Duck Island Cocktails & Forest City Brewery: Spreading Seasonal Joy
Written by Jimmy Perkins

Forest City Brewery was already known for the revitalization of their historic beer garden and their original fresh brews. Recent renovations and an innovative cocktail venture called “Duck Island Cocktails” add to the growing list of reasons to visit the brewery and beer hall.

Owner Jay Demaggal and head brewer Jim Waltz always consider the neighborhood when making business and brewing decisions. “If the community is happy, we’re happy” said Waltz. Their newest projects aim to keep the neighborhood smiling. This Fall, the beer hall underwent remodeling to better host events while Waltz opened Duck Island Cocktails. The first Ohio producer of cocktails on tap.

Waltz, a Cleveland native, started the Southern Tier Ohio producer of cocktails on tap. This background as well as his passion to be part of the scene and to help our friends and business partners Randy Phillips, Simon Ellett, and Mike Summerfield. Their impact, along with his history to experiment with Duck Island Cocktails to his signature drinks. For example, his Kringle Cocktail, made in the holiday spirit, can be poured from a keg, garnished with a cinnamon stick, and is instantly ready to be enjoyed. “Locals businesses get it,” said Waltz referring to the ease at which a cocktail can be served.

The cocktail options are on a seasonal rotation and include current choices like Pumpkin Spice Sangria and Lemonade Chiller. This past summer, kegged mimosa was an enjoyable selection. After Christmas, a Duck Island Mule creation will be ready for distribution. “Forest City Brewery is the testing ground,” said Waltz. “We want the neighborhood’s approval before we send the cocktails out into the world.”

Waltz credits lots of his success and willingness to experiment with Duck Island Cocktails to his partners Randy Phillips, Simon Ellett, and Mike Summerfield. Their impact along with his history in beer and wine, contribute to what influences his process for beer and cocktail creations. Although, these processes are very different.

“The process for beer creation involves lots of production. Cocktail creation is more like a mixologist in a lab,” said Waltz.

Besides stopping by Forest City, cocktails on tap can also be tried at McGinty’s Pub in Lakewood and Fratello’s in Avon Lake. New cocktail creations are also announced on the Duck Island Cocktails Instagram account: duck.island.cocktails.

The 5,000 square feet of the 1860s beer hall have also undergone some exciting changes. The layout of the hall, including the stage and bar area, have been remodeled to better host future events. The bar itself is amongst Cleveland favorites. Once the same bar from Tremont’s historic Literary Tavern, star Robert De Niro was known to visit this exact bar while filming The Deer hunter in Cleveland, during the late 1970s. Anyone renting the hall gets the bar, the beer garden, and a bartender included.

The beer hall’s stage has also been reshaped with the community in mind. (Continued on page 6.)

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Registration for the 2019 NWR Basketball season is open from 11/21 – 12/21. The league is open to boys and girls ages 7-17, and the cost is $40. You can register at ohiocity.org/nearwestrec. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Keri Palma at nearwestrec@ohiocity.org or 216-781-3222 ext. 108

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Get involved in the Neighborhood Food Drive!

This year, Central Tremont is inviting other block clubs to engage in “friendly competitions” to see which group could bring in the most donations for three (3) categories in the annual Tremont/Duck Island/Irishtown Bend Holiday Food Drive – of nonperishable food items and paper products along with cash and checks. The ultimate goal is to help food pantries, like St. Augustine, Pilgrim, St. John Cantius, Immanuel Lutheran, St. Malachi, Westside Catholic Center, and Greater Cleveland Food Bank to feed our near west families and children in need in the holiday season. The “Grand Prize Winner” for the 2017/2018 challenge was Central Tremont – therefore, they are issuing the challenge for the upcoming 2018/2019 season.

Last year (2017/2018) featured the most participating block clubs (8): Auburn-Lincoln Park, Central Tremont, Duck Island, Holmenden-Buhler-Rowley/Mentor-Castle-Clark, Irishtown Bend, Metro North, and North of Literary – up from four (4) in 2014 – and were joined by a Tremont West staff team. Last season’s holiday food drive featured the most canned goods, paper products and check donations collected - the equivalent of 27,197 (or $10,275 in cash/checks and 2,281 food items). For the purposes of last year’s competition, which brought in more check donations than ever before, each dollar donated by check was considered equivalent to two items (for example a $50 check donation was considered to be 100 items of canned goods).

