects: Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 pm
Martial Arts: Tuesdays, Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 pm
- Childcare Center:** Please contact Merrick House Early Childhood Director Ms. Terissa Davis at 216-771-5077 extension 132 or e-mail her at Terissad@merrickhouse.org
- Tremont Youth Council at Merrick House:** Please contact Harriet Hadley at 216-771-5077 or Harrieth@merrickhouse.org for details.
- MomsFirst:** Donations needed of Clorox wipes and Clorox/Lysol spray. We need them for the Pandemic childcare.

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May – October

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Downtown Cleveland AllianceSM

Downtown's Recovery and Growth

Downtown Cleveland has displayed continued resiliency and steady growth in the start of the year, with new small businesses opening, office workers returning, and weekend visits doubling since last year. With COVID-19 cases dropping back down to summer 2021 levels, vaccination rates reaching almost 73.8% of all adults in Cuyahoga County, and warmer days, we expect to see a surge in activity in the coming months. Visit DowntownCleveland.com/Recovery to view the March Recovery Report for a snapshot of current conditions and key economic indicators as we track Downtown Cleveland's recovery.

Downtown Warms Up for Surge in Activity

Warmer weather is just around the corner, which means Downtown Cleveland is getting ready for the busy season ahead. You may start to notice more Downtown Cleveland Alliance Clean & Safe Ambassadors pressure washing sidewalks and planters, cleaning graffiti and litter, and walking the streets in service of all who work, live, and play downtown. DCA is also hard at work preparing for the return of Restaurant

Week, Walnut Wednesday, Memorial Monday, Tall Ships Festival, Juneteenth Festival, 4th of July, and many other community events to welcome residents, workers, and visitors back into our urban core. As temperatures rise, make an effort to get downtown and support the **over 400 restaurants and shops that are open for businesses**, including 33 new spots that opened in 2021.

Restaurant Week Returns for 16th Year

Downtown Cleveland's Restaurant Week showcases the city's vibrant culinary scene. Over the past 15 years, Downtown Cleveland Alliance has been promoting Downtown Cleveland Restaurant Week to encourage diners to visit their old favorites and try someplace new. Restaurant Week will begin with a kickoff event on May 12th, featuring food tastings offered by some of Downtown's best restaurants and live street music performances. **Enjoy special 3-course menus for lunch and dinner at participating restaurants May 13th – 22nd.** Save the date and plan on getting out to try the best cuisine Downtown Cleveland has to offer.



Don't Give Up the Ship Fund Supports Ohio City's Small Businesses

Early last year Ohio City Incorporated, in partnership with Harness Cycle, launched the small business relief fund, **Don't Give Up the Ship**, to help ten of Ohio City's many small businesses with \$1,500 small grants. The fund successfully met their \$15,000 goal and sent the first round of grants in 2021 to: All-State Hairstyling & Barber College, Cleveland Candle Company, Cleveland Tea Revival, Farkas Pastry Shoppe, Flying Fig, Helm Collective, Le Petit Triangle, Nate's Deli & Restaurant, Ohio City BBQ, and Premier Barber Studio.

There were more applicants in the first round than we could help and between the additional Covid and snow emergency closures it's clear our neighborhood businesses would benefit from a second round. We are currently \$3,000 from our goal of \$15,000 and once we meet the threshold we can send an additional ten \$1,500 grants out in the community. To donate to the fund, please visit our campaign website: mightycause.com/story/Ohc-Giving-Tuesday Every donation, no matter how small, helps!

Introducing the Ohio City Monthly Community Meeting

Ohio City Incorporated (OCI) is now hosting monthly community meetings with the purpose of:

- Maintaining transparency and clear communication on Ohio City Inc. programming, initiatives, and staff roles.
- Providing an accessible platform to discuss major neighborhood-wide updates.
- Ensuring productive relationship building with diverse community stakeholders of Ohio City.

These meetings will be held **monthly on third Tuesdays from 5:30 - 7:00 pm**

at Conway Gathering Space at Urban Community School, 4909 Lorain Avenue.

Meetings begin with a 30-minute casual meet-and-greet for OCI staff and OHC community members. The community meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 pm.

Residents may attend community meetings in-person or via live stream at www.ohiocity.org/community-meetings. Each meeting will be recorded and shared at a later time. Food, childcare, and transportation will also be provided.

For more information subscribe to the Ohio City Inc newsletter at www.ohiocity.org/newsletter or contact Whitney Long Jones by calling 216-658-3053 or emailing wlongjones@ohiocity.org.

Check out 3 new murals supported by Metro West CDO in Ward 3. The "Equality Mural" by Rafael Valdivieso is on the front of Kamal's Tires on the corner of Clark Ave and West 43st St. "Nuestro Barrio Celebra" (pictured below) by Angelica Pozo and the community, is located in Roberto Clemente Park. "The Peace Mural" by Kubra AlHilali is located on the corner of Clark Avenue and West 56th Street.



WARD 3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS



Downtown Cleveland Alliance
216-736-7799 | www.downtowncleveland.com



Metro West Community Development Organization
216-961-9073 | www.metrowestcle.org



Ohio City Inc.
216-781-3222 | www.ohiocity.org



Tremont West Development Corporation
216-575-0920 | www.experiencetremont.com

MONDAY, MAY 9TH 2022

Community Planting Day

Market Ave, Cleveland 44113
Ohio City Improvement Corporation.

