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KSU’s Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative and Tremont West Micro Plan for HBR-MCC Approved



Developed in partnership with the Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative, the HBR-MCC Neighborhood Plan reflects dozens of hours of community engagement, public meetings, stakeholder interviews, and data analysis.



The City Planning Commission’s adoption of the plan is an important step toward implementation.

Photos by Rich Weiss

by Tremont West Development Corporation
Tremont West Development Corporation is proud to announce that the Cleveland City Planning Commission has officially adopted the Holmden-Buhrer-Rowley Mentor-Castle-Clark (HBR-MCC) Neighborhood Plan. This milestone represents the culmination of an extensive community-driven planning process that brought together residents, businesses, institutions, and neighborhood organizations to establish a shared vision for the future of Cleveland’s near west side. Developed in partnership with the Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative,

the HBR-MCC Neighborhood Plan reflects dozens of hours of community engagement, public meetings, stakeholder interviews, and data analysis. The plan identifies strategies to strengthen neighborhood connectivity, expand housing opportunities, support local businesses, improve parks and public spaces, enhance mobility, and preserve the unique character that makes our neighborhoods special. Most importantly, it provides a roadmap that reflects the priorities voiced by the community itself. The City Planning Commission’s adoption of the plan is an important step toward implementation. As an officially

adopted planning document, the HBR-MCC Neighborhood Plan will help guide future public and private investment, inform land use and development decisions, and strengthen opportunities to secure funding for catalytic neighborhood projects. While adoption marks the completion of the planning process, it also signals the beginning of the work to bring the community’s vision to life. Tremont West extends its sincere appreciation to every resident, business owner, community partner, and stakeholder who participated throughout the planning process. Your ideas, experiences, and commitment shaped

a plan that will serve as a guide for neighborhood growth and investment for years to come. We look forward to working alongside our partners to implement the plan’s recommendations and continue building a vibrant, equitable, and connected future for the HBR-MCC neighborhoods. Scan code to view the plan:



Samantha Cocco & Jonathon Morgan’s DOGS OF TREMONT



Marlow, pictured with Sydney and Sophia

Dogs of Tremont: Marlow

by Samantha Cocco & Jonathon Morgan

This month’s Dog of Tremont is Marlow, a newly rehomed and dapper gentleman who has learned that being an only dog is not only preferable, but correct. Marlow came to Tremont through a friend of a friend and is now living his best life with Sydney and Sophia, whom he has graciously adopted as his people. He adjusted immediately. Well done, Marlow. Despite a generous supply of emoji-themed toys, Marlow’s true love is cardboard. Boxes, packaging, anything tearable – if it once held an object, Marlow believes it is now his responsibility to tear it into little pieces.

Moving to the neighborhood during the winter stunted his social calendar a little, but Marlow has already claimed his favorite local stage: the stretch by the skyline walk, where he performs short, dramatic sprints for reasons he’s choosing not to disclose at this time. Beach trips are planned, and we are confident he will enjoy them. Currently muddy. Occasionally wet. Emotionally thriving. We rate Marlow 14.4/10 for embracing his new, only-dog lifestyle, his impeccable taste in toys, and the courage to believe that no box can survive his wrath.



Ward 7 Council Rep. Austin Davis is Not Messing Around on Speed Tables

Scan to watch Austin Davis' Instagram video post:



Ward 7 Council Rep. Austin Davis proudly posted an Instagram selfie video in front of a freshly installed speed table at the intersection of W. 11th St. and Fairfield Ave.

by Austin Davis

Dear neighbors,
You know how much I've prioritized traffic safety and walkability in office. I'm so excited to share our 2026 Ward 7 traffic calming plans.

- New traffic circles and mini roundabouts,
- A newly pedestrianized part of W. 29th street,
- New protected bike lanes,
- A new crosswalk, new overhead pedestrian light, new traffic light, and new hardened centerlines,
- And dozens and dozens of new speed tables.

Let me be clear. This is unprecedented. I don't think there's another four square miles in the State of Ohio that's on track for the level of traffic calming infrastructure that we have planned here. In future updates, I will discuss different aspects and plans for upcoming years. Some streets are more complicated than others, particularly the busiest ones (like W. 14th, 41st, and 44th). And state and federal grants may have timing or other restrictions. But in this note, I wanted to offer some clarity on speed tables. In collaboration

with many across the Mayor's administration and supported by budget negotiations spearheaded by my colleagues on City Council, I've secured funding for 61 new speed tables in our ward. Let's take a beat. We started with just 10 in the ward this year. Now, this quantity is pushing the city staff and external contractors to the absolute limit, so not every single one will get built this year. But we will get the maximum possible. 23 speed tables are confirmed to be built in 2026. They're being deployed through the council-directed road resurfacing program or through an ARPA (federal COVID stimulus) program. The final number of the 38 to be built this year is a moving target. These are the ones supported more directly by councilmembers—including by my predecessors Kerry McCormack and Jenny Spencer (thanks guys!). Clusters of traffic calming measures on West Clinton (4), on Scranton (6), and near the Shoreway exit at Herman and W. 49th (4) should make it through soon. More will come as capacity frees up, as weather permits, etc. This list [of traffic-calming focus areas] was developed based on

speed studies and police reports, input from traffic engineers, street crews, and residents, and past council members' work. And I'll be the first to say that it still isn't enough. We'll need dozens more next year (and beyond) to make sure that every street is safe. But this is major. We are building a community that is undeniably our home, even as we're a destination. One that welcomes visitors to a lively urban environment and that invites people and cars from all over, while never losing focus on our neighborhoods as places where people live, and where families feel safe crossing their own streets. Let me know what you think: adavis@clevelandcitycouncil.gov, or 216.664.2691. (Special thanks to City Hall's extraordinary Dro Sohrabian, who has been managing the speed table program this year, as well as Traffic Engineering Commissioner Rob Mavec and Streets Commissioner Randy Scott, and so many others on the Vision Zero team!) Austin Davis is City Council Representative for Cleveland's Ward 7.

