

## **CLSID 2018-19 Annual Report**

Lee Road is experiencing a renewal. The last three years has resulted in considerable investment in the district. Boss Dog Brewery, CLE Urban Winery, Cross Fit I/O, Paws CLE, and most recently Voodoo Brewery, have joined our roster of independently owned businesses. We're eager to see a former storefront, which has served as a branch bank for decades, become Marchant Manor Artisan Cheese Shop, and the historic Silsby fire station, will soon feature a second location for Cleveland Tea Revival.

Our local dining scene features a smorgasbord of menus. Whether it's burgers or BBQ, Italian, Moroccan or Mediterranean, complemented by vegetarian options, pizza and Cajun-style seafood, our dining roster runs deep, and these venues are all within an easily walkable half-mile. Top that with hand-dipped chocolates, freshly prepared breads, cakes and pastries, Lee Road is a foodie's playground. Several of our destinations continue to receive local awards, and praise on national food and beverage blogs.

Surrounded by tree-lined residential streets, our Main Street appeal has always featured quality auto repair, a grocery store, coffee shops, yoga classes, HVAC and health care services. You can walk to the barbershop, the library, or the high school football game. With convenient choices, you can purchase a bottle of wine, after buying birthday cards and running shoes, without moving your car. Those craving arts and culture can experience visual arts at our galleries, attend concerts, book clubs, and watch independent films at the regionally recognized Cedar Lee Theatre. Cain Park continues to immerse guests in the best of local and national performances each summer, while offering community amenities such as running paths, tennis courts, a playground and a legendary sledding hill in the winter.

The growth here is authentic. Its foundation is built on long-standing businesses that have weathered challenging economic times, negative press, yet never wavering from their investment in brick and mortar. These stakeholders maintain a commitment to provide customer

service, quality products or hospitality. Our locals understand the impact of on-line shopping, and how this has changed the national retail climate, as well as their business models. However, our residents appreciate the uniqueness of our neighborhood, the long-standing relationships with the familiar faces at shops and restaurants, while visitors are pleasantly surprised at all the district offers.

While the 2019 Music Hop experienced a devastating storm and subsequent power loss, it didn't deter the annual night of free music performances in the district. Residents & music fans rallied around the event, filled shops, patios and restaurants, spending the evening enjoying a diverse, neighborhood soundscape. The Happy 10k/5k and Fun Run had its biggest turnout yet and raised \$10,000 for the CLE Hts. Youth Scholarship Fund. We are proud to welcome runners, walkers, sponsors and race fans for this day of health & fitness in the Heights; and appreciate the support of participating merchants. Candy Crawl continues to be a highlight of the Fall season, as we welcome families to enjoy a night of safe trick-or-treating on Lee Road. We can't leave out the Heights Homecoming festivities, which brings a parade and lots of Tiger spirit, marching down the commercial corridor.

In 2019, Achilles Running CLE, Blank Canvas CLE, Culinary Occasions, Kensington Pub, Lee Road Dog Grooming and Rising Star Coffee Roasters all decided to grow or expand their businesses in the Cedar Lee district. We're inspired by our roster of small businesses, committed to our role as catalysts for change, & excited about our future. We look forward to the next decade. Let's work together to keep the momentum going.