Celebrate All That’s Brewing in Tremont for The Holidays!

Tremont – Home to the world-famous “A Christmas Story House,” the Tremont neighborhood is a great destination to visit over this holiday season. The neighborhood is also home to many great bars, restaurants, and retail establishments, as well as a unique art scene that is featured on the second Friday of each month during the Walkabout Tremont.

Tremont West Development Corporation is partnering with local businesses and Walkabout Tremont to produce the 6th Annual Tremont Holiday BrewHaHa – celebrating all that’s brewing in Tremont for the holiday season! The BrewHaHa will take place on the second weekend of December (December 9th – 11th) featuring free Lolly the Trolley rides to 11 destinations including the Tremont Holiday BrewHaHa PopUp Shop & Party on Friday December 9th and WalkAbout Tremont openings and A Christmas Story House (open until 11 p.m.).

Props from certain events benefit free community programming in Tremont. Visit tremontbrewaha.com for more information or call (216) 272-3560.

Other Holiday Events:
- A Christmas Story House 5K/10K Saturday, December 3rd @ 9am
- Banyan Tree’s Hot Toddy Party Saturday, December 3rd, 12–9pm
- Repeal of Prohibition Party 8-10pm at Prosperity 755 Starkweather Avenue Thursday, December 8th, 6pm at Jefferson Library Lincoln Park is a bustling hub of activity and events in our beloved Tremont neighborhood. And the park’s focal point of activity and enjoyment is the gazebo. It is frequently used for weddings, live music, theater and other performances, or just a shady spot to enjoy the park and have a picnic.

The current gazebo is many decades old and, despite efforts to maintain and preserve it, has outlived its useful life and needs to be replaced. The Friends of Lincoln Park request your help in raising the funds needed to build a new and improved gazebo for Tremont residents and visitors to enjoy. Funds raised will be used for demolition of the existing structure, construction of the new gazebo, and an escrow account for ongoing maintenance, repairs and electrical service.

While we are currently evaluating options and gathering quotes, desired features of the new gazebo include:
- A larger footprint of at least 21 feet to allow for increased usage;
- Electric service with multiple outlets for increased versatility;
- LED lighting to maximize safety and minimize operating cost;
- Security cameras to further enhance safety;
- Free WiFi service for the gazebo and surrounding area in the park;
- A classic, attractive design that complements its surroundings while being practical;
- Modern, low maintenance, decay resistant materials to insure decades of enjoyment.

A final design and contractor will be selected this December, with construction targeted for Spring of 2017, allowing for full use and enjoyment of the gazebo by Summer 2017. We ask you to join us at this public meeting on December 8th, 6pm at the Jefferson Library to review the plans. Please join us by becoming a supporter of this project and help bring a new gazebo to Lincoln Park!

There are many ways to support this important project:
- Donate online, conveniently and safely using this website; tremontgazebo.org
- Mail or drop off a check, payable to Tremont West Development Corporation, 2406 Professor Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44113. Be sure to note on your check “Friends of Lincoln Park Gazebo”

Tremont West Development Corporation is serving as the fiscal agent for Friends of Lincoln Park.

All donations are 100% tax deductible as a charitable contribution.
**Tremont History Project**

On Saturday, February 18, 2017, we will sponsor another screening of The Deerhunter film. Look for more information in a future Inside Tremont.

2017 calendars are here! Ukrainian pysanky (photo above) are on the cover and they also highlight the month of April. They make great Christmas gifts! Call Eileen at 440-785-6315 to order. In addition, they will be available at the next Tremont History Project meeting, Saturday, November 19, 10am, Jefferson Library. $10 each - if mailed, additional cost will apply.

**November 19, 10am, Jefferson Library. $10 each.**

**Literacy Tutoring Program Comes to Tremont Montessori School**

Greater Cleveland Volunteers is proud to announce the AARP Foundation Experience Corps national literacy tutoring program will begin this school year at the Tremont Montessori School. The program also exists in other schools in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District for students in grades K-3.

Joy Banish, Greater Cleveland Volunteers executive director states, “AARP Foundation Experience Corps is a proven program made up of volunteers who are dedicated to helping children become great readers before finishing third grade. The goal is to improve children’s literacy, strengthen communities and help develop cultures of inspiration in schools.”