Roosevelt Post 58 Helps Tremont Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary of Independence

Scan for a video report by The Tremonster:



Tom Matia, Jerry Sutowski, and Jim Chegan placed memorial flags at the four-freedom monument

Photos courtesy of Tom Matia



Joe Lecznar, Caryl Lecznar and their grandson, Connor walked all over Lincoln Park placing memorial flags to help Tremont celebrate America's 250th anniversary.

by Tom Matia

Hello, all.
The celebration of America's 250th Anniversary of Independence has come and gone. Post 58 did its part to help celebrate the weekend. Commander Zacharyj made a phone call to the Cuyahoga County Veterans Services Commission and obtained 20 boxes of flags—each box contained 144 flags. Post 58 placed flags at the Freedom of Speech Monument at W. 10th St. and Kenilworth Ave. We also made 300 additional flags available at the monument for residents to take home and place on their tree lawns or flower beds. About 200 flags were taken, which was great. Post 58 also placed flags throughout Lincoln Park.

I want thank Joe Lecznar, Caryl Lecznar, and their grandson Connor for walking all over Lincoln Park, placing the flags. They did an amazing job on a very hot day. Much appreciated. Also, I want to thank Jerry Sutowski and Jim Chegan for helping me place the flags at the Freedom of Speech Monument. Again, it was a very hot day. I can tell you I have received a lot of

comments about Post 58's involvement with America's 250th in Tremont and it's all good—residents really appreciated this. [Our Post 58 memorial flag displays] made them feel very proud to be a Tremont resident and an American. I have attached photos of Lincoln Park and The Freedom of Speech Monument.
-Tom Matia



Angelica Pozo Brings Neighbor Volunteers Together to Create a Community Rainbow Mural Wall for Lincoln Park



The wall to the south of the Lincoln Park Gazebo has been converted to a rainbow mural wall by Tremont artist Angelica Pozo and a group of Tremont volunteers she organized around the project. Photos by Rich Weiss

by Angelica Pozo

Hello Tremont Community,
I want to acknowledge my appreciation for all those who have helped so far with the tiles and with the completion of our Rainbow Wall mural. The project took an unplanned hiatus this summer following the completion of the Rainbow Wall—due to funding (or lack thereof) issues, we had to take some time to regroup.

Our major grant is still in paperwork limbo, so we have extended the upcoming community tile mural project to complete next summer. Speaking of the community Tile Mural Wall...if you are moved to help our Tremont community public art projects today, please consider donating to our fundraising program, Tremont Treasures: Tremont Treasures Its History and People. Several of the tiles bordering next summer's tile mural will bear the image and a brief bio of some historic Tremont personalities (selected with the guidance of the Tremont History Project) and paid through a separate stream of general project funding. Although we're not selling sponsorships for our historic Tremont personality mural border tiles, community members are welcome to sponsor their own border tile for any current or past remarkable Tremont personality they choose. With September here, I am ready to get back at it.

We're gearing up for the upcoming Tremont Arts and Cultural Festival (celebrating its 27th season on Saturday, September 19th from



Foreground mural painter Sam Wick has been a Tremont resident since last year and works at MetroHealth Hospital.

12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., in Cleveland's Lincoln Park). Below is a sign-up link for volunteers to help at the festival. We will need some help in the studio leading up to the festival and beyond. Please look for our in-studio sign up opportunities following our Tremont Arts & Cultural Festival sign up times. If you are a China Painting and Decals volunteer and have other times that are more convenient for you, let me know and we can probably work something out. I will have our new Tremont Treasures t-shirts and mugs for sale at the festival—come check them out. Thank you, Angelica

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Caring Less | Funeral Proposals | Pro Skater
Thursday, September 17th
Doors at 8 | Show at 9 | \$10



Charming Disaster | Miss Dreadful
Thursday, September 24th
Doors at 8 | Show at 9 | \$15



Mikey Silas
Thursday, September 17th
6:00 PM-9:00 PM



October Prosperaoke
Wednesday, October 5th
8p to midnight
Prosperaoke Karaoke is hosted by KJ Terkalerk



DJ SayWord
Monday, October 14th
6p to 9p
DJ SayWord holds a rotating residency at Prosperity Social Club



The New Soft Shoe
Thursday, September 10th
7:00 PM-10:00 PM



Swing Time Big Band with Vocalist Dianne Palmer
Wednesday, September 16th
7:00 PM-10:00 PM

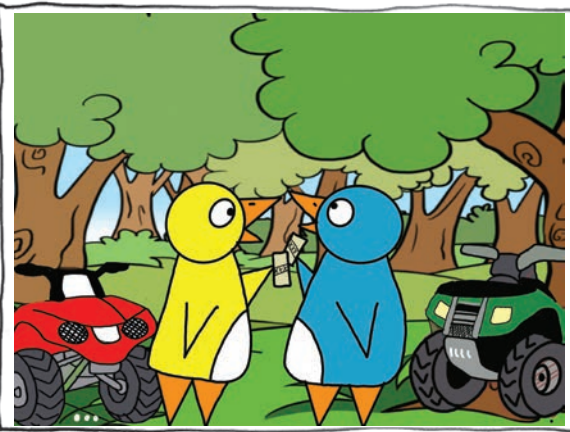
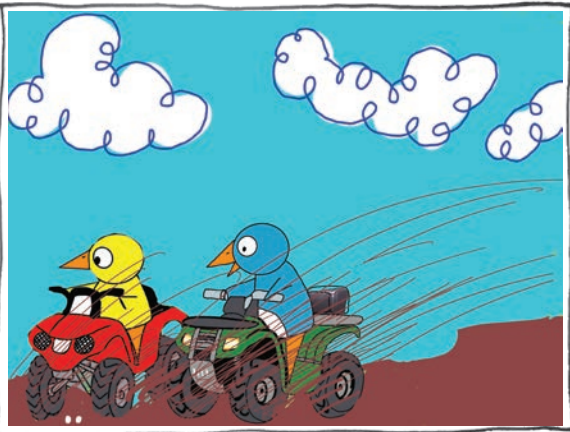
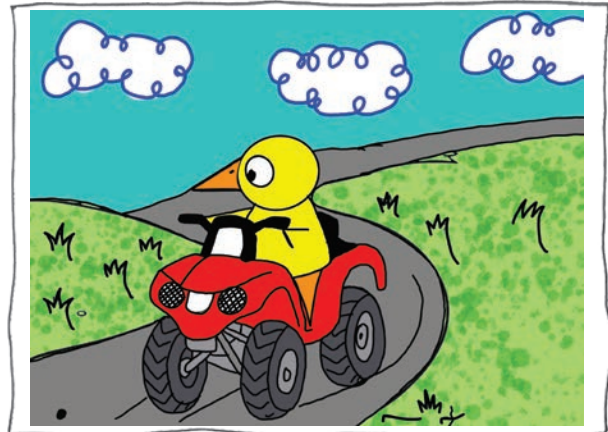


Carlos Jones & the PLUS Band with Stamper Starr
Thursday, September 17th
7:00 PM-10:00 PM

The Adventures of Tremont and His Friends

"Throwback Thursday, old friends"

The Sign Guy 1972 David Witzke



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Town Hall Between CPP and Ward 7 Residents Convened by City Council Representative Austin Davis



CPP Commissioner Ammon Danielson spoke with Ward 7 residents at a town hall organized by Council Rep. Austin Davis.