Last year, donations were taken to the food pantries at St. Augustine, Pilgrim, St. Michael, Westside Catholic Center in December – and late December donations were delivered in January, 2018 to all 8 food pantries to help re-stock the for the rest of the year.

Here’s How to Donate and the Guidelines for this Season’s Holiday Food Drive:

**Items Needed:** Canned goods, nonperishable boxed food items, paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, napkins) as one item each.

**Counting:** Food and paper products are counted individually – unless they are cellophane wrapped and sold as a set (example: a four-pack of paper plates is counted as one item in the office Manual). Canned goods and individually wrapped paper products count as one item each.

**Cash/Checks:** You may also donate by cash/check if you prefer. Checks must be made out to the food pantry of your choice – however, to count in the competition, for verification purposes, checks must first be delivered to the block club food drive coordinators, or to the Tremont West offices (2406 Professor) – who will deliver them to the respective food pantries.

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For more information, contact your block club food drive coordinators or Scott Rosenstein (scottrosenstein@tremontwest.org – 216.575.0920 ext. 106) & Dharma Valentin (dharma.valentin@tremontwest.org – 216.575.0920 ext. 102) at Tremont West.
It is a beautiful day in Tremont as I sit in the courtyard between buildings and its adjoining pharmacy. I always enjoy walking while I read my paper through my wireless ear buds. I walked down the street this morning with workers from the neighborhood and downtown who will be whisked away by the RITA shuttle shortly.

In an amazing way how far we have come from a community on a personal level to a county that is not only a threshold to other major corridors yet so far. Thewand and parental ways that segregated our community seems distant now. We are now the most connected and vibrant neighborhood in Cleveland. Amazingly we became more economically diverse as well.

We added our share of high-end housing but also provided updated housing for regular working people as well. The hundreds of new housing, apartment and condo units rebuild the demand on our historical housing to the pull of high-paying jobs that replaced by first-time home buyers in our market. These new neighbors put in sweat equity to fix up their homes and hired local contractors for the things that they could not handle. Yes...the contractors could still afford to live in our neighborhood. As well as the school teacher, police officer, bartender...home health aide. We live, work, play and play with our neighbors.

The undulated land in Tremont has become one of the biggest sources of revitalizing and reconnecting this community. The complete Towpath and Red Line Greenway trails provide off-street connections to the new Inshatown Bend Park as well as downtown. There are thousands of people who live and work along the corners and corridors of Tremont. Places that sat dormant or were challenging sites before are now bustling with people making the overall community feel safer. Our local businesses and restaurants have thrived as well. Most are able to remain open for most of the day due to the increased presence of small and medium sized businesses.

We have completed the kitchen from a transit poor area to one that is connected to over 70% of the jobs in the county.

The previously mentioned RITA Shuttle is a fixed-route shuttle that holds 10-12 people and gets them safely and quickly through the neighborhood to Steelyard Commons and the W 25th Rapid Station which has an employment center of its own. In the process, Tremont has become less dominated by cars and friendlier for people reliant on multiple modes of transportation.

We welcome the neighborhood, business owners and developers to join us in making this vision of 2030 based on our strategic plan a reality.

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Camp Cleveland
Tremont’s Civil War Legacy

By Chris Roy

The fall of Fort Sumter in April 1861 created great excitement in Cleveland. People gathered in meeting halls and on street corners to discuss the news. Bands played. Young men crowded into Grays armory, responding to President Lincoln’s call for 70,000 volunteers. Recruiting officers organized and attended “war meetings” and prodded men to enlist on the spot. Dignitaries gave patriotic speeches.

Throughout Ohio and across the country, military training facilities were hurriedly created. In Cleveland, five army camps were established in 1861. All closed by the end of the year. These were:

- Camp Taylor at what is now East 35th Street and Woodlawn Avenue.
- Camp Wood at what is now East 37th Street and Woodlawn Avenue.
- Camp Tod, located along Woodlawn Avenue.
- Camp Brown, located at what is now East 66th Street and Euclid Avenue.
- Camp Wade, established in the northeast corner of Tremont (then known as University Heights).

Camp Wade’s borders were West 7th Street on the west (then known as University Street), West 5th Street on the east (then known as Hirschel Street), Literary Road on the north and Jefferson Street (then known as Franklin Street) on the south. This was part of the site that, in 1862, became Camp Cleveland. Silas Stone, a real estate dealer, leased the property to the State of Ohio for the sum of one dollar.

