### GORDON SQUARE ARTS DISTRICT THEATERS SEE INSIDE!

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## DETROIT SHOREWAY EDGEWATER PARTS OF OHIO CITY & STOCKYARDS LEVELAND LIBBOR LIBBOR

**Nosotros Somos Ward 15 -** Al servicio de los vecindarios de Cudell, Detroit Shoreway, Edgewater y parte de Ohio City y Stockyards

# Cleveland 311







### Announcing the New 311 Website

The City of Cleveland is pleased to announce the new 311 website!

311 is a centralized, non-emergency hotline and website that provides residents with easy access to City services and information. 311 is a direct and efficient way to report issues and request services, enhancing efficiency and responsiveness. Whether you are a resident, visitor, or local business, our goal is to make it easier for you to report non-emergency issues in a streamlined, user-friendly experience.

From potholes to graffiti to bulk trash pickup, communicating with the City is now easier than ever. Visit the 311 website to submit a non-emergency service request that gets routed directly to the department to complete the work. A reference number will be automatically generated. See the website for a full list of service requests available today at clevelandohio. gov/311.

The 311 call center you know and rely on isn't going away. To speak to a trained Citizen Support Specialist, dial 311 while within the city limits or dial 216-664-2000 from anywhere. You can request a reference number when you call.

To get started, visit online at clevelandohio. gov/311 or call 311 (216-664-2000).

Thank you for being part of our community.

### Anunciamos el nuevo sitio web de 311

¡La Ciudad de Cleveland anuncia el nuevo sitio web 311! 311 es una línea directa y un sitio web centralizados para casos que no son de emergencia y que brindan a los residentes un fácil acceso a los servicios e información de la Ciudad. 311 es una forma directa y eficiente de informar problemas y solicitar servicios, lo que mejora la eficiencia y la capacidad de respuesta. Ya sea que sea residente, visitante o empresa local, nuestro objetivo es facilitarle la tarea de informar problemas que no son de emergencia en una experiencia simplificada y fácil de usar.

Desde baches hasta grafitis y recolección de basura voluminosa, comunicarse con la Ciudad ahora es más fácil que nunca. Visite el sitio web 311 para enviar una solicitud de servicio que no sea de emergencia que se envía directamente al departamento para completar el trabajo. Se generará un número de referencia automáticamente. Visite el sitio web para obtener una lista completa de las solicitudes de servicio disponibles hoy en clevelandohio.gov/311.

El centro de llamadas 311 que ya conoce y en que confía no desaparecerá. Para hablar con un especialista en asistencia ciudadana capacitado, marque 311 si se encuentra dentro de los límites de la ciudad o marque 216-664-2000 desde cualquier lugar. Puede solicitar un número de referencia cuando llame.

Para comenzar, visite clevelandohio.gov/311 o llame al 311 (216-664-2000).

Gracias por ser parte de nuestra comunidad.

### cleveland **PUBLIC** theatre



In the heart of our very own Gordon Square Arts District, Cleveland Public Theatre (CPT) aspires to raise consciousness and nurture compassion through groundbreaking performances and life-changing education programs. Programming has a focus on socially relevant topics that are often presented in unconventional ways and spaces. The theater complex has two intimate performance spaces that are wheelchair accessible and feature gender neutral restrooms. Concession areas feature savory and sweet options from local eateries such as Lake Erie Scoops.

If you're looking for fun, innovative and character-building activities for a young person, consider enrolling them in one of CPT's free education programs. CPT's Cleveland Act Now's CAN Academy, serving youth ages 7 to 14, offers an afterschool and summer camp program held at the theater. Celebrating 30 years, the Student Theatre Enrichment Program (STEP) is Cleveland's longest-running arts-based workplace development program for students ages 14–19 where students get paid to learn! Alumni of CPT programs have gone on to have successful careers in theater, film, business, production and more. The theater also has a 25+year program in partnership with Y-Haven, a branch of the YMCA, that teaches performing arts and technical aspects of theater while addressing critical personal, interpersonal, and job-related skills to adults who are recovering from homelessness and/or going through substance use disorder treatment.