“We have found that both the students and tutors benefit from the program,” Ross Jones, AARP Foundation Experience Corps program manager explains. “Students make progress from the personal academic assistance as well as the relationship that develops with their tutor. Volunteers benefit by being able to share their enjoyment of reading and their life experiences in order to make a difference in a child’s life.”

Greater Cleveland Volunteers is the host agency in Cuyahoga County and are looking for literacy tutors for students in grades K3 who:

- Are at least 50+ years of age
- Can volunteer time to tutor children who need help learning basic literacy skills
- Will agree to and pass a criminal background check
- Can serve at least five hours a week during the school year.

Contact Greater Cleveland Volunteers at 216-391-9500 x 119 or rjones@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org

**Tremont West Now Offering Home Safety Improvement Rebate Program**

Tremont West, Cleveland Police Second District and ArcelorMittal are excited to collaborate on the Tremont Home Safety Improvement Program. This program will provide a match for funding for home safety improvements for Tremont and Duck Island homeowners. In order to qualify for the program, a homeowner must schedule an in-person home safety audit with a Cleveland Police Officer. Home safety audits are a great way to find low-to-no cost ways in which you can better secure your home. To schedule a home safety audit or for more information on the program, contact Mark Pratt at 216-533-5612 or markpratt@tremontwest.org.

**A Safety Reminder from your Tremont West Safety Committee**

With the holiday season upon us, car break-ins traditionally increase nationwide. So remember to...

**Put Your Junk In Your Trunk!**

Somewhere else out of sight! Purses, backpacks, bags, loose change, electronics (and their cords and mounts), wrapped gifts, laptops, cell phones, all your Holiday shopping. Anything of possible value or that indicates the possible presence of something of value!

**Light Up Our Alleys**

A program to assist residents in lighting up the alleys of Tremont by:

1) Providing solar powered lighting units for installation behind houses* or...

2) Reimburse residents up to $100 for the installation of hard wired lighting in alleysways*

*While supplies last.

**Garden Spotlight**

Buhrer Dual Language K-8 had a successful garden winterizing and cleanup for Make A Difference Day 2016 with many staff, parents and community members in attendance. Everyone involved did a wonderful job prepping the garden to be a bountiful learning space for students in the coming 2017 garden season! Look forward to more garden volunteering opportunities coming in the spring if you are interested in becoming involved in community gardening.

**School success starts with high-quality preschool**

Find the right high-quality preschool for your 3- or 4-year-old.

High-quality seats are open throughout Cleveland. Scholarships available with special scholarships for 4-year-olds!

Visit PRE4CLE.org or call Starting Point at 216-575-0061

Find a preschool with open seats in your neighborhood. Visit pre4cle.org/preschool-openings

**Pre4CLE Save the Date**

January 26, 2017 at 6pm

Location: Merrick House Community Meeting

MyCom provides fun, safe and inexpensive opportunities for your kids to enjoy and set them up for future success.

Join us to learn more about the program and our community partners. If you are interested and want to be involved we look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

Pizza and salad provided.

Please contact Debbie Kubacki at deborahk@merrickhouse.org or call 216-771-5077, ext. 131 for details.
New York Development Group Continues to Revitalize Ohio, Tremont
Written by Jimmy Perkins

Noah Smith and Ted Haber of New York’s CPR Property Group have been developing real estate across the Midwest and Northeast for nearly 40 years, collectively. The success of their group has been rooted in encouraging redevelopment and moving with speed and purpose. With projects and apartments already in place in Pennsylvania, New York, and Ohio the duo will soon reveal their latest Tremont project, “The Alahambra” at 3191 West 14th street. Similar to the trend emerging city-wide, Smith and Haber seek properties that can be re-used and rejuvenated.

CPR group recently discovered the possibilities on the west side of Cleveland thanks to the young, hard-working, eco-conscious population of Tremont.

According to Smith, CPR’s goal is to redevelop and revitalize properties in up and coming neighborhoods. “We want to provide the ability for more young professionals to live, work and create in emerging areas,” said Smith. “The neighborhood is already transitioning itself and people are being drawn here,” Smith continued.

Just like CPR’s other properties, The Alahambra is built using modern standards of safety and efficiency. Smith and Haber take pride in their projects and understand the job is not over when construction is complete. “It’s providing the following professional management and constant reinvestments to improve the properties,” said Smith.