From December, 1861, to July, 1862, there were no training camps in or around Cleveland. But things changed as 1862 unfolded. By that time, war fervor had begun to cool and the difficulties of maintaining high recruitment levels became more stark. The Union’s horrible losses at Shiloh in April, 1862 (2,000 casualties from Ohio alone), and incursions toward Washington DC by General Stonewall Jackson in May, 1862, dampened Ohioans’ interest in enlisting. Clearly, the war was not going to end as quickly as many predicted, and on August 4, President Lincoln called for 300,000 more troops under the Militia Act of 1862.

Camp Cleveland thus was established that summer. Its footprint mirrored that of Camp Wade, although the new facility extended Camp Wade’s borders north from Literary Road to Railway Street (now University Road), and south from Jefferson (Franklin) Street to what is now Marquardt Avenue (see original Army illustration, upper right). For the remainder of the war, Camp Cleveland was the only military camp in northeast Ohio.

By early August, 1862, Camp Cleveland’s barracks were under construction, built primarily by civilian carpenters. A headquarters area west of University Street (now West 7th) and south of Jefferson contained buildings for the camp staff; two for the commandant, three for quartermaster’s stores and a stable. An arsenal was located in the center of the camp. Other structures included a guardhouse and a chapel. Natural springs and a well supplied the camp’s drinking water.

Barracks were made of unfinished wood and were 20 feet wide and 60 feet long. Each held 32 men and had a stove for heating. Soldiers slept on un-planned wooden bunks, using straw for mattresses and knapsacks for pillows. When government supplies arrived, each soldier received a grey wool blanket. Meals were brought into the barracks and dished out to each man. A typical evening meal consisted of meat, vegetables, soup and bread. Coffee was drawn by dipping cups into a large kettle. Milk, butter and sugar were rarely available. Troops had to stand while eating due to a lack of barracks furniture. Shelves were used as tables.

Property owner Silas Stone spent his own money to improve the Camp Cleveland grounds. Approaches were graded to accommodate the omnibuses which ran to and from the camp, bringing soldiers’ families and friends, as well as interested citizens.

Recruits (average age: 26) started arriving at Camp Cleveland in mid-August, 1862. Enlisted men’s clothing was traded for trousers of blue wool and dark blue frock coats, and dark-blue caps called “kepis.” Men of all ranks wore a type of shoe that extended an inch or two above the ankle, tied with a single lace. Shirts were made of a cotton/wool combination called “domet flannel.”

By early December, 1862, Camp Cleveland housed almost 4,200 soldiers. This number was the highest of the war. For the next few years, the Camp’s population would fluctuate wildly as companies headed south and new recruits arrived.

Cannon and rifle squads were soon organized. The regular two-a-day drills could be frustrating because (due to limited availability) few soldiers were issued rifles. Most used no firearms whatsoever, while a handful used old Prussian muskets. Ancient flintlocks and heavy Austrian rifles were used for guard duty only. The role of guards was multifaceted: peacekeeper, sentinel and even jailer for those imprisoned in the guard house for crimes ranging from misuse of passes and disobeying orders to drunkenness, theft and desertion.

In their leisure time, soldiers received visitors, wrote letters, attended worship services, held picnics, listened to music and ventured into Cleveland to frequent the city’s many taverns, see the sights or have photographs taken. Bands often came to Camp Cleveland to entertain the troops. Street vendors sold souvenirs and photographers set up shop to take pictures of soldiers in their new uniforms. “Bass-ball” games were played on the parade grounds.

In November, 1862, construction began on a hospital complex at the southeast corner of Hirschel and Franklin Streets, now West 5th and Jefferson. Unaffiliated with Camp
Cleveland, but solely extant to serve Union soldiers, it was called the United States General Hospital Cleveland (USGHC). With 320 beds, USGHC was one of 204 such facilities erected nationwide during the Civil War—a total of 136,984 beds. The 3.76-acre complex consisted of a main building (300 feet long, oriented north to south along Herschal Street), a half dozen wards and myriad detached buildings. The main building fronted Herschal. At the crest of the ridge overlooking the Flats was Ward I: the Pest-House (contiguous disease ward). Close by was the morgue. Other structures included an office and forage house; a stable and stable sheds; and a mess house.