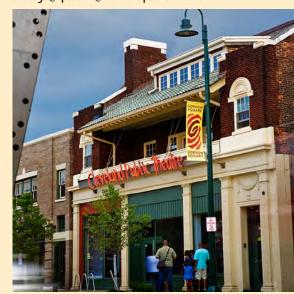
CPT also has a commitment to presenting work by local artists that reflect the neighborhood it serves; thus, many of the theater's collaborators live in Gordon Square. It also presents Teatro Público de Cleveland, the city's first theater dedicated to raising up Latine voices, and Masrah Cleveland Al-Arabi which features work by people who share a heritage from Arabic-speaking cultures with an interest in theater, regardless of experience.

Día de Muertos



The theatre's 2024/2025 season kicks off in September and continues through May of 2025. Upcoming highlights include the workplace dramedy not-for-profit (or the equity, diversity or inclusion play) in October 2024. Also coming this fall is the local premiere of Priyanka Shetty's critically acclaimed show The Elephant in the Room presented by CPT and Federation of India Community Associations Cleveland; Priyanka Shetty appears courtesy of Actors' Equity Association. This November, Masrah Cleveland Al-Arabi's The Outstretched Hand is back after a sold-out run last year.

CPT is committed to equity and access to the arts. Patrons may "Choose-What-They-Pay" starting at \$1 for all productions except where special seating is indicated. For more information and updates about upcoming events and performances, visit www. cptonline.org or check out the theater's social media platforms using the tags @cptcle or @clevelandpublictheatre.



### Saturday, November 2, 2024

11:00 am - 10:00 pm, CPT campus | 3:30pm "Skulls & Skeletons"
Procession / Procession de "Calaveras y Esqueletos"
FREE ALL AGES EVENT / EVENTO GRATUITO PARA TODAS LAS EDADES

FREE ALL AGES EVENT / EVENTO
A vibrant cultural celebration
for the whole family, the
annual "Day of the Dead"
honors the memory of those
who have passed and is a
treasured holiday in Mexico
and throughout Latin America.
Featuring Altar Installations,
Latin Food, Live Music,
Folk Art Market, and FREE
Entertainment for All Ages.

Una gran celebración cultural para toda la familia, el evento anual "Día de Muertos" honra la memoria de seres queridos y amigos fallecidos, es una de las tradiciones más representativas de la cultura Mexicana y se ha popularizado mucho a través de Latinoamérica.

Con instalaciones de Altares, comida latina, música en vivo, Mercado de Artesanías, y entretenimiento

GRATIS para todas las edades.

Presented by Cleveland Public Theatre/Teatro Público de Cleveland & Día de Muertos Ohio Artistic Director: Héctor Castellanos Lara.

## Performing Arts In our Arts-For-All District

Learn about our Gordon Square Arts District Theaters





Talespinner Children's Theatre 1305 W. 80th St. (Inside 78th Street Studios)

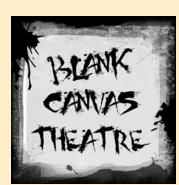
216-264-9680 | www.talespinnercle.org

Founded in 2011, Talespinner Children's Theatre (TCT) is Cleveland's dedicated theatrical home for all children and families, creating inclusive, accessible, and meaningful professional productions and educational opportunities that engage, empower, and inspire.

TCT fosters local talent with six productions each season. Two productions are created for children ages 0-5 and four are geared for those ages 5 and up. Performance locations vary between 78th Street Studios (west side) and the Rainey Institute (east side). What is most impressive is the level of sensitivity that TCT takes to include children with any physical restriction or need. Productions are designed to be sensory friendly and accessible, including tools and designs for those who may be deaf, hard of hearing, visually impaired or with sensory processing disorders and/or on the Autism spectrum are offered.

TCT's fall classes are registering now! TCT offers classes for children ages 1-17, with topics including acting, musical theatre, improv, the popular Dungeons and Dragons and Drama class, and a full youth performance production of Stuart Little. All of TCT's classes are designed to be adaptive and inclusive so every student gets a truly individualized experience, providing a welcoming space where every child can be wholly themselves and shine. TCT offers scholarships for every class. More information on levels and the application process can be found at talespinnercle.org/scholarships.