9 AM - 12 PM
MARKET SQUARE PARK

To RSVP and find more information, contact Michaela Lowery at 216-781-3222 ext 111 or email at mlovery@ohiocity.org



Secure Interest-Free Loans with HFLA of Northeast Ohio

HFLA of Northeast Ohio (NEO) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote the self-sufficiency of the residents of NEO by providing access to fair financial resources. **We provide interest-free loans to those who are unable to access traditional capital.**

For over 118 years, HFLA has provided loans to residents of NEO through our relationship lending model. We do not base our lending decisions solely on a person's income or their credit score (we pull credit reports that do not include a score). We work through the application process with an individual and learn about them, their relationship to their finances, and their specific needs.

There are three primary loan types:

- The Standard Loan can be applied to most any financial emergency that may arise including home repairs, utility bills, car repair, or funeral expenses among other needs.
- Education Loans help pay for undergraduate, graduate, vocational or technical education for students in NEO.
- Small Business Loans can be applied to grow a new business or expand an existing business.

We have added two new loan products:

- Credit Builder Loan: a small loan, which, paid on-time over a short period can improve an individual's credit score who is credit invisible or has little credit history.
- Pre-approved auto loan: a loan for up to \$15,000 to help individuals avoid, or get out of, predatory loans to purchase much needed transportation.

As a relationship lender, we base our decision making on an individual's income vs. their expenses.

We look for three indicators:

1. That our loan fills a need, not a want.
2. That the applicant can fit our loan payment into their budget.
3. That the loan does not provide a temporary band-aid fix, but a bridge to a more stable future.

www.interestfree.org



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Vote By Mail in the May 3rd Primary Election



CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections is reminding voters that the May 3, 2022 Primary Election is less than a month away and it is encouraging people to Vote-by-Mail.

Voters who wish to Vote-by-Mail must complete and submit a ballot application as soon as possible to allow plenty of time for processing and ballot mailing.

To request a Vote-by-Mail ballot application, visit: www.443vote.us or call 216-443-VOTE (8683). Vote-by-Mail ballot applications are also available at all public libraries.

Take advantage of the convenient way to cast your ballot in this important Election by obtaining, completing, and sending in your Vote-by-Mail ballot application today.



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property taxes**



Cuyahoga County
Together We Thrive

Treasury Department
2079 East Ninth Street
Cleveland, OH 44115

W. Christopher Murray II, Treasurer



What is EasyPay?

EasyPay is a program that allows you to **pre-pay** your current property taxes. **It can be done automatically through your bank or monthly by mailing/dropping your check and pre-payment form to the Cuyahoga County Treasurer's office.** To participate, your real estate taxes must be current or you must be on an active delinquent tax re-payment plan.

EasyPay with automatic deductions



MONTHLY. Your tax bill is divided in half and 1/6 of your bill will be withdrawn from your account around the **5th of each month.** Each **January** and **July**, the adjusted balance due for the tax collection period will be withdrawn on the last day of the collection.



TWICE A YEAR. Withdrawals will occur twice a year on the last day of each collection period in **January** and **July.** You may also elect to have your first half payment made on the last business day of December.



ONCE A YEAR. Your full year tax amount will be withdrawn from your account on the last business day of December, or on the last day of the collection in January. You will continue to receive a tax bill in **June** and **December** informing you of the final amount due, but your payment schedule is controlled by you to fit your budget.

Why enroll?

It's convenient. No more writing checks or standing in line. Scheduled payments will be automatically deducted from your bank account. Pay any time before the half-year bill is due. There are no penalties on pre-payments.

It's economical. Save money on checks and postage. Monthly prepayments with **EasyPay** can earn you a small discount on your taxes.

It's secure. Your personal banking information is kept strictly confidential.

It's assured. Your payment is always on time. No more missed payments or late payment penalties.

It's budget smart. Smaller monthly payments can make budgeting easier. You have the option to pay more or pay less than the pre-pay estimate amount.

NO ANNUAL RENEWAL REQUIRED!

How to enroll...

1. Complete and submit the **EasyPay** prepayment application available on the Treasury's website: www.treasurer.cuyahogacounty.us
2. A separate application is needed for each property.
3. Choose the **EasyPay** option that is best for you: monthly, semi-annual or annual. For annual and semi-annual **EasyPay**, select the withdrawal date for your first half payment (December or January).
4. If you select monthly withdrawals, a payment schedule will be sent to you.



EasyPay with pre-payment forms

Upon enrollment, customers may choose to receive **monthly pre-payment forms** that state the amount due, the date due, the parcel number and the property address; they come with a **return envelope addressed to the Cuyahoga County Treasurer.** Personal checks or money orders are accepted.

To receive **EasyPay** pre-payment forms please call a tax payer services representative at **216-443-7400**

Should you wish to **discontinue your automatic payments**, you must notify the Cuyahoga County Treasury Department in writing, **at least 10 days before the next scheduled withdrawal.**



For quick and easy enrollment in the EasyPay program, Please visit our website: www.treasurer.cuyahogacounty.us

Questions?

Call (216) 443-7400 for assistance

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