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One of the city's most enduring historic neighborhoods, Little Italy began as a community of Italian stone masons for Lake View Cemetery and the original home of the Guardians of Transportation Statues. Little Italy continues to celebrate its Italian heritage and is the home of culinary artists and fine Italian restaurants, and for artists and artisans of fabric, paper, ceramics, glass and paintings. The neighborhood offers diverse housing (and gardening) options for families, empty nesters and those from nearby hospitals, universities and cultural institutions in its one square mile area. Little Italy has plants, fig trees and grape arbors brought from the old country, art and sculptures, plenty of vegetables and herbs, and many creative uses of plant-filled pots.

Parking is no problem! Little Italy is easy to access by car, RTA, shuttle, or bicycle. In addition to a parking lot at E 119 and Mayfield (parkmobile.com), there are RTA stops at Mayfield Rd and at Cedar Rd. The websites littleitalycle.com and universitycircle.org websites have info on stops for the free University Circle Shuttle and more on its 'getting around and parking' page. Or rent a bike to tour Little Italy gardens using HOPR

★ Information Station — 12010 Mayfield Rd Little Italy Redevelopment Corporation
Little Italy Redevelopment Corporation (LIRC) is a non-profit community development organization made up of concerned residents, business owners, members of long standing neighborhood institutions and other individuals.

1 2022 Murray Hill Rd
Tucked away between brick buildings, a cozy patio is accompanied by a planter-lined wrought iron fence and container gardens.

2 Mount Granita Italian Ice — 2024 Murray Hill Rd
Flower boxes filled with various heirloom daylilies divide the street from the Mount Granita patio. Hanging spider plants and hosta-salvia-potato vine urn planters create a beautiful backdrop to enjoy traditional Sicilian Italian Ice.

3 Elena's Flowers — 2021 Murray Hill Rd
A wedding florist specializing in wedding flowers in a variety of styles. We use best fresh flowers available and work with suppliers from all over the world.

4 Urban Orchid — 2062 Murray Hill Rd
Urban Orchid is an upscale floral, and gift boutique dedicated to using local artists, growers, and suppliers to help create exclusive items perfect for all your gift giving occasions.

5 Murray Hill Market — 2072 Murray Hill Rd
This lighted, secluded area behind the Market provides a place to get away from it all. Includes vine-covered garage, roses and other flowers.

6 2082 Murray Hill Rd
No mow front yard landscaping

7 Hair Phix Hair Shop — 2092 Murray Hill Rd
Multiple large pots filled with sun-loving flowers grace this local business establishment.

8 2096 Murray Hill Rd
Front and Back yards have gardens for vegetables and perennials of different varieties. Family gardens together and enjoys the fruits and beauty of their labor.

9 2100 Murray Hill Rd
This garden continues a 60+ year family tradition of using the beautiful soil to grow vegetables. Back yard is 3/4 raised beds.

10 2125 Murray Hill Rd
A courtyard garden space tucked between two buildings and flanked by two planting beds with red flowering plants climbing up trellis towers.

11 Algebra Tea House — 2136 Murray Hill Road
A beautiful urban garden consisting of various herbs, perennials and annuals.

12 2228 Murray Hill Rd
This garden features a grape arbor and fig tree planted by the owner's grandfather, along with annual and perennial flowers and a topiary bush. Hopefully, you will see a vegetable garden in the backyard, IF the fencing continues to keep the groundhog family away!

13 2193 Arey Rd
Flowers, vegetables, herbs and art intermingle in this no-grass yard. Back has pergola and grape arbor, side features chessboard patio.

14 11425 Glenwood Ave
This is a terraced garden with long-established peonies, junipers, Japanese maple, lambs ears and ferns

15 11415 Glenwood Ave
Have lived in this century home for the past 75 years consisting of many flowers including converting a huge bird bath into a flower garden.

16 2133 Random Rd
This well-maintained spot includes hydrangeas, ferns, a Lenten rose and a miniature dogwood tree, as well as flowers.

- 17 2119 Random Road**
This small garden has become a peaceful respite in a noisy world through perennials, pots, shrubs, trees and annuals.
- 18 Random Rd Lofts – 2079 Random Rd**
This common area garden hosts weeping cherry, hostas, hydrangea and other ornamentals.
- 19 Farmer Tropiano Community Garden Behind Tony Brush Park Random & Mayfield Roads**
Domenic “Farmer” Tropiano Community Garden enjoyed its opening season in 2010 and includes garden plots for local residents. Visitors will find a rose garden as well as 14 individual vegetable or flower cultivated plots on this 1/4 acre garden.
- 20 Tony Brush Park 12002 Mayfield Rd**
This green space redevelopment was completed in 2007 and is named for champion boxer and Little Italy resident, Anthony Brescia. A new addition to the park in 2021 is the statue of renowned Cleveland Indians player Rocky Colavito.
- 21 1990 E 120th St**
This garden adds more color each year, with a goal of achieving an early spring bloom, a summer splash and a fall wonderland.
- 22 1954 East 120th St**
Flowers from the front yard spill onto the porch. Hummingbird feeders and stone sculptures complete the look.
- 23 1947 East 120th St**
Upcycled planters/concrete garden.
- 24 1892 Coltman Rd**
This potted city garden shows you really can have beauty in the midst of the proverbial concrete jungle.
- 25 1901 Coltman Rd**
Heirloom plants are part of this labor of love.
- 26 This garden is no longer on the tour**
- 27 1968 Coltman Rd**
This small, no-grass lot includes a brick patio, fruit trees and a river stone path through the garden.
- 28 1985 Coltman Rd**
Urban container garden
- 29 Italian American Museum of Cleveland 12111 Mayfield Rd**
Italian Immigrant Gardens Presentation (1-2p). Join Pamela Dorazio Dean for a free exploration of the history and tradition of the Italian immigrant gardens that were first cultivated in the United States during the early 20th century.
- 30 1982 E. 124th Pl**
A collection of potted plants fills this urban container garden.
- 31 1978 East 124th Pl**
Wild and native flowers grace this small front yard. A collection of large clay and sculpted pots on the side include native plants and herbs.
- 32 Villa Carabelli – 12658 Mayfield Rd**
Front patio
- 33 Cleveland Montessori School 12510 Mayfield Rd**
The flower beds surrounding the Alta House feature an eclectic collection of potted plants, perennials, vegetables and whimsical yard art. These gardens are planted and maintained by the Cleveland Montessori students, staff and parent community.
- 12305 Fairview Ct**
New flowers and shrubs are amid the Saint and other sculptures.
- 34 12311 Fairview Ct**
A Japanese Maple tree is surrounded by various rose varieties. This small front yard welcomes visitors to the heart of Little Italy.
- 35 12306 Fairview Ct**
A Little Garden in Little Italy
- 36 2044 Fairview Ave**
Yards are small in this area, but this one is beautiful with perennials and annuals highlighted by a Japanese Maple.
- 37 2046 Fairview Ave**
This is a very little garden with very many flowers.
- 38 2084 Fairview Ave**
Front yard with Virgin Mary, herb/flower gardens, holly, hydrangea, rose of Sharon and rose bushes. Left side walkway with flower pots of annuals.
- 39 2107 Fairview Ave**
This is a potted garden consisting of fig trees, eggplants, tomatoes, basil and various flowers.
- 40 2097 Murray Hill Rd**
Two trees have graced this house since the 1920's. Recent additions include hydrangeas after 2004 home restoration and Knockout roses this year.