TCT is also currently enrolling participants in The Troupe: a performance opportunity for adults aged 18+ with disabilities, funded by the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The Troupe will be performing The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales in November, with rehearsals beginning in September. To register, contact Rebecca Burcher at Rebecca@TaleSpinnerCle.org





Blank Canvas Theatre
305 W. 80th Street
(Inside 78th Street Studios)
440-941-0458
www.blankcanvastheatre.com

Artistic Director Patrick Ciamacco founded Blank Canvas Theatre in November 2011, realizing his lifelong dream of opening and operating a new and different theatrical venue for the Cleveland community. Located within 78th Street Studios (78thstreetstudios.com), Blank Canvas Theatre provides professional quality productions, placing emphasis on entertainment at affordable prices.

With a diverse annual season designed to attract many different types of theatre-goers — whether American classics, new works, off-beat musicals, drama, or comedy, everyone will find something to enjoy at Blank Canvas.

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS:
LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS | October 18 - November 2

**ALTAR BOYZ** December 6 - 21





Near West Theatre (NWT) has a unique identity as a grassroots, intergenerational theatre with an emphasis on serving the needs of individuals and its community. From their large-scale intergenerational musicals to the RISE! After-school Program, NWT has something for everyone.

As a community theatre, anyone can participate in NWT in a multitude of ways: whether by auditioning for a show, participating in programs, or enjoying performances as an audience member. NWT's mission is to create life-changing theatre arts experiences that empower its community, and their vision is to build a socially just world through the transformative power of community theatre.

NWT believes high-quality live theater should be accessible to everyone. All tickets for their mainstage productions are \$20 with a Pay What You Choose option available.

Upcoming productions include: SCROOGE! (November 22 -



December 8), Little Shop of Horrors (January 31 - February 16, 2025), Beautiful: The Carole King Musical (March 28 - April 13, 2025) and the RISE! Production of Finding Nemo, Jr. (May 1 - 4, 2025). RISE! is an after-school program for students and artists, ages 8-13, who want to strengthen

RISE! is an after-school program for students and artists, ages 8-13, who want to strengthen their theatrical skills, discover hidden talents, and build long-lasting friendships through transformational arts experiences. No experience necessary!

Programming occurs Monday through
Thursday from 4 PM to 6 PM at Near West Theatre.
The fall session will last for six weeks from October

28 - December 5, 2024. The spring session will last for 12 weeks from February 3 - May 4, 2025. There will be no programming the week of March 24-28, 2025. Registration for RISE! opens on September 9, 2024. For more information about registration, program schedules, and cost, please visit: nearwesttheatre.org/programs/rise-after-school



October 3, 4 and 5, 2024
First tour departs at 6:30pm

Join the walking dead for West Clinton Historic Haunts, Detroit Shoreway's family-friendly interactive walking tour, designed to both fright and delight audiences with a selection of vivacious, villainous, and hilarious Cleveland histories. Hosted by the West Clinton Block Club in cooperation with Near West Theatre, visitors will experience a lantern-lit, guided walking tour filled with artistic storytelling as they navigate the charming residential areas surrounding Gordon Square Arts District.

The run time is approximately 60 minutes. The tour is just under a mile long. Parental guidance is suggested. All ages are welcome. Some subject matter may be most appropriate for ages 10 & up.

Purchase tickets online at: www.nearwesttheatre.org/shows-events/2024-25/west-clinton-historic-haunts-2024





Arts

Maelstrom

Collaborative



Maelstrom
Collaborative Arts
5403 Detroit Avenue
440-941-1482
www.maelstromcollaborativearts.org

Founded by Jeremy Paul, Maelstrom Collaborative Arts is an interdisciplinary arts company dedicated to serving the growth of innovative artists at the borders of diverse genres, disciplines and media. Part theater, part art gallery, part experimental arts lab, Maelstrom and its artists work outside of traditional categories.

