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A Message from Councilman Kerry McCormack

Dear Neighbor,

Happy Spring to you and your family! As we enter into the summer months, I encourage you to take advantage of the many activities Cleveland has to offer. From our parks, to community festivals, arts & culture, neighborhood small businesses and beyond!

In this newsletter, you will find important information about what's going on in our neighborhoods, as well as resources to find out additional information. I encourage you to read through it and get involved in our community.

As always, please make sure to look after your neighbors, especially those who may be vulnerable. Enjoy the warm weather and, as always, feel free to reach out to my office with questions or concerns.

Best,



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Near West Recreation Basketball Court Unveiling

Gatorade Expands Its Commitment to Equity in Sports by Encouraging Young Girls to Stay in the Game

From Laureus USA

Research has shown that girls are dropping out of sports at twice the rate of boys*.

Gatorade, a brand that has championed women in sports with its longstanding history, is working to combat this issue by expanding access and breaking down barriers to inspire the next generation of female athletes to get in the game. Through the Gatorade Equity in Sports initiative, the brand is committed to making an impact in local communities by helping reduce the barriers to play.

As a part of this initiative, Gatorade has partnered with Laureus USA and Good Sports to support young girls in sports and physical activity. In April, Gatorade surprised Near West Recreation, a Cleveland, OH-based organization serving more than 1,000 young people annually, by unveiling the newly refurbished Lakeview Terrace Community Center basketball court with a celebratory event. Young girls from Near West Recreation's programs were taken through a series of passing and shooting drills aimed at improving their skills on the court - and received an additional treat: a surprise video from WNBA superstar A'ja Wilson on the benefit of sports and encouraging young athletes to stay in the game.

As a part of Gatorade's Equity in Sports partnership with Laureus USA and Good Sports, **Near West Recreation will be receiving new sports equipment worth \$50,000 in retail value, which will encourage girls to get into and remain in the game. Gatorade also supplied all athletes with a kit that included the new limited-edition Caitlin Clark bottle drop.**

Laureus USA is a nonprofit, grantmaking organization committed to



improving the lives of youth and uniting communities through the power of sport. Globally, Laureus Sport for Good champions sports programs that enhance the social and emotional development of children and young people. Through grantmaking, advocacy, research, and backbone capacity-building support, Laureus supports 300 programs across 50 countries. Over the last two decades, they have helped to change the lives of almost 6 million children and young athletes.

Good Sports is a national nonprofit that aims to drive equitable access in youth sports and physical activity by supporting children in high-need communities to achieve their greatest potential, on the field and in life. Since 2021, Good Sports has been an official Equity in Sports partner of Gatorade, providing more than \$1,150,000 retail value of new sporting equipment to sports organizations throughout the country to support thousands of youth athletes who may not have the same means or opportunity to play.

This initiative by Gatorade highlights the brand's commitment to drive equity in sports and ensure that every athlete has access to the tools and opportunities they need to succeed.

**Source: Women's Sports Foundation*



Cleveland Public Market Corporation Assumes Management of West Side Market, Names Staff

On Wednesday, April 24, the Cleveland Public Market Corporation (CPMC) took over day-to-day operational management of West Side Market from the City of Cleveland. Per the terms of a management agreement signed between the City and CPMC, the City maintains ownership of the Market's land and facilities, while CPMC can independently operate the Market to plan for new programs and improvements, efficiently respond to merchant needs, and oversee the execution of the Market's masterplan.

"For years I, and other community stakeholders, have been advocating for a new management model at the West Side Market; a model that honors the history of this Cleveland icon, the wellbeing of its current vendors, and the future vision of a vibrant marketplace," said Ward 3 Councilman and CPMC Board Member Kerry McCormack. "I am thankful that Mayor Bibb listened to the community and acted quickly on these critical reforms."