After the building was identified, almost 3 years went into the planning and execution of CPR’s Tremont project. Their goal was to provide options similar to the style and age of existing Tremont apartments, but at a more affordable rate.

As far as the building itself, major renovations are already underway under the supervision and direction of Smith and Haber. Plumbing, electrical, and exterior portions have been entirely replaced or renovated. The four story building covers nearly 35,000 square feet and consists of 36 units. The property has also been split into three sections that uniquely use the building’s architecture to create an array of two bedroom and three-bedroom layouts. The renovations will be taking place one section at a time, but the entire project is expected to be complete by early 2017 with more than 23 units still available.

The apartment’s amenities will also include parking, high definition security cameras, and fixtures and furniture from IKEA picked specifically for each apartment by Haber. Perhaps most unique are the steps encasing the back entrance. “The wooden staircase not only allows easy and private access, but also provides enough space for individual porch areas,” said Haber.

Each bedroom will also come with California closets and sectioned storage areas specifically designed by Haber and his crew. Also exciting are the USB charging ports in all electrical outlets as well as wireless intercom and laundry services that can be connected to tenants phones via apps. “We want to differentiate ourselves while also being affordable,” said Haber.

Smith and Haber consider themselves preservationists. “When a building in a bustling area has fallen by the wayside, our work to rejuvenate the building, also increases the value of homes in the area,” said Smith. “By removing the negative of an unused, underappreciated property, and adding value to the surrounding area, it is a double boost,” continued Smith.

Preservation goes beyond the buildings and neighborhoods in that CPR plans to own and reinvest in their properties forever by passing ownership to their children.

To learn more about CPR and The Alahambra visit http://cprpropertygroup.com/ CPR will also hold an open-house party on Thursday, January 5th.

Notary Public Services Available at Tremont West
Tremont West now offers a notary public service. Please call ahead to schedule an appointment with Lynn Friedel, 216-575-0920, ext. 105 or email lynnfriedel@tremontwest.org.

Energy Assistance Programs
The Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) offers several programs to income-eligible Ohioans to assist in paying their utility bills and improve the energy efficiency of their homes. Household eligibility is based in part on income, details and specific guidelines can be found here: http://development.ohio.gov/sls/energyassist.htm. To apply for HEAP or HWAP, download the application at the above webpage or visit Tremont West and meet with the Property Manager, Mark Pratt (216) 533-5612.

Safety Updates
Bi-monthly reports are sent out via e-mail regarding Crime and Safety in the Neighborhood. If you would like to be added to the Safety Update mailing list, please contact Tremont Safety Committee at safetremont@gmail.com.

Employment Guide
Tremont West now offers a comprehensive employment resource webpage including the following programs and resources: Employment Resources and Training; Programs for the Formerly Incarcerated; Workshops and Apprenticeships; Resources for Those with Disabilities; Programs for Spanish Speaking Populations, Veterans and Senior Citizens; and Adult Education and GED courses. www.tremontwest.org/index/employment-guide, 216-572-0520, ext. 112

Neighborhood Retail Assistance Program
The City of Cleveland’s Economic Development Department can assist small businesses with financial packages of both loans and grants to improve the interior and exterior of their storefronts.

Commercial Space for Sale or Lease
Are you looking to purchase or lease a commercial or retail space in Tremont? See current Tremont Commercial Properties at: www.retailsspacecleveland.com/tremontneighborhood.htm or www.tremontwest.org. Remember, if you are planning to open a business in Tremont, you must contact the City of Cleveland to see what variances or permits are required for your desired location. The Department of Building and Housing can be reached at 216-664-2282. There are some great loan reimbursement programs through the city and county for vacant building rehab, storefront renovations, signage and Brownfield clean-up. Please contact Tremont West for more information at 216-575-0920, ext. 113.

The Storefront Renovation Program
The City of Cleveland’s Storefront Renovation Program is an exterior rehabilitation program that combines financial incentives (rebates or loans) with up to 50% City incentives for owners of Tremont commercial and retail properties. Information is available from the neighborhood Community Development Corporations to implement the program in the neighborhood. Please call Matt Moss at 216-575-0920, ext. 113.