Previously a nomadic theater company named Theater Ninjas, Maelstrom moved into the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood in 2017. The company became Maelstrom Collaborative Arts a year later. Since then, Maelstrom has produced over a hundred shows in their storefront studio space at West 54th and Detroit Avenue as well as provided a performance/rehearsal venue to other artists and arts groups in the area. During the pandemic, they began producing performances in their storefront windows and started PORTAL, a monthly rotating public art series..

In fall 2024, Maelstrom will be producing a series of shows by the MCA Cadre, a trio of local artists that combine music, dance, filmmaking, and storytelling. Throughout October and November there will be new works by Jasmine A. Golphin, Naomi Columna and Cassandra Harner aka Dusty Bucket.

The company has a pay-what-you-can policy on all performances, and uses open calls to find most of their artists. Anyone interested in creating work at MCA can visit maelstromcollaborativearts.org to sign up for their newsletter and to hear about their next call for artists.

### ¿Qué hay en su boleta?

(Elecciones generales del 5 de noviembre de 2024)

• Ohio Supreme Court Races

 Issue 1, to establish an independent redistricting commission in Ohio and end politicians' involvement in drawing political maps

• Cleveland Metropolitan School District levy Voters will be able to download a sample ballot on the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections website (www.boe.cuyahogacounty.gov), or you can visit

www.vote411.org to find what's on your ballot.

Early voting begins on October 8 and
Election Day is November 5, 2024. Doublecheck your polling place or get early voting
information at www.boe.cuyahogacounty.gov.

La concejala Jenny Spencer alienta a todos los residentes del Ward 15 a que se tomen el tiempo para asegurarse de estar registrados y ejercer el poder de su voto en las elecciones generales del 5 de noviembre de 2024.

Para asegurarse de que Usted, sus vecinos

Para asegurarse de que Usted, sus vecinos y sus seres queridos estén registrados, es fácil consultar en línea en www.VoteOhio.gov y volver a registrarse si es necesario. La fecha límite para registrarse como votante es el **7 de octubre.**En Ohio, ahora se necesitan ciertas formas de identificación emitidas por el estado para votar. Puede encontrar más información en

www.boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/es/votantes.

Muchas elecciones y cuestiones importantes
estarán en la boleta de las elecciones generales
de 2024, entre ellas:

Carrera presidencial de EE. UU.
 Carrera al Senado de EE. UU.

 Carreras a la Corte Suprema de Ohio
 Issue 1, para establecer una comisión independiente de redistribución de distritos en Ohio y poner fin a la participación de los políticos en el diseño de mapas políticos
 Impuesto al Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Los votantes podrán descargar una boleta de muestra en el sitio web de la Junta Electoral del Condado de Cuyahoga (www.boe. cuyahogacounty.gov/es), o pueden visitar www. vote411.org/es para encontrar lo que hay en su boleta.

El voto adelantado comienza el 8 de octubre y el día de las elecciones es el 5 de noviembre de 2024. Verifique nuevamente su lugar de votación u obtenga información sobre el voto adelantado en www.boe.cuyahogacounty. gov/es.

### **Cleveland City Council Redistricting**

In 2008, Cleveland voters supported a charter amendment that called for the number of wards to be determined by population. The charter amendment mandated that wards be odd-numbered, comprised of approximately 25,000 people, and not exceed a maximum of 25 wards or a minimum of 11 wards. As a result of population loss reported in the 2020 Census, Cleveland City Council must drop two seats from the current 17 seats down to 15.

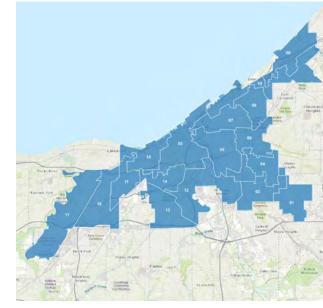
City Council has selected Triad Research Group as the external group to lead and determine recommendations for the redistricting process. Triad is led by Bob Dykes, a longtime data analyst and statistician. He is joined by Dr. Mark Salling, a prominent demographer and former Cleveland State University Professor of Urban Affairs as well as Kent Whitley, an urban planner, political consultant, and organizer. "Two of our primary goals are to

have natural boundaries and keep neighborhoods together. Community involvement will also play a key role in redistricting," states Council President Blaine Griffin.