Photos courtesy of CPP

by *The Tremonster*

On July 26, Ward 7 Council Rep. Austin Davis held a town hall for residents with Cleveland Public Power (CPP) at the Urban Community School at 4909 Lorain Ave. (*See margin for Austin Davis's Instagram post slide series recapping the CPP Town Hall).

Following the resident town hall, CPP Commissioner Ammon Danielson relayed the following statement to *The Tremonster* through Mayor Bibb's administration:

We appreciate Councilman Davis for inviting CPP to participate in the town hall and for providing the opportunity to speak directly with our customers. We know the prolonged outages over the July 4th weekend caused significant disruption and frustration for many residents, and it was important for us to hear those experiences firsthand, answer questions, and discuss the steps we're taking to improve reliability. These conversations are essential

to rebuilding trust, and CPP is committed to continued investment in our electric system, better communication with residents, and working alongside community leaders and customers to deliver the reliable service Clevelanders expect and deserve.

Council Rep. Davis shared his thoughts with *The Tremonster* by phone looking back on his community town hall with CPP.

Austin: "Look, it's been a long year. I should just clarify, with CPP and FirstEnergy/Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (CEI), the kind of power outages that we've experienced this year—from both—are new. The pace, the rapidity, the length of the outages that we've all been experiencing, Tremont in particular, but truly across the northwest side (and across the city...and across the county) is new. So, I just want folks to know that the sense they have—that this is not how it used to be—is absolutely correct."

Austin: "The town hall with CPP went great. I'm very grateful, number one, that CPP came. It is a testament to the fact that we have a public power utility and that

these are public servants serving the public. We were very happy to come to the public and engage at a grassroots community level to talk with folks about how to run a power company, basically. Easier said than done." Austin: "So the challenge of CPP, of course, is that there's no investor at the end of the stream that we can try to hold accountable. There are not really fines we can issue against CPP because that's money that comes out of the capital improvement fund. There's no one to truly punish. So, I think 'What does it mean to be accountable as a public power utility?' is a much more complicated question. But I do know it starts with conversations just like we had the other week."

More frequent and longer power outages are not simply an inconvenience. Bev Wurm, longtime Tremont resident and founder of the Friends of Clark Field and Cleveland OWLS (Older, Wiser, Livelier Seniors), talked to *The Tremonster* by phone during the 4th of July weekend power outage. Bev told us, "I'm at a friend's out of town, thank goodness, because I have breathing problems." she added, "I'm very fortunate I have some place to go."

Bev's need to keep prescriptions refrigerated is an example of the peril many Tremont residents face during extended power outages: "Latanoprost is an eye drop, and they actually ship a big box of dry ice with it just to send a couple packs of meds," Bev explained. "I got a big shipment just before I left and I threw it in the fridge."

A lot of people, seniors and those with diabetes, they've got to get ice and then get their insulin on ice pretty quickly if their power is out. It affects seniors with meds, but there's a lot of people that have diabetes that are young."

The consequences of the holiday weekend power outage were very real for our Tremont businesses as well.

The Tremonster spoke to Justin Jennings, Grumpy's Café assistant manager, who said, "It was definitely a lot of lost product—lost revenue, all of that. Especially the 4th of July weekend that was primed to be one of our busiest weekends of the year."

Kathy Owad, Grumpy's Café owner, said she was overwhelmed by the food the restaurant had already lost. "Of course I was heartbroken," she said. Kathy led us through Grumpy's kitchen and gestured to the refrigerated condiments, ingredients, and product lining the cook prep stations: "You see all this stuff? This all had to be tossed. Everything in here had to be tossed. It's crazy."

As a Tremont independent restaurant

owner-operator, Kathy has had to allow herself several brief moments for human emotion—first for the lost food and revenue. But also, Kathy felt for Grumpy's



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employees: wait staff, cooks, managers, and dishwashers who have bills due, rent to pay, and every kind of challenge life throws at you along the way. If Grumpy's Café is closed for a day, that is a day Kathy's staff goes without income they were depending on. And this was the July 4th holiday weekend. Recounting individual stories of how bad the timing of the power outage was for several of her staff brought tears to her eyes. "It's just like so many hard things that this place makes them happy," Kathy said. All of this weighed on her mind on Sunday, July 5th, as she assessed the damage inside Grumpy's in the middle of an extended blackout. "But then I was just like, okay, we need to get down to business and figure this out."

Kathy started by replacing the lost menu ingredients. "Luckily, one of our vendors was open—they closed at two o'clock. So, if we could get an order in, we just had to pick it up. They didn't have any deliveries because it was Sunday, but we could at least go and get it."

Kathy expressed gratitude for her industry contacts and her long-term relationships with her food vendors who were there for her.

And then there are her friendships inside the Tremont restaurant community like Ricardo Sandoval.

"He let us use his walk-in," Kathy said.

"Ricardo has a place over here, too, and it has a ginormous walk-in."

Ricardo owns both Fat Cats and Tremont Public Works (TPW), which is located just across Auburn Ave. from Grumpy's

"So, when I called him—and we're really good friends, you know, restaurant owners and we love each other—he actually came over here and got stuff, brought it over [to Fat Cats], and gave me the key! He said, 'If you've got anything else, just let me know.' Kathy paused. "I know."

Kathy had help overcoming unexpected obstacles because of her relationships within our unique Tremont small business community.

"Kathy and I have a relationship where if I need something or she needs something, we call," Ricardo recalled when we caught up with him soon after the blackout. "She called me and asked, 'Do you have power over at TPW?'"

Although CEI customer Fat Cats had to close with the initial power outage, power had been restored since then, while Grumpy's and TPW were still dark.

"I just told her, 'Listen, I have power down the street if you want. Our walk-in cooler is clean.'"