Wards comprised double rows of iron beds with a central passage. Small tables were located between each bed. Each ward was heated with large stoves and lit by hanging lamps. Plank walkways were laid between each ward.

The hospital opened in December, 1862. A chaplain served as moral officer, librarian, cemetery supervisor and mail distributor. Male nurses and cooks were usually convalescing soldiers. Women served as nurses, light-diet cooks, washer women and kitchen help. Wards were cared for by convalescing soldiers. Food was prepared by “colored cooks.” The US Government allocated 14.5 cents per day for each soldier’s hospital rations.

Ill and wounded soldiers headed for the Camp Cleveland hospital would generally arrive by train at Cleveland’s Union Depot on the lakeshore where they would be transported by various means—private citizens, omnibus hacks (carriages), volunteers from the Ladies’ Aid Society—to the USGHC. Some may already have spent months in hospitals downtown. All told, 3,028 soldiers received care for gunshot wounds, illnesses and diseases before the facility closed in late summer of 1865. Roughly 90 patients died at USGHC. Most deaths were due to disease, primarily malaria, typhoid, diarrhea and measles. One man died of liquor poisoning and another slit his throat rather than undergo an amputation without anesthesia. Only six died from wounds received in battle.

When the day arrived, a last roll call was made, absentees were noted, knapsacks were strapped on, the Secesh Cannon boomed, and the first of many marches began. Often accompanied by local military organizations, soldiers trekked approximately two miles through the Flats and up Superior Street to Union Depot. Throng of citizens lined the route with handbills, flags flying, drums beating and bands playing.

The contrast between the relative calm of Camp Cleveland and the frightful chaos below the Mason Dixon Line could hardly have been more recent. Battles large and small were fought. Tens of thousands died in battle. Even more died of disease. Sick and wounded soldiers who could safely be transported endured long treks back north, many to hospitals at Union Depot and Camp Cleveland. Fortunate souls—those spared crippling wounds or debilitating illnesses—also came north for periods of leave or discharge following their term of enlistment. By the thousands, they too arrived first at Union Depot and then marched or were transported to Camp Cleveland.

On April 9, 1865, General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia. Shoulterding the weight of war and the loss of their president, soldiers began coming home. Those returning to northeast Ohio traveled mostly by rail, arriving first at Union Depot near the lake. Troops then marched through downtown—receiving accolades from gathering crowds and enjoying meals provided by the city. They then continued on to Camp Cleveland where they received their pay and relinquished regimental colors, flags and arms. Other public property was turned over to a supply officer. They then received furloughs, along with orders to return at a specified date for “de-mustering.” Between June and August 1865, some 11,000 returning soldiers were mustered out through Camp Cleveland.

In July, 1865, Camp Cleveland was closed and disassembled, with the property returned to its lessor, Silas Stone, who sold it to a group of investors. The land subsequently was surveyed and divided into building lots. Many of the barracks were sold to private individuals and, although it has never been researched, several likely ended up as tool sheds or chicken coops on properties scattered around the neighborhood.

For a large percentage of northeast Ohio soldiers, Camp Cleveland was the point of rendezvous, preliminary instruction, regimental furloughs and de-mustering between 1862 and 1865. More than 15,000 officers and men from Camp Cleveland served enlistments lasting from 90 days to three years on battlefields and in camps and garrisons throughout the country. For these men, the war experience began in what is now Tremont. If they were lucky, the trauma of war ended here as well.
Block Club Happenings

"Block Club Happenings" is compiled by Tremont West staff with direct input from Block Clubs.

Auburn-Lincoln Park

A recent monthly meeting on November 16th at Rose-Mary Center, Lt. Michael Bailey from the 2nd Precinct provided information about the upcoming elections. Lt. Bailey mentioned that the 2nd District's annual sock & underwear drive for the homeless community, Donations for the Homeless, is underway. Donations can be dropped off at Tremont West or contact Sgt. Tim Maffo-Judd to pick up a Monopoly. Lt. Bailey also discussed the importance of leadership training, providing resources and development to grassroots leaders. Lt. Bailey also discussed the upcoming events and guided the group to the next meeting date.

Duck Island

The Duck Island Block Club met on November 6th at Forest City Brewery to discuss the upcoming elections and work on various projects. Members discussed the need for more communication and coordination among block clubs. The group also discussed the importance of leadership training, providing resources and development to grassroots leaders. The group agreed to continue working on the upcoming elections and to plan for future meetings.