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Convergence-continuum presents a world premiere noir comedy mystery thriller! It’s 1932, and Tobias, a young man enamored with radio serials and pulp fiction, receives a package which leads him on a search for the members of a secret society. It’s also present day in the theater, where the actors are trying to work out Tobias’ strange story. Confusion, and much comedy, ensues as they try to untangle this mysterious and thrilling tale for us.

**THE KNIFE IS MONEY, THE FORK IS LOVE**

**OPENS AT THE LIMINIS THEATER FRIDAY, DEC 2.**

**FREE ADMISSION FOR TREMONTERS AT THURSDAY SHOWS.**

**THE LIMINIS THEATER BUILDING IS FOR SALE!**

**PLEASE HELP CON-CON BUY IT.**

**PLAY YOUR PART. SAVE THE LIMINIS THEATER.**

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**THE KNIFE IS MONEY, THE FORK IS LOVE** opens Fri, Dec 2 and runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm through Dec 17 at the Liminis Theater, 2438 Scranton Rd. Tickets are $15 general admission, $12 seniors, $10 students. Reservations and information at convergence-continuum.org and 216-687-0074. Tremont residents are admitted free for Thursday performances (Dec 8 & 15). Call ahead to reserve a seat!
Block Club Happenings "Block Club Happenings" is compiled by Tremont West staff with direct input from Block Clubs.

Auburn-Lincoln Park

Block Club meetings were held on November 14th, 15th, and November 21st for their monthly meetings. Members were briefed on the upcoming Tremont West Holiday Fund Drive that is scheduled during the upcoming months. Planning for the Annual Tremont West Holiday Party was discussed. The Block Club met at 6pm for the first meeting and at 7pm for the other meetings. Members are encouraged to be generous when contacted, regarding the holiday food drive and the need for new members. There were discussions on the need for new food, clothes, toys, books, and clothing items at multiple price points. The store also sells wine and wine accessories. The block club kept up-to-date on the new location next to his business around the holidays. Both locations were able to have a successful holiday season. The organization is in charge of getting the Cuyahoga River off the national endangered list. The organization is also responsible for the holiday season. The organization is also working with the local community to continue to meet the needs of the community members. The club members have been three meals a day to seniors at Tremont and those in need. The goal is to save money to provide meals and find jobs or housing, as well as health insurance for its clients. St. Augustine also hosts multiple monthly Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Outreach Manager, Scott Rosenstein, at Tremont West at 216-575-0920 (or michelledavis@tremontwest.org). Please email us with information on your block club meetings or activities. Visit us online at the Tremont West Development Corporation. Visit www.tremontwest.org to view the new bridge, including finalization of sidewalks, the Abbey Ave. overpass and overpass improvements, and improvements to intersections. The meeting was held at the Bourbon Street Barrel Room, 10421 Detroit Ave. We will continue to receive food donations and provide a warm meal to the food banks before Christmas. We will continue to provide meals to those in need. We will also provide meals for the community members who are in need. We will provide meals for those in need. We will send food to block clubs. The group discussed with him issues related to the project and expected changes necessary. For more information on the new bridge, please visit www.cityofcleveland.com/bridgechalk.
Tremont / Duck Island / Irish Town Bend Block Clubs Join in the Annual Holiday Food Drive for Our Neighbors in Need

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)
- **Counting:** Food and paper products are counted individually — unless they are cellophane wrapped and sold as a set (example a four-pack of paper towels) is counted as one item not four. Canned goods and individually wrapped paper products count as one item each.
- **Cash/Checks:** You may also donate by cash/check if you prefer. Based on feedback from last year, food pantries can purchase goods at better than a one for a dollar exchange rate — therefore for 2016/2017 drive — each dollar will count for two food items. Checks must be made out to the food pantry of your choice — however, to count in the competition, verification purposes, checks must first be delivered to the block club coordinators, or to the Tremont West offices (2406 Professor) — who will deliver them to the respective food pantries.
- **Drop-off points:** Block club members can deliver food/paper products to their block club coordinators (see listing below) or dropped off at the Tremont West offices — 2406 Professor — Monday — Friday during regular business hours. **Items dropped off at Tremont West must include the name of the block club for them to count towards the block club's totals**
- **Deadlines:** For delivery before the holidays, items must be turned in by Friday, December 16th. A second delivery will be made in early January, 2017 for items donated after the 16th. (NOTE: The Tremont West offices are closed December 23rd — January 2nd and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd). Deliveries during that time can only be made to your block club coordinators and not to the Tremont West office.
- **Most important of all is the goal:** Lending a helping hand to neighbors — families and children — in need in Tremont / Duck Island / Irish Town Bend — and providing help to support the outstanding work of five local food pantries — St. Augustine Church, Pilgrim Congregational Church UCC, St. John Cantius, St. Michael, St. Malachi and Westside Catholic Center — who get nutritious food to children and families all year long!