Ricardo recalled, "Our walk-in was kind of empty in the middle. So, I said, 'I can take as much stuff as you want to give me.' I think I picked up 15, 20 cases of eggs, flats of potatoes, and some other stuff and filled my walk-in for her."

Ricardo knows how much this meant to Kathy. "But it was easy for me to do."

Ricardo said, "At the end of the day, I'm not going to be the guy on my deathbed saying I should have, could have, would have."

Ricardo said his motivations are simple: "I'm just trying to be the best person I possibly can be. I want to be the best to the employees, the best to my customers. There's not a day that comes by that I come in here and I don't love what I'm doing. Not one day."

These stories are only a sampling of the stories *The Tremonster* heard regarding Tremont residents and businesses struggling during the holiday weekend to overcome extended power outages—obstacles we now expect to become more common in the future.

Council Rep. Davis has considered this future. He cited information from his own deep dives into the challenges of power generation, locally and nationally. Austin said the problem of Cleveland's power grid runs much deeper than heatwaves and severe storms.

"One issue that I did raise at the town hall," said Austin, "is that it's worth reflecting that we are truly unique in the country. From my research, in 1966 there were 49 power utility duopolies like we have here (where there was both a private investor-owned power utility and a municipal-owned utility competing with each other for service).

That number went down to 27 duopolies in 1981. Then in 2005 in Lubbock, Texas, the municipal utility bought the distribution network of the private utility. And as far as I can tell, we're the last one standing." Our unique Cleveland energy duopoly also means redundant infrastructure. And that's expensive.

"Utilities are natural monopolies because of the high infrastructure costs. It's just the way things are," Austin said. "It would be laughable if we thought 'We're going to have a second water utility, digging a second trench in everybody's yard, and installing a second set of pipes just in case they wanted to have a second kind of water utility.' But that's exactly the situation we have for power. There's twice as much infrastructure in our community as basically any other city. So, there's twice as much system-wide infrastructure to maintain, which means costs are high and the quality is low. It is a genuine challenge here in Cleveland that other cities have found ways to solve one way or the other, like the municipal utility in Lubbock in 2005."

So, we in Cleveland have our unique power duopoly, and we have our redundant power infrastructure, and now add in our changing climate.

"I think it's clear that we're experiencing stronger storms. We're more likely to experience storms and the storms we're experiencing are more likely to be severe. That's going to have an impact on above ground power infrastructure—no way around it," Austin said. "At the same time, as we learned through this experience, keeping infrastructure underground isn't a panacea either. The underground cables

that failed at the Western substation (that affected so many folks on the near west side) basically overheated because human consumption patterns are way up as well—partly as a result of the increased heat of our weather, but partly that is how society has evolved," said Austin. "It takes a lot of energy to live our everyday lives." So, our problem is our power duopoly, our aging and doubled infrastructure, our changing climate, and ourselves.

"It's all of the above," Austin explained.

"Weather is absolutely a factor, but infrastructure's a factor, and human consumption patterns as well."

Is there nothing to be done? Council Rep. Davis sees a dim light at the end of a long tunnel: "CPP is currently wrapping up its first strategic plan in generations," he said. "One of the challenges is that even if CPP had all the money in the world, there wasn't anything on the books yet to clarify how that money could be spent in the smartest way possible to deliver the highest quality power services possible. And now there will be."

In the end, money stands between Cleveland and a reliable power grid.

"The challenge of CPP is that there isn't money floating around," Austin explained.

"It's true with any power utility. But I think folks should anticipate that this is an adult conversation. There are hard trade-offs to make about where money's coming from and the kind of service that we deserve. But I'm glad that we're at least having that adult conversation instead of pretending that nothing's wrong, which had been much of the case in years past."



Micro Theater Returns to Tremont

The nook-and-cranny performances The free pop-up festival for short performances in small spaces returns to Tremont September 11 and 12 with 180 performances and more than 30 original productions in backyards, bars, and bridges for no reason whatsoever require audience navigation through the heart of our neighborhood



Photos courtesy of Micro Theater Cleveland

This September’s Micro Theater festival in Tremont is the largest yet, and brings together playwrights, dancers, comedians, musicians, improvisers, storytellers, magicians, performance artists, and creators.

by Jonathon Morgan

180 performances. 30 original productions. Two nights. Free!

Micro Theater CLE returns to Tremont on **September 11 and 12**, filling bars, backyards, back alleys, bridges, and someone’s living room with theater, dance, comedy, music, storytelling, and performance art. Butoh on the 490 bridge! Stand-up comedy standing up on a front porch! Tango in backyards! New plays in dark alleys! So much original work that it’s impossible to see everything in a single night.

Micro Theater began in Madrid before spreading to Miami and Buenos Aires. Cleveland looked at the idea and, naturally, decided to put a festival on a highway overpass.

Every production lasts about fifteen minutes and repeats throughout the evening, creating 180 performances over two nights. Audience members reserve a personalized route through the festival, leaving plenty of time between performances to grab a drink, chit chat about what you’ve just seen, and decide where to head next.

Since launching in 2024, Micro Theater

CLE has presented more than 200 performances, featured 100+ local artists, and welcomed more than 900 audience members. This September’s festival is the largest yet, bringing together playwrights, dancers, comedians, musicians, improvisers, storytellers, magicians, performance artists, and creators.

Reservations are free and strongly encouraged. Performances are intentionally intimate, and space is limited. Learn more and reserve your spots at **MicroTheaterCLE.com**.

About Micro Theater CLE

Micro Theater CLE is a grassroots pop-up festival dedicated to short, original performances in small spaces. Inspired by the international micro theater movement, the festival transforms bars, homes, businesses,

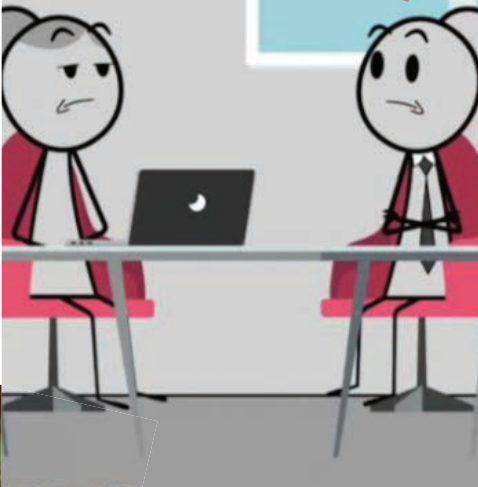
parks, porches, and overlooked corners of Cleveland into temporary stages where audiences experience an evening of new work one fifteen-minute performance at a time. It’s produced by Mindy Herman, Samantha Cocco, and Jonathon Morgan.

