NOTE TO OUR NEIGHBORS

As MidTown continues to grow and evolve, we wanted to create a way to regularly communicate what is going on in the area. Midtown Cleveland’s focus is on new initiatives, place making projects, economic development, and opportunities to engage with the community. We hope you will enjoy it and take advantage of the great things going on in the neighborhood.

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**VISION:**
MidTown Cleveland is a connected community in the center of it all, an inclusive place for people to innovate, create, prosper and live.

**MISSION:**
MidTown Cleveland, Inc. leverages its diverse assets to develop a dynamic neighborhood that unites the city's downtown and innovation districts.

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MORE COLOR IN MIDTOWN

Be on the lookout for new monument signs, wayfinding, bike racks and utility boxes in MidTown! The new signage program will help people navigate the neighborhood more effectively, and it promotes MidTown as an accessible, vibrant place full of wonderful amenities and community.

NEW UTILITY BOXES IN MIDTOWN

The new utility box wraps on Payne Ave. captures the identity of AsiaTown. The boxes feature designs created by local Asian artists. These intricate designs were inspired by Asian history and culture. Stay tuned for more utility box wraps along Euclid and 55th. These boxes will feature designs from local African-American artists. Their designs represent Cleveland pride, as it highlights historical Cleveland figures and overall black culture.
A crowd of AsiaTown residents and stakeholders gathered recently to unveil Stanley Eng Way, the new street name for East 30th between Payne and Superior. Mr. Eng’s leadership in the community led to the development of the Asian Evergreen Apartments and programs for seniors and immigrants in the community. The street naming is part of a wave of recent positive activity in AsiaTown.

Angie’s Soul Cafe originator Angie Jeter, began her professional cooking career just blocks away at the Carnegie Hotel at E. 69th Street. Angie's Soul Cafe is a cornerstone of the community and we're happy to have it here in MidTown.

There are many job opportunities in MidTown. Be sure to check out our website and apply today!

midtowncleveland.org/job-board
Dunkin Donuts' corporate office decided a Fairfax location was the right move. They liked the area; they saw what we saw long term. It has some new features, which make it more attractive for people passing through the neighborhood. This is what they call their 'next gen store,' which has this clean look, Dunkin’ offers something a little unique—it will have an outdoor patio.

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE 2020 CENSUS**

The 2020 Census officially begins April 1, 2020. An accurate count is essential to the political representation and federal funding for the next decade for the State of Ohio’s Fiscal Year budgets.

U.S. Census data are used in decision-making at all levels of government. City and county planners use census data to plan for hospitals, nursing homes, and other clinics. Cuyahoga County and State of Ohio agencies rely on census data to build new roads and repair our infrastructure. Cleveland Metropolitan School District and other regional public school districts even use census information to draw school district boundaries.

For more information visit: www.census.gov/partners/2020.html

**PAINT CLEVELAND**

Mayor Frank G. Jackson announced that the City of Cleveland's popular Exterior Paint Program will resume. The program is part of the Healthy Homes Interdepartmental Initiative, a citywide effort to improve quality of life through enhancements in housing stock.

For more information!
**LEO’S LISTENING PARTY**

Commemorate the past, enjoy the present, and influence the future of our MidTown community with a community concert. Join Midtown Cleveland, residents, artists, and Leo’s-era musicians as we celebrate Cleveland’s rich music and entertainment history! By leveraging music, we aim to develop a stronger community as we build momentum and demand for arts and culture.

**CAFFINE BEATS**

Spring concerts at the MidTown’s café Phix called “Caffeine Beats” using a simple, pop-up format inspired by NPR’s Tiny Desk Concerts. Caffeine Beats will focus on attracting a younger audience (18-40) to draw them into understanding the lost history of Leo’s Casino and into the work of creating viable culture and arts scene in MidTown. These mini-concerts will feature local musical talent through live performances and build an audience through social media platforms. Stay tuned for more details.

For more information, Follow our MidTown Mixtape Instagram

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**FOUNDERS UNFILTERED** - 5-7:30PM @ DUNHAM TAVERN

Join us on January 23rd at Dunham Tavern Museum for a conversation with Ted Truxell and Adam Miclot, co-founders of Liftr.ai, an artificial intelligence platform designed to model how audiences engage with digital advertising.

**LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION** - 11AM-7PM @ Ll WAH

Celebrate the Lunar New Year at Asia Plaza on Saturday, January 25. The festivities kick off with the Kwan Family Lion Dance at 11am, starting at Li Wah Restaurant and moving through the various businesses in Asia Plaza.

**THE KING OF CLEVELAND** - 6:30PM-9PM @ RAINEY INSTITUTE

Come out to an evening of music, history, and powerful dialogue as we reintroduce the remarkable life of Winston Willis and his extraordinary rise to power and wealth during the turbulent 1960’s.

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**STAY TUNED!**

Descending on MidTown in June, 2020, POW! WOW! is now recognized as one of the most premier and well curated mural festivals in the world and will be bringing local and international mural artists to beautify the neighborhood.
MidTown Issues RFPs for Neighborhood Vision, Equitable Housing Development Plans

MidTown Cleveland, Inc. issued RFPs for two critical planning processes which will shape the future of the neighborhood for years to come.

The Neighborhood Vision Plan will be the first master plan for MidTown since 2005, and will engage the community in conversation about a shared future vision for the neighborhood. The Equitable Housing Development Plan will provide an in-depth market analysis, study on housing in MidTown and outline a strategy for pursuing equitable housing development.

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