CPMC is led by an independent board of directors and Executive Director Rosemary Mudry, a veteran of Cleveland community development organizations who began her career at Ohio City, Inc. Mudry's first charge prior to CPMC taking on management of the Market was to hire the organization's full-time staff. The inaugural CPMC staff are:

- **Tiffany-Allen White**, Director of Operations: White has served in non-profit leadership for over 15 years, with emphasis on strategic restructuring and program implementation. She most recently served as director of community relations and internal operations at Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc.
- **Liz Andjeski**, Finance and Office Manager: Andjeski comes to CPMC having spent the last 12 years managing operations and finance systems as controller and "office boss" at Spice Hospitality Group.
- **Camille Rose Dickson**, Director of Development and Partnerships: Dickson brings nearly a decade of non-profit experience to CPMC. She most recently served as development and communications manager at the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland.
- **Patrick Evans**, Director of Marketing: Evans has more than 16 years' experience in marketing and advertising in Cleveland. He has led the marketing efforts at multiple local non-profit visitor destinations, including previously serving as director of marketing at Cleveland Museum of Natural History.
- **Demarco Jones**, Assistant Director of Operations: Jones is a seasoned property management professional with experience in commercial and residential spaces.
- **Gabe Fedor**, Merchant and Leasing Coordinator: Fedor has more than 5 years' experience in property management and commercial tenant leasing.



The Tremont Farmers Market



Tuesdays; May 21st - Oct. 8th rain or shine: The Tremont Farmers Market provides fresh food and produce from local farmers and merchants. **Market times are 3:30 - 4:00pm for vulnerable populations and 4:00 - 7:00pm for everyone else.** Join us in growing our community and help our local farmers flourish!

Walkabout Tremont Second Friday of Each Month, May - August (5pm - 10pm): Walkabout Tremont showcases the Best of Tremont's creative, diverse, and walkable neighborhood – Professor Ave. and other surrounding streets.

Join us as an Exhibitor at Walkabout Tremont: Northcoast Promotions, the official vendor manager, is seeking creative vendors from many disciplines, including (but not limited to): visual artists, photographers, sculptors, jewelers, fiber artists,

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mixed media artists, artisans and crafts persons of all kinds, as well as small nonprofits. To be considered, complete the Exhibitor application online: experiencetremont.com/featured-events/walkabout-tremont/

Tremont Greek Fest

May 24th – 27th: Join us for the Annual Tremont Greek Festival Filled with Homemade Greek Cuisine and Live Entertainment. Bring your family and friends to Cleveland's original Greek Festival to enjoy savory food, lively dancing, old-world shopping and much more this Memorial Day weekend.

HOURS:

Fri., Sat., Sun., Noon - Midnight; Mon.: Noon - 8 pm

LOCATION: 2187 W 14th St.

Taste of Tremont



Sun., July 21st (Noon - 8pm) 2406 Professor Ave.: Taste of Tremont is an Annual Street Festival that Showcases the Best of Tremont's Food, Art

and Entertainment. As the neighborhood is home to some of the most talented chefs in the region, we invite you to join us and enjoy a day filled with exquisite cuisines, live music and shopping. **FREE admission.** Visit: experiencetremont.com/featured-events/taste-of-tremont

Tremont Arts & Cultural Festival



Sat., Sept. 21st, 12pm - 7 pm; Sun., Sept. 22nd, Noon - 5pm in Lincoln Park: This festival celebrates the cultural and artistic diversity of Tremont and greater Cleveland, and supports the endeavors of its visual and performing artists. Vendors include artists selling their paintings, sculptures, jewelry, etc.; live music and dance performances; children's village, and more. **Free admission. Artists application deadline is June 14th.** For details visit: tremontartsfestival.com



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Ohio City Community Meetings

Third Tuesdays, 5:30pm: Join us each month as we gather at Urban Community School to socialize and hear about projects impacting the neighborhood! Childcare, food, and transportation is provided for those in person and livestreams are also available. For details, visit: ohiocity.org/community-meetings



TREMONT & OHIO CITY EVENTS

GardenWalk Cleveland Comes to Tremont & Ohio City

Saturday, July 8th, 10am - 5pm: GardenWalk Cleveland is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization that offers free, self-guided tour of gardens, urban farms, vineyards, orchards, and more in neighborhoods of Cleveland, Ohio. Tour at your own pace in each of the annually designated Cleveland neighborhoods.



Near West Recreation

Basketball, Lacrosse, Baseball, Softball, Track, Soccer, & Volleyball

Near West Recreation is an affordable year around recreation league serving youth and families on the Near West Side. Our mission is for all youth participants to get better, compete in a healthy manner, and have FUN!