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“Garden Memories”



by Giancarlo Calicchia

You were here a month or two ago
In my garden holding on to something
It was my heart you said I believe
Please let me take it back to my studio
I smiled
Give it to my canvas to that stone
from Tuscany
My words as a leaf speaks softly to the wind
In one of those morning garden moments
When the burning distant sun steals both eyes
While all around hover the lyrics of yesterday
I could feel your lips I knew and know so well
When my eyes returned you became a cloud
Your moist filled words fell from the
branches above

The trees we said so often were
our eyes and ears
Remember you once said the roots
called me father
Digging deeply into the earth like we
dug into each other
They had learned ancient secrets
how never to be parted
Something still brings tears to me
why trees don’t walk
You said no need for walking away
from a perfect spot
Their seeds near by falling
like angels from way up there
Acorns beech nuts double maples
flying like baby helicopters
You held them in your hands
baby brothers and sisters
I still think of that morning you said
I was an oak you and olive

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The Tremont Neighborhood Clambake:
“Celebrate Tremont” returns 10/17

The Tremont Neighborhood Clambake: “Celebrate Tremont” returns Saturday, October 17, from 5–9 p.m. at Forest City Brewery for Tremont West Development Corporation’s annual fundraiser.

This festive neighborhood gathering brings residents, friends, and supporters together for an evening of great food, drinks, live music, and community spirit. Guests will enjoy a Fat Cats clambake feast, drinks, and fun activities including Tremont branded screen-printing, a wine pull, art auction, and more!

Celebrate Tremont is more than a night out - it’s an investment in the neighborhood we all love. Proceeds support Tremont West’s work to strengthen the Tremont community through neighborhood organizing, economic and real estate development, community events, beautification, and advocacy. Join us for a night of good food, good company, and a celebration of all that makes Tremont special!

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Ken Scigulinsky's MEMORIES OF TREMONT AVE.

Living in the Neighborhood in the 1940s



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An alternative to spending quiet time with family on a Sunday in the 1940s was to listen to a baseball or football game on the radio.

by Ken Scigulinsky

I love the Facebook group “Memories of Tremont – Cleveland’s Southside” because there are postings of photos and stories that invite me to jump back in time when life was simpler. I am easily reminded of how vastly different everything was. Here are some of my recollections:

On some days of the week many households adhered to unwritten routines:

Monday was the day to wash clothes then dry them on clotheslines outside or in the attic. It was preferable to hang them outside, but living in a four-family unit there was a limited length of outside clothesline, so you had to coordinate with your neighbors or just hang your clothes in the attic. Interestingly, clothes could be hung outside even when the temperature was below freezing. Although the clothes would become frozen stiff, the ice particles would eventually transition to vapor through a process called sublimation. The attic was divided into four areas, one for each household, so you had a designated space where you could store items and also hang your clothes. Electric clothes dryers

were introduced for home use in 1938, but I never knew of any household on the Southside that had one.

Tuesday was ironing day. The wooden ironing board was removed from its storage place, unfolded, and the electric iron was used to remove wrinkles from clothes, or to create a crease in pants. There were few steam irons, so clothes were sprinkled with water from a soda bottle, then rolled up to await ironing. In the 1940s, synthetic fibers like nylon and polyester had not been introduced for clothing, so there were no wash-and-wear items of clothing. Even in the 1950s only 10% of fabrics were wash-and-wear.

Sunday was a day of rest. The ringing of bells from numerous churches advertised the significance of the day. Locally, except for the Dairy Dell ice cream store, Sloda’s, and the Professor street drug store, businesses and stores were closed. The West Side Market and the Cleveland downtown department stores were closed. People dressed up for church on Sundays, but even those that did not attend church seemed to dress up.

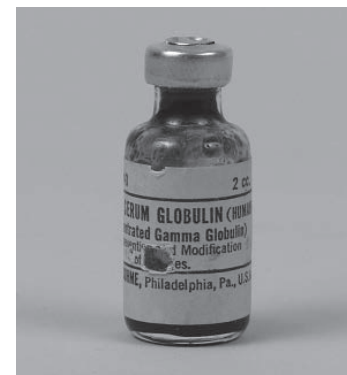
Going to church meant you might spend some time Saturday evening or early Sunday morning polishing your shoes. It was fun to open the circular tin of black or brown shoe polish, then rub a piece of cloth in the waxy paste for application to the shoe. I don’t know what solvent was used to blend the wax and coloring of the polish, but I loved the smell. Satisfaction came after you brushed the polished shoes to some degree of shininess. With the popularity of sneakers (we called them tennis shoes), Crocs, and other non-leather shoes, polishing shoes is infrequently done these days.

Sundays were also regarded as days of quiet when families would spend time together. If the weather was warm, there might be a visit to Lincoln Park or a trip to the zoo or even an amusement park. The playground was closed, and we did not play in the street; instead, we usually went to a movie matinee. I suspect that was because most kids dressed up on Sunday and we did not play while wearing Sunday clothes. An alternative activity on Sunday was to listen to a baseball or football game on the radio. Even better was to travel to the Lakefront Stadium and buy an inexpensive bleacher seat to watch a game.

Wearing hats was prevalent among men, and felt hats were the most popular. In the summer, some men replaced felt hats with straw hats. When meeting a woman, men tipped their hat, sometimes briefly removing it. Hats were never worn inside a building and that applied to kids, too. I do not remember any of my friends wearing a baseball cap.

Paying Bills. These days, people can pay their bills via automatic deduction from a checking account or a Visa account. Traditionalists may choose to receive a bill through the mail, write a check, and mail it to the company. In the ‘40s however, paying utility bills was vastly different—it was a largely paper-and-in-person process dependent upon the banking and postal systems. Incidentally, there were two mail deliveries each day at that time. Back then, I had no idea what a checking account was, and my parents did not have one. Monthly utility bills were mailed to customers, and payment was made by visiting a designated payment office, either downtown or in your local area. I don’t remember where payment offices were located on the Southside, but there was a payment bank where Professor meets Fairfield. My parents had a bank account there and paid bills in cash.