Triad is in the process of conducting research including but not limited to census tract reviews and compiling and analyzing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data. Potential maps will be shared with community members in advance of current Council members taking a vote on the map. Additional details about the community involvement process and opportunities for resident feedback will be shared in press releases and on Cleveland City Council's social media in the near future.

It is expected that Council members will vote on a new map by the end of 2024.

The filing deadline for potential candidates for 2025 municipal elections is June 11, 2025. The



primary election for wards with more than two candidates is scheduled for September 9, 2025. The municipal general election is scheduled for November 4, 2025.



### **What's On Your Ballot?**

(November 5, 2024 General Election)

Council Member Spencer encourages all Ward 15 residents to take the time to ensure you are registered, and to exercise the power of your vote in the November 5, 2024 General Election.

To make sure that you, your neighbors and loved ones are registered, it's easy to check online at www.VoteOhio.gov and re-register if necessary. The voter registration deadline is **October 7.**In Ohio, **certain forms of State-issued I.D.** 

are now needed to vote. More information can be found at www.boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/voters. Many important elections and issues will be on the 2024 General Election ballot, including:

- U.S. Presidential Race
- U.S. Senate Race

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## ARC WARD

CUDELL, DETROIT SHOREWAY, EDGEWATER, PARTS OF OHIO CITY & STOCKYARDS

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and are required to work two 45-minute shifts during the school year-one in the morning positions available to serve for one of our Ward 15 schools. Guards will earn \$20.50 each day Available **Crossing Guard Positions** Crossing Guards are recruited by the City year-round and currently, there are multip

### Cudell Commons Update Marion C. Seltzer and

decision came after months of advocacy by the Friends of (CMSD) announced that it was pausing plans to construct Cudell Commons Park. Marion C. Seltzer School in the Cudell neighborhood. This In May 2024, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

educators, Ms. Samaria Rice of the Tamir Rice Foundation, engagement process and start fresh on design. and others in order to reimagine a new community from the Bibb Administration, community members, CMSD comprised of Council Member Spencer, representatives This summer, CMSD convened a Steering Committee

and provide comment on the proposed Marion C. Seltzer Thursday, September 19 at 6:30 pm at Marion C. New School Design and Site Plan will take place on Seltzer Elementary School, 1468 W 98th St. The entire The first community engagement meeting to view

community is invited to attend.

## Budget Town Halls To Return

and another in the afternoon. Call 216-623-5577 for complete details and for an application

2025 General Fund Budget. These meetings will have two goals: education and engagement. the most and voice their concerns. First, the meetings will provide an overview of the General Fund Budget process. Second, the neetings will provide an opportunity for residents to identify City services that matter to them This Fall, the City of Cleveland will host "Budget Town Hall" public meetings on the upcoming

budgeting process Cleveland / Bibb Administration seeks to build on the success of last year's inclusive and engaged Budget. Combined with feedback from City Council Operational Review Hearings, the City of Feedback from residents will be analyzed and used to help fine tune the General Fund

Member Spencer's or the City of Cleveland's social media for updates. Any questions about the meetings can be directed to Anne Tillie (atillie@develandohio.gov, 216-664-2391). Dates, times and locations have not yet been finalized, but residents can follow Council

