



# Little Italy

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. The neighborhood offers diverse housing options for families, empty nesters and those from nearby University Circle in its one square mile area.

Little Italy is easy to access by car, RTA, shuttle, or bicycle. In addition to a parking lot at E 119th St and Mayfield Rd (parkmobile.com), there are RTA stops at Mayfield Rd and also Cedar Rd. Or rent a bike to tour Little Italy gardens using HOPR.

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- ★ Information Station – Mount Granita Italian Ice**  
**2024 Murray Hill Rd.**  
Flower boxes filled with various annuals divide the street from the Mount Granita patio. Other flowers and houseplants set the backdrop to enjoy fresh fruit Italian Ice.
  - 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 Elena's Flowers – 2021 Murray Hill Rd**  
Elena's Flowers/Bridal is 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.
  - 3 La Dolce Vita – 12112 Mayfield Rd**  
This is a large container garden with varied plants and planters.
  - 4 Little Italy Redevelopment Corporation**  
**12010 Mayfield Rd**  
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.
  - 5 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.

- 6 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.
- 7 11917 Mayfield Rd**  
Floral, evergreen and herb container garden. Featuring handmade pots by neighborhood ceramic artist Madeline J Davis.
- 8 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.
- 9 1954 E 120th St**  
Flowers from the front yard spill onto the porch. Hummingbird feeders and stone sculptures complete the look.
- 10 1897 E 120th St**  
Herb garden, tomatoes, peppers, and lots of flowers!
- 11 1892 Coltman Rd**  
This potted city garden shows you really can have beauty in the midst of the proverbial concrete jungle.
- 12 1901 Coltman Rd**  
Heirloom plants are part of this labor of love.
- 13 1968 Coltman Rd**  
Stone walk way through a garden of fruit trees, roses and dahlias.
- 14 1985 Coltman Rd**  
Urban container garden
- 15 1982 E 124th Place**  
A collection of potted plants fills this urban container garden.
- 16 1978 E 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.
- 17 12658 Mayfield Rd**  
Front patio
- 18 Cleveland Montessori School at Alta House**  
**12510 Mayfield Road**  
The students at Cleveland Montessori plant and maintain the garden beds surrounding the Alta House.

The garden features a variety of perennial and annual flowers, vegetables and herbs. Students add their personal touch on painted stepping stones and other fun garden art.

**19 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.

**20 12306 Fairview Ct**

Law student's front garden, hidden behind a vine-covered wall. Now that I've graduated, this is my last year (at this house, at least)! Done in memory of my uncle Mark, whose favorite day of the year was the GardenWalk.

**21 2044 Fairview Ave**

Yards are small in this area, but this one is beautiful with perennials and annuals highlighted by a Japanese Maple.

**22 2046 Fairview Ave**

This is a very little garden with very many flowers.

**23 2084 Fairview Ave**

Front