Sickness. When my sisters and I were sick, my mother provided the first level of treatment, unless it was beyond the realm of drug store products. But a visit to a doctor’s office was seldom necessary because doctors made house calls. Doctors



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1940s Measles-Mumps Medication Bottle

arrived to house calls with a small black bag containing a stethoscope, a thermometer, some pills, and other medical devices. I’m not aware of the method by which my mother requested a house call from a doctor. Perhaps she went to the drug store for assistance because we did not know anyone in the neighborhood with a telephone. I don’t know if there was emergency ambulance service available for critical medical issues in the ‘40s, but when my five-year-old sister developed severe leg pains inhibiting her ability to walk, my mom carried her to a bus to reach a doctor’s office. Her stiff and swollen knees were diagnosed as rheumatic fever and she spent three months in Rainbow Hospital. Although I suffered through measles, mumps, and chicken pox, I never saw a doctor. It was the Tremont School nurse who diagnosed my condition and provided guidance to my mother for treatment. That was a noteworthy system because you were not allowed to revisit your classroom unless you were examined to determine you were no longer sick or contagious. I know firsthand because, after I stayed home from school with measles, I visited the school nurse to return to class and she diagnosed me with mumps, forcing me to return home again until I was no longer contagious.



Maytag Washing Machine from the 1940s

THE WAY TREMONT CHANGES

Century-Old Home at 2915 W. 14th St. Demolished to Make Way for Ferrante Village

The Tremonger to launch new report series in October: ‘The Way Tremont Changes’



Photo by Rich Weiss

by The Tremonger

Work began on Ferrante Village (six new single-family custom homes, 4-6 bedrooms, 5.5 baths, and 5000 sq. ft. each, being developed on three W. 14th parcels) on the morning of July 9th with the demolition of 2915 W. 14th St. This was the first century-old Tremont home of three adjacent houses slated to be torn down for the project.

Ferrante Village began work July 9th with the demolition of 2915 W. 14th St., the first of three adjacent century-old Tremont homes being demolished and replaced with six new single-family custom homes.

When *The Tremonger* posted our social media video of the demolition, the number of views and quality of the comments compelled us to launch a new, ongoing report series, “The Way Tremont Changes.” Our inaugural series report will focus on the complicated process that culminated in the teardown of 2915 W. 14th St. for Ferrante

Village and what might come next for Ferrante Village. Please scan our code above to leave us your own Tremonger sound-off on this report—or a tip on a change in Tremont you think we should include in “The Way Tremont Changes”—and then look for our first series report in our next issue (*The Tremonger*

issue 97, due out October 2026). Select responses and story ideas will be printed alongside our upcoming report. What are your thoughts on The Way Tremont Changes? Please let us know.



by Scott Rosenstein

This building across from our home has a fascinating history. At the turn of the 20th century, it was the location of a floral shop and greenhouse owned by Cleveland pioneer, florist and author Ella Grant Wilson. The present building, which replaced it in the 1920s, hosted many businesses over the decades and is now home to the awesome Urban Orchid Tremont, Makeka’s Loft, and Terrapin Bakery.

My Cleveland History Who Knew?

Driving down W. 14th heading north, there’s a small brick storefront building across from Rowley Ave. that’s been around since the early 1900s. The addresses run from 3146 to 3154, and today the corner spot is Terrapin Bakery, home to some seriously good donuts.

Neighborhood Time Capsule: 3146 W 14th St.

[Florist Urban Orchid bought the building in 2019, renovated it in 2020, and moved into the storefront at the far south corner. Makeka’s Loft (men’s and women’s Apparel, formerly Vanessa’s Pizza) and Terrapin Bakery fill the middle and far north corner, respectively.] But this building has been standing since before Prohibition. Let’s go back to 1907, when 3146 W. 14th was a florist and greenhouse business. Help wanted ads included one for a “young, neat, steady boy to work in the greenhouses and deliver flowers” and a “young, neat, tidy girl from the South Side to work in the store.” Then in 1909, the greenhouse made the front page for a much scarier reason. A fifty-foot chimney on the heating plant collapsed, tearing through the greenhouses and the boiler shed. The owner’s fourteen-year-old son Carl was inside the boiler shed when it came down. He was saved only because a set of overhead steam pipes held back the wreckage long enough for firemen to dig him out. The nursery was a total loss. There was no insurance on the property. By the 1920s, the greenhouse was gone and Fisher Bros. Grocers had moved in. In 1931, the store made the papers again—this time for the wrong reason: a grocery manager was caught covering a bad check by helping run a burglary ring through

several Fisher Bros. stores, including this one. Jennings Market took over the space by 1928, and then Chojnacki’s grocery and butcher shop served the neighborhood through the 1930s. Prohibition ended and the corner changed with it. Turak’s Cafe opened at 3146, run by Anthony Turak, and it became the kind of place with its own headlines. In 1935, the proprietor there, George Pivcevic, fought off armed robbers trying to rob him of \$3,000 in cash he was carrying to cash paychecks for steel workers who drank at his place. In 1943, thieves with what the Press called “the thirst of a circus elephant” broke in overnight and made off with 95 quarts of whisky and 27 quarts of wine. The bartender’s response made the paper too: no need asking what the boys in the back room will have today. A year later, vandals broke Turak’s front windows, the clock, and the neon sign. Eventually the bar became Major’s, run by Otto Major, and it stayed a fixture on this corner for decades. In January 1968, a trio of safecrackers cut a hole clean through the roof trying to get at \$15,000 Major kept in a wired, steel-lined safe room built to fill with tear gas if anyone tampered with it. They had torches, oxygen tanks, and a getaway car with a walkie-talkie lookout parked out front. An alert neighbor spotted men running across the roof at 3 a.m. and called

police. One shot was fired, there were three arrests, and the building was never even entered. Next door at 3148, the storefronts kept turning over too. Abraham’s Deli sold sandwiches there in 1949. Years later, a T-shirt shop had the space in the 1970s. It later became the Rodeo Bar. When the bar finally closed in 2008, local developer Tom Leneghan gutted the space down to the studs, and veterinarians Katie McCoy, Sara Tippins, and Bob Litkovitz opened the Tremont Animal Clinic. Every lot has a story!