Many thanks to all of you for your incredible kindness and generosity to the food pantries and to our Tremont / Duck Island / Irish Town Bend neighbors in need! Let’s look forward to your continued support and generosity in 2016/2017!

- **Final Words:** For more information, contact your block club food drive coordinators or Scott Rosenstein, & Lindsay Smetana. (See page 2 for contact information.)
Please help stock the Pilgrim food pantry; non-perishable food items collected at all ART concerts.

A Tremont Holiday Tradition!

Presented at Pilgrim Congregational Church
2592 West 14th Street, Cleveland, OH 44113
Admission by free-will donation.

ARTS RENAISSANCE TREMONT
...giving voice to great music since 1991!

Cleveland Lions Club (Dinner Included)
TWDC Governance Committee
TWDC Nominating Committee
TWDC Board of Directors
2nd District Police Community Relations
TWDC Executive Cmt.
Other Committee Meetings

Block Club Meetings
Central Tremont
Dock Island
Holmden-Buhner-Rowley
Mentor-Castle-Clark
South of Jefferson
Auburn-Lincoln Park
North of Literary
Irishtown Bend
Lincoln Heights
Clark Scranton
Metro North
12/5 at Post 58 @ 6:30pm
12/6/13 at Chad 1/10 @ Post 58 @ 7pm
12/19 & 1/16 @ TBD @ 6:30pm
12/20 & 1/17 at Press @ 6:30pm
1/11 at Brick and Barrel Brewery @ 6:30pm
No December Meeting. TBD in January.
www.clarksranton.weebly.com
No meeting until March.

TBD.
12/1 & 1/5 at TDWC Conference Room @ 6pm
12/12 & 1/9 at TDWC Conference Room @ 6:30pm
12/13 & 1/10 at TDWC Conference Room @ 6pm
12/13 & 1/10 at Applewood Center @ 7pm
12/15 & 1/19 at TBD @ 6:30pm
12/17 & 1/21 at Jefferson Library @ 10am
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Meets Bi-Monthly. Call TWDC for next meeting.
TBD. Please call Bev at 310-6810.
1/24/17 at TDWC Conference Room @ 6pm
TBD at St. Augustine Walsh Hall @6:15pm
TBD.
Please call Lindsay, 216-575-0920, ext. 102

Special Events
A Christmas Story House Run
Saturday, December 3rd
www.AChristmasStoryRun.com

Lincoln Park Gazebo Public Meeting
Thursday, December 8th at Jefferson Library
(See front page for details.)

Tremont Brewhaha Holiday Pop-Up Shop
Friday, December 9th, 7:30-10:30pm
at Greek Orthodox Church
tremontbrewhaha.com

Walkabout Tremont
Friday, December 9th, 5-10pm,
www.walkabottremont.com (See page 5.)

A Christmas Cookie Walk
Friday, December 9th, 5-8pm &
Saturday, December 10th, 10am-Noon
at St. Theodosius (See ad above.)

Santas in Tremont
Saturday, December 10th starting at 2pm
merriscleveland.com

Burning River Brass
presented by Arts Renaissance Tremont
Sunday, December 18th and Monday,
December 19th, 7pm at Pilgrim Church
artconcerts.org

MyCom Public Meeting
Thursday, January 26, 2017, 6pm at Merrick House
(See page 3 for details.)

Near West Recreation
2017 Winter Basketball
Registration Deadline
Tuesday, December 20
Three co-ed divisions are offered: U8 (ages 7-8),
U10 (ages 9-10) and U12 (ages 11-12). Online
registration is available at www.ohiocity.org/
basketball from November 10 - December 20
Questions? Contact Keri Palma at nearwestrec@"}

www.ohiocity.org or 216-781-3222 x 108.

(See front page for details.)

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