North of Literary

North of Literary Block Club's most recent meeting was November 20th at 6:30pm. In partnership with Tremont West, the club hosted a meeting to discuss the upcoming elections and work on various projects. Members discussed the need for more communication and coordination among block clubs. The group also discussed the importance of leadership training, providing resources and development to grassroots leaders. The group agreed to continue working on the upcoming elections and to plan for future meetings.

Forest City

Forest City Block Club's meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. The club meets at Forest City Brewery at 6:30pm to discuss various issues and projects. The club is committed to working towards a better community and encourages all residents to attend meetings and participate in discussions.

Inside Tremont

Tremont, 58.9% of eligible voters cast ballots in 2018 (33.71% in 2014). This is good news! Co-Chairs Kate O'Neill and Jonathan Petrea will be at the Tremont West offices (2406 Professor) or for more information, contact Michelle Broome by phone at (216) 668-1356, or e-mail: michelle@westernreservoir.org. Architect Matt Hagemeyr will be our Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 11th, at Forest City Brewery. The 2nd District will began their annual sock and underwear drive for the homeless community, Donations for the Homeless, is underway. Donations can be dropped off at Tremont West or contact Sgt. Tim Maffo-Judd to pick up a Monopoly. The club hosted a meeting to discuss the upcoming elections and work on various projects. Members discussed the need for more communication and coordination among block clubs. The group also discussed the importance of leadership training, providing resources and development to grassroots leaders. The group agreed to continue working on the upcoming elections and to plan for future meetings.
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Tremont History Project

**2019 Calendars**

Make Great Gifts!

2019 calendars will be available at the Tremont History Project's next meeting on Saturday December 15th, 10am at the Jefferson Library or by calling Eileen at 440-785-6315. This St. John Cantius stained glass window is featured on cover and inside the calendar.

**Tremont West Renting Affordable Housing Units**

Greeting Tremonters, we have great news from Tremont West Development Corporation. In an effort to maintain affordable living in Tremont. Recently, Tremont West has acquired a two-family house in the area located off W. 14th Street. A family home, two bedrooms down, with utility room in the unit, with washer and dryer. Rent for this unit will be between $750.00 to $850.00 per month. Both units come with stove and refrigerator. There is a washing machine and dryer in the basement. Presently we are rehabbing the units and believe they will be complete mid-December 2018. If you are interested in renting in the area, please call Housing & Property Manager Keith Moore at 216-575-0920 ext. 110. Don’t wait, call today … this below market rate units will not last!… Don’t be last….call today.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**A Christmas Story House 5K-10K**

Saturday, December 1st 9am-?

Look for traffic delays throughout Tremont and Duck Island communities

**Re-Opening of the South Branch Library**

Saturday, December 1st, 10am-6pm

**MetroHealth Tree Lighting**

Saturday, December 1st, 3-6pm Hot Cocoa & Entertainment at the Main Campus Outdoor Quad

**Prohibition Repeal Supper Club**

Sunday, December 2nd, 6:30 – 9:30pm at Prosperity Social Club

**Grocery Store Tours: Heart Healthy & Low Sodium**

December 3rd & 10th at 1PM & 3PM

3569 Ridge Road, Challenge for a great prize! Please RSVP to Michelle at 216.281.0872 ext. 294

**Jolly Storytime Trolley**

Thursday, December 6th, 5-8pm and Saturday, December 8th, 1-4pm at South Branch Library. The Polar Express will be read, with hot chocolate brewing and bells to ring. Register at: www.eventbrite.com/d/oh--cleveland/cleveland-prosperity-social-club

**Walkabout Tremont**

Friday, December 14th & January 11th, 5-10pm,

www.walkabouttremont.com (See page 7.)

**Cookie Walk at St. Theodosius**

Friday, December 14th, 1:30-8pm, Race at 4pm (See ad above.) hermescleveland.com

**Santas in Tremont**

Saturday, December 8th, 1:30-8pm, Race at 4pm (See ad above.) hermescleveland.com

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**Convergence-continuum presents Burning River Brass**

Sunday, December 16 & Monday, December 17, 7pm at Pilgrim Congregational UCC (See ad on front page.)

**Friends of (Amigos de) Clark Field Fundraiser**

Sunday, February 17th, 1-4pm at St. Augustine’s Walsh Hall. (See above for details.)