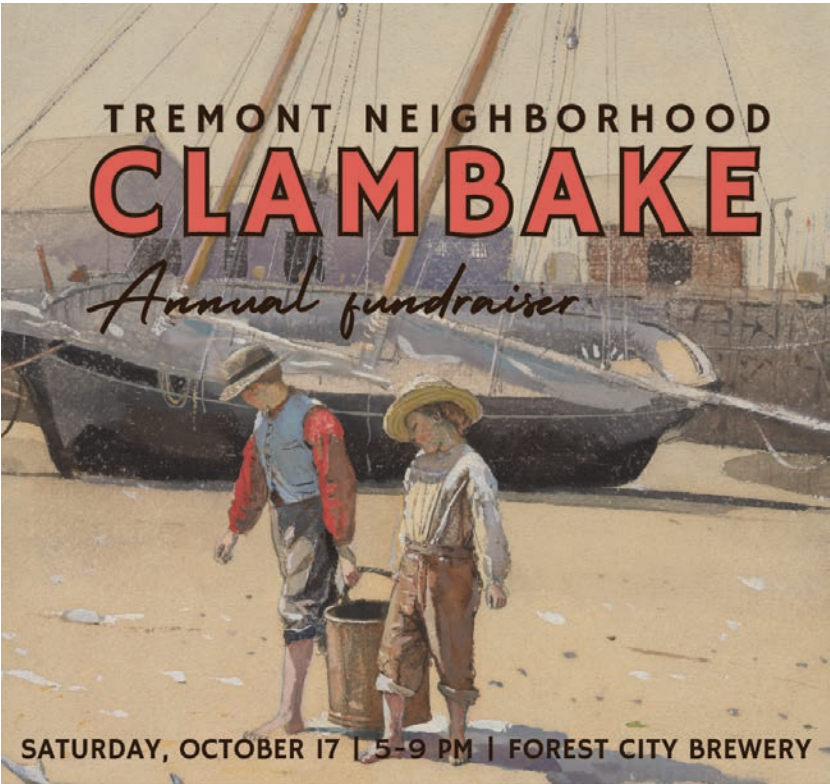
2009 Storefronts 3146-3154 W 14



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2026- 3146 W. 14th today

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Julie Dahlhausen's SERVING THE TREMONT COMMUNITY

Behind the Scenes at Tremont West



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Tremont West betters our neighborhood in many ways, including new Tremont-branded street banners, gateway and wayfinding signage welcoming residents and visitors, and more than a dozen custom "Tremont" bike racks installed throughout our parks, businesses, and community gathering spaces.

by Julie Dahlhausen

When Tremont West adopted our 2024-2027 Strategic Plan, we made a commitment to preserve what makes Tremont special while intentionally investing in its future. That plan continues to guide every project, partnership, and investment we make, from strengthening our business districts and supporting longtime homeowners to enhancing our parks, public spaces, and neighborhood identity.

The best part is that you're beginning to see that vision come to life. This year, we secured funding through the Steelyard TIF Grant to transform Lucky Park with new landscaping, seating, pathways, and signage. Throughout the neighborhood, you'll also see new Tremont-branded street banners, gateway and wayfinding signage welcoming residents and visitors, and more than a dozen custom "Tremont" bike racks installed throughout our parks, businesses, and community gathering spaces. At our office at 2406 Professor Avenue, we've unveiled a new mural celebrating the importance of public art in creating vibrant, welcoming neighborhoods while reinforcing Tremont's long-standing identity as one of Cleveland's premier arts communities.

We're continuing to invest in Tremont's greenscape as well. Following the success of our second annual free tree giveaway this spring, we're expanding the program with another giveaway this Fall. Every tree planted is an investment in a healthier, more beautiful, and more resilient neighborhood for generations to come.

Supporting the people who have built this neighborhood remains just as important. Thanks to a \$50,000 grant from The Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation, we're expanding our Tremont Senior Home Repair Program, helping longtime residents

complete critical repairs so they can continue living safely in the homes and neighborhood they love.

When you see exciting new businesses opening their doors in Tremont, there's often months or even years of work happening behind the scenes. From attracting entrepreneurs and helping them find the right storefront to navigating permits, variances, and City approvals, Tremont West works alongside business owners every step of the way. This past year, we're proud to have helped businesses such as Enclave Cafe, Mosaic Brewing, and Jossi's Bakery establish roots in our community.

These accomplishments are just a snapshot of what your neighborhood development corporation does every day. While many know Tremont West for beloved events like Taste of Tremont, the Tremont Farmers Market, Walkabout Tremont, and the Tremont Arts & Cultural Festival, our work extends far beyond event planning. We partner with residents, businesses, nonprofits, developers, and the City of Cleveland to implement our Strategic Plan and ensure Tremont remains a welcoming, connected, and thriving neighborhood.

Our work includes community engagement and neighborhood organizing, business technical assistance, economic development, real estate and pre-development services, neighborhood planning, placemaking, home repair programs, communications, resident attraction, neighborhood branding, social service coordination, bicycle and pedestrian advocacy, and collaboration with City departments and community partners. We also support block clubs and neighborhood associations, manage grants as a fiscal agent for community

groups, provide code enforcement assistance, coordinate volunteer opportunities, and help advance projects that improve quality of life throughout Tremont.

Strong governance is equally important to our mission. Tremont West is guided by a volunteer Board of Directors and a network of committees dedicated to neighborhood safety, community engagement, development, and organizational leadership. We are always looking for residents and business owners who are passionate about Tremont's future and interested in getting involved.

As our neighborhood continues to evolve, Tremont West remains committed to balancing growth with preservation, ensuring that new opportunities strengthen the character and sense of community that have always defined Tremont. Much of this work happens quietly, through planning meetings, grant applications, partnerships, and conversations with residents, business owners, and City leaders, but its impact is visible every day in the places we gather, the businesses that thrive, and the neighbors who continue to call Tremont home.

Whether you're attending a community event, volunteering on a committee, supporting a local business, or simply sharing your ideas, you're helping shape Tremont's future. We invite you to stay connected, get involved, and continue building a vibrant, welcoming, and resilient neighborhood for generations to come. Together, we're building on Tremont's history while investing in the next chapter of its story.

Julie Dahlhausen is Executive Director of Tremont West Development Corporation

Tremont Montessori (the former Tremont Elementary School) is Marked Absent



Photos by Rich Weiss

Just weeks before the last day of the 2025-26 school year, a butcher-paper sign appeared that stretched the Tremont Montessori school fence along W. 10th St. featuring student handprints and artwork around the words, “Thank you Tremont community for 109 years.”

by *The Tremonster*

As summer comes to an end and schools open their doors to students, for the first time in 109 years, the Tremont Montessori school building, the former Tremont Elementary School, did not. Tremont Montessori students are now starting at Waverly Montessori for the beginning of the 2026-27 school year.