To learn more about the league and how you and your family can get involved:
Visit: www.nearwestrec.org
Email: nearwestrec@ohiocity.org
Text: NWR to 216-242-4416



Track and Field Registration Now Open! Next Up: Soccer Registration Begins in July



Community volunteer coaches and team sponsors are always needed!

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Ohio City Clean and Safe Ambassadors

Ohio City Improvement Corporation has made a big switch to changing service providers at Block by Block. While we will be keeping all the familiar faces you have grown to know and love over the years. Our service phone number has changed to contact Clean and Safe Ambassadors for things such as the following:

- **Hospitality Assists:** escorts (to your car or a bus stop; umbrella escorts, etc.), restaurant recommendations, providing directions.
- **Business contacts**
- **Security checks**
- **Vehicle Assists** (car lockouts, car jumps, flat tire fixes)

Clean and Safe Ambassadors patrol the district, acting as the eyes and ears for police. On duty until midnight at the latest, Ambassadors follow a preset schedule and make regular stops by businesses on their route to gather and share security-related information and concerns. To request a safety escort, call 216-903-7509.

Lakeview Connects

Lakeview Connects is a planning process to build a cohesive vision for the future infrastructure of the area in and near Lakeview Estates, including the Flats West Bank and the larger Ohio City neighborhood.

Currently, the City of Cleveland is evaluating options for the future of the Willow Avenue Lift Bridge, which connects pedestrians and cyclists to Whiskey Island, as well as trucks to nearby industries. Additionally, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) is working on a new master plan for the future Lakeview Estates. The Lakeview Connects plan looks to build off this momentum for the area and address infrastructure and quality of life issues that have plagued both the local residents and the industrial users.

Goals of Lakeview Connects

- Build off the Vision For the Valley Vision Plan
- Leverage the work of the underway Lakeview Estates Master Plan
- Facilitate stakeholder-driven input of the Willow Avenue Lift Bridge replacement project
- Prepare a connectivity strategy including potential infrastructure and transportation system improvements that connects to current and future assets
- Look at potential long-term infill development strategies and development concepts
- Address air quality injustice that has long plagued the neighborhood & find ways to creatively mitigate truck traffic impact

What's Happening Next

Lakeview Connects is currently in the Community Engagement phase To learn more, visit our website: LakeviewConnects.com

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SAID GOOD BYE TO:

2406 Professor Avenue - Imposters Theatre

We said good-bye to Michael Busch, the owner of Imposters Theatre in January after working closely with this improv-theatre as a part of the Tremont West Development Corporation Business Incubator program. Busch worked with TWDC staff to locate a larger, permanent location at 4828 Lorain Avenue. We are grateful to have worked with them and wish them well!

Website: imposterstheater.com

NOW OPEN:

2406 Professor Avenue - Cool Water Dry Goods

Natalie Stanley opened Cool Water Dry Goods, her first brick and mortar retail space, on March 10th.

The winner of the Tremont Storefront Incubator Program space at 2406 Professor Ave., Cool Water Dry Goods offers vintage clothing and goods. Stop by and say hello! Natalie is very excited to be in Tremont and plans to do collaborations with



other businesses in the neighborhood as well as take part in Walkabout Tremont. **Store hours** are Wed. through Thur.:

12pm - 5pm; Fri. through Sat.: 12pm - 6pm; Sun.: 12pm - 5pm.

coolwaterdrygoods.com

1020 Kenilworth: Jazzy Cakez

Jasma Love is opening a cake shop. She will have cookies, cakes and other items available for pick up or order.

jazzycakez.net



910 Literary Rd: Battr

Battr is a South Korean inspired dessert spot. They will have bubble waffles, crepes and gelato.

battrweets.com



1009 Kenilworth: Art Tremont

Art Tremont is a locally sourced fine art supply and class space.

arttremont.com



2362 Professor Avenue: 6th City Barbershop & Salon

Full service barbershop and salon providing modern, urban, and classic cuts, shaves, hair color, perms, waxing, and more!

sixth-city-barbers.square.site



Meet Zin Min Thu

American Council of Young Political Leaders Delegate



I am honored to welcome Myanmar national Zin Min Thu to Cleveland as part of the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) exchange program!

I am a proud AYCPL alumnus, having visited the nation of Indonesia in February 2023. I am hosting Zin to fulfill my commitment to the organization – and to share Cleveland's rich cultural, political, and economic attributes with the world.