## Ward 15 2024 Senior of the Year - Phyllis Bambeck

was recognized in May 2024 as Ward 15 Senior of the Year. Congratulations to West 71st Street resident Phyllis Bambeck, who

in teaching, Phyllis moved to Cleveland. She taught at both Catholic children as a single parent. schools and in the Cleveland Public Schools while raising her two eleven children. After graduating from Seton Hill College with a degree Phyllis Bambeck was born in Pennsylvania in 1940, the oldest of

around the corner from her home. She also does community pop-up gardening, in duding planting zinnias and a resplendent milkweed seventeen years, she has co-coordinated the Liberian-American Garden garden along Wakefield Avenue. Phyllis reads and recommends books got really busy."In addition to coordinating Kentucky Garden for After retiring in the mid-1980s, according to Phyllis, "That's when

painting, including the "Reading is a Treat" sign at West 65th Street and Franklin Boulevard. mostly with reading and vocabulary skills. Many neighbors will also recognize Phyllis's for the Ohio Literacy Council and volunteers with children at Gallagher School, working

Phyllis is well known by her neighbors on West 71st and helps to host get to know one another. "front yard parties" in the summer, which gives neighbors a chance to

coordinates the annual rummage sale and Lenten fish fries. Phyllis is a longtime parishioner at St. Colman Church, where she

Cleveland Clinic and she does sewing for neighbors. farmer's markets. Phyllis recently began making comfort quilts for vintage style aprons and various totes and bags and sells them at area According to Phyllis, sewing is her "sanity." She makes baby quilts,

my personal philosophy in life. If I have something you need and I don't blood, working on her 18th gallon. Says Phyllis, "Giving blood is part of blood about six times a year and has given more than her weight in Phyllis says that God has blessed her with good health. She gives

might mean life or death to you." need it, it is immoral not to give it to you. In the case of blood, I don't miss that pint and it

Phyllis hopes to keep active for a good many more years.

## Karam Senior Living & Walz Library Construction

Set To Begin Next Year

Campus at West 80th Street and Detroit Avenue. A new housing to the new Cleveland Public Library (CPL) Walz proceed towards construction in 2025 and opening in 2026 award by Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority for Karam Senior Living, which will add affordable senior Corporation (NWN) is celebrating its completed fundraising affordability for future residents and allows development to (CMHA) of 51 housing vouchers both deepens the project's Northwest Neighborhoods Community Development

members and partners to thank now, including Cleveland NWN Executive Director. "We have so many community couldn't be more thrilled that our vision of Karam Senior Enterprise Community Partners, Cleveland Public Library, City Council, the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Living will become reality," said Bridget Kent Márquez, "After months of working against the odds, we

us to better serve our

that everyone who neighbors and ensuring

"We are excited to reimagine the Walz Campus

be a hub for learning the Walz Campus will enhanced resources, and CEO of CPL. "With commitment to this and growth, allowing Jr., Executive Director said Felton Thomas,

will provide 51 residential units to seniors who earn less than 30% and 50% of the area median income (AMI). walks through our doors can thrive." As a \$23 million investment, Karam Senior Living

Developed in partnership with CPL, the energy-efficient,



accessible building will include a new Walz Campus for intergenerational connections and wrap-around

older residents, and all community members will grow programming. thrive"by creating shared spaces where young scholars, residents with low incomes."The Karam and Walz facility maintain, provide, and increase housing affordability for fulfilling a core goal of its 2024-2028 Strategic Plan:"To will manifest NWN's vision of "A place where anyone can NWN's development work for Karam Senior Living is

## 65 New Trees on Elton and Dudle

with grant funds for tree planting and maintenance. trees on Elton and Dudley Avenues between West 73rd Street and West 80th an initiative of Cuyahoga County to promote a healthy tree canopy in our county Street. The grant was funded by the Healthy Urban Tree Canopy (HUTC) program. Northwest Neighborhoods CDC (NWN) has received a grant to plant 65 new

and many other community benefits. Maintenance and care for the newly planted trees will be provided by Ward 15's own Neighborly Tree Care LLC, a female-owned south of Madison Avenue make this a priority location for planting within our excellent locations for tree planting. In addition, lower tree canopy percentages Ward. Increased tree canopy has public health, traffic calming, climate resilience Wide tree lawns and few overhead utility wires make Elton and Dudley

Council Member Spencer would like to thank and congratulate NWN, the



Courtesy of NWN

Ward 15 Tree Canopy Steering Committee, Shallanna Davis and the Emerald Necklace Block Club, and all other partners who made this grant a reality.