The Tremonster asked for thoughts from the neighborhood and Cleveland’s education community, including Tremont Montessori principal Natalie Celeste.

On the school’s last day of classes, spring 2026, Natalie said, “It’s a ‘heavy lift’ and a bittersweet day, but it’s been a great building for us. She’s done her duty. She’s been solid and evolved with people.” In late spring, a butcher-paper sign appeared that stretched the Tremont Montessori school fence along W. 10th St. featuring student handprints and artwork around the words, “Thank you Tremont community for 109 years.”

Chanda Bynum, a laid off Tremont Montessori teacher, explained how that sign came to be.

“The Tremont Montessori goodbye sign project was organized by Montessori art teacher Christine Lynn.” Chanda said, “She basically grabbed a couple of our Children’s House kids, (which is pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and our kids in special education).” She recalled, “From what I saw of it, she laid the whole thing out on the ground. She drew the 109 years, and then she had them put their hands in paint, do handprints... draw pictures and things on it.” To Chandra, the sign was about creativity and celebration: “The goal was for people outside—in Tremont—to see the creativity of our kids who are inside, and just to celebrate how long this school has been open. It’s been a school for 109 years.”

There were several events held for both the Tremont Montessori and Tremont Elementary School extended community in the lead-up to the school closure.

Describing these events, Principal Natalie said, “We invited alums. We did a couple rounds of tours so people could walk through and tell stories.” Natalie explained,

“We had a huge field day for the students. There was shaved ice... and then, in the evening, we had a family celebration—a gratitude celebration—for the building.” Referring to the Tremont Montessori goodbye sign, Natalie said, “That sign was put out as part of the celebration of the building.” Crossing guard Mattie Matusik was watching over the intersection at Tremont Ave. and Jefferson Ave., the southeast corner of Tremont Montessori. When we approached her on the last day of school, Mattie said she’d been crying all day.

“My mother went here,” she said. “[My mother] was born in 1960, so, say 1921. And my sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, cousins, niece, nephews, and myself went to this school.” Mattie shook her head, “A lot of history. I worked as a lunch aide here. I guarded for them for 18 years.” She added, “This has been a big part of my life.”

Laid off Montessori teacher Chanda Bynum said, “About the displacement of teachers: in the district, and even in our school, a lot of teachers are being displaced.

We did get some people hired back after getting laid off. There were mass layoffs in the school district. I and one other teacher (we are currently in Montessori training) will not be returning. If we did get called back, we probably would not be placed at a Montessori school. I’m actually a former student of Montessori. So, I grew up at this school from fourth through sixth grade. So, I do remember this when I was young. I’m 31 years old now. We believe in this pedagogy. We believe in raising these kids up in this, and unfortunately, we won’t get to be around to see that keep going. Who knows what the future will hold, but as of now, because the district went by seniority and just kind of laid off teachers—this teacher and I were very new; we got hired a year ago—so, we got laid off and now won’t be able to continue.”

Chaundra feels she and her colleague’s interrupted relationship with their students demonstrates how the displacement of teachers can negatively impact our students. Darielle Snipes, CMSD Communications, commented

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by phone, “This has been going on since early 2020.” She said, “We’ve had community meetings, recommendations, and then the board voted in December. This has been going on for quite some time. Today is the last day of school.” Darielle feels the Tremont community has had a long time to digest the closure of Tremont Montessori: “The community knew about this back in December—that this was happening—and that the school was moving and being renamed.”

Darielle explained the school was closed as part of the new restructuring plan for CMSD. “This is a part of the Building Brighter Futures Initiative to make sure that every scholar is in an updated building.” Specific to the Tremont Montessori school, she said, “This building was built in 1910.”

“The reason why this school is closing is the building is older, and we’re moving the children to a newer building,” Darielle said. “Since it’s not necessarily in the Tremont neighborhood, it’s being renamed ‘Waverly.’”

She said after hearing from the community, “The board voted to move the school to Waverly—this is one of many that are merging or consolidating.”

Errol Savage, president of the Cleveland Teachers Union and a veteran CMSD educator, told *The Tremonster* in a phone interview, “I think Tremont school—I don’t think this is an exaggeration—that’s the heart of the Tremont community. Moving it 10 minutes away is a lot farther than people think.” He put it in familiar terms: “You have a school that people were able to walk their children to; 10 minutes away is not the same. You know when you’re starting to cross different streets or intersections, it’s much harder to do that. I think Tremont School has been the heart of Tremont for 109 years. I’m hoping for the best at Waverly. But Waverly, remember, was previously a consolidation of Waverly, Watterson, and Lake elementary schools...now they’re putting Tremont into there and they’re going to call it ‘Waverly Montessori.’ If anyone is saying, ‘This is no big deal,’ I think that’s someone trying to minimize the concerns of the residents.”

Julie Dalhaussen emailed *The*



Crossing Guard Mattie Matusek assisted one of the last Tremont Montessori students to cross the street in spring of this year.

Tremonster, writing, “The loss of Tremont Montessori is an institutional loss for the neighborhood. I often hear stories from residents who attended the school themselves and later raised their own children to go there, which speaks to the important role it has played in the lives of so many Tremont families over generations.”

She wrote, “My preference would always be to have a safe and habitable school in the neighborhood serving Tremont families. Since that is no longer an option for this site, I am glad that students will be learning in a

modern and functional educational environment.”

Julie forecasted: “Looking ahead, I remain optimistic about the future of the parcel and hopeful that it can continue serving the community through thoughtful redevelopment. I would love to see a plan that preserves the greenspace, respects the neighborhood’s character, and creates opportunities for mixed-income housing and other community-serving uses.”

Speaking as a Tremont resident by phone with *The Tremonster*, Scott Rosenstein said, “As a resident and as one who cares about this community, I have profound

sadness about it.” Said Scott, “It’s very disheartening to me that an icon in the center of our community, which has educated generations of children here, is now closed.”

With some resignation, Scott concluded, “Whatever the economic realities for CMSD are, I’m hoping that at some point it can be considered as another school, but I’m not extremely hopeful about it. That would be my ideal: that it would continue as a school. Failing that, I hope that there is community involvement and that the community wishes are respected as much as possible.”



Jalea and Miss Maggie (left) hugging at Tremont Montessori on the final day of classes, spring 2026.



Tremont Sign Language Instructor Keri November is now on TikTok

by Keri November

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