ACYPL's mission is to give "emerging leaders the opportunity to travel internationally and make new connections with their peers across the aisle and around the world." The organization operates exchange programs that give tomorrow's leaders a global perspective, from delegations of Americans traveling abroad to groups of international leaders traveling to the U.S.

Myanmar is located in southeast Asia. Throughout its history, the nation has experienced several military takeovers, the most recent in February 2021. Zin currently works for Myanmar's "government in exile," a collection of professionals working to support and restore the government, which was overturned in February 2021. She is dedicated to restoring and preserving democracy within Myanmar's borders.

For her safety, Zin works for the Myanmar government in exile and lives in Thailand, a nation that borders Myanmar. During her stay in Cleveland, Zin hopes to learn more about governmental communication with and to residents. This includes how governments hear and use feedback from the public and how the government communicates openly and honestly with residents, organizations, and constituents.

Besides shadowing me, Zin has attended a Cleveland Guardians game, experienced the Cleveland Orchestra, and participated in team-build activities with other AYCPL fellows visiting Cleveland and northeast Ohio.

Zin hopes to apply what she learned in Cleveland to restore democracy in Myanmar and improve living conditions for the nation's 55 million residents.

Please join me in welcoming Zin to Cleveland and wishing her success in bringing positive change to Myanmar!

– Kerry McCormack



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Juneteenth

The annual two-day festival returns **Friday, June 14th, and Saturday, June 15th** bringing marquee live music performances, live visual artists, fireworks show, educational workshops, and more to Downtown Cleveland!



Food Trucks

Downtown Cleveland, Inc.'s summer food truck series returns with added events activating the core every weekday from **now through September 30th**. New this year, Downtown Cleveland introduces Truck Stop Thursday, completing the Monday

through Friday Summer lunchtime series. Learn more at: downtowncleveland.com/food-trucks

Ambassadors

Downtown Cleveland's Clean and Safe Ambassadors remain hard at work enhancing the core's atmosphere, enticing people to return Downtown, and creating a bustling, vibrant,

and welcoming hub. Call 216-621-6000 to access any ambassador services or to report an issue. Also, be sure to check the Ambassadors out in their new blue and green uniforms!

Tree Grant

Downtown Cleveland recently received a **\$27,000 grant from Cleveland Tree Coalition** and planted seven Celebration Maples along the upper walkway at Settlers Landing, improving Downtown's Tree Canopy.

This grant will also enable the installation of additional trees along a portion of Superior Avenue.

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Annual Meeting &

Board Elections

THURSDAY, MAY 23RD | 6PM
SCRANTON ROAD BIBLE CHURCH
3095 SCRANTON ROAD
CLEVELAND, OH 44113



FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

8:00 TO 11:00 A.M.
3900 Euclid Avenue. Free parking. No appointment necessary.

- Receive NEORSRD account support or make a payment!
- Get your sewer or stormwater billing questions answered!
- Apply for or discuss your cost-saving options in person!
- Open by phone until noon (216.881.8247) or visit neorsrd.org/save

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October 5 • November 2 • December 7

Our Customer Service staff is always available during normal weekday business hours by phone and in person.

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216-738-2067

GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org

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216-738-2067

Scan this QR Code with your phone's camera for more info!



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TEXT "FOOD" to 63566 for information regarding SNAP (food stamps), applications, food pantries, free produce and hot meals.

Need Assistance in Ohio City?
Call Our Clean & Safe Ambassadors
216-903-7509



Services include: safety escorts, vehicle assistance, directions and more throughout the commercial corridors.

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DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Help is 3 Numbers Away



211 maintains a comprehensive database of community resources and provides information and referrals for essential needs like:

- Food
- Housing and Shelter
- Utility Assistance
- Healthcare Services
- Government Services

Call for Information and Community Resources

- Transportation
- Legal Services
- Counseling and Support Groups
- Disaster Aftercare
- Everything Else

211 also can connect people with information and referrals for:

988 provides crisis support for:

- Thoughts of Suicide
- Mental Health Crisis
- Substance Use Crisis
- Emotional Distress

Call for Suicide Intervention and Crisis Support

988

Whole Person Care

Call for Emergencies

911

911 provides first responder dispatch for:

- Medical Emergency
- Fire
- Reporting a Crime
- Disaster Response
- Life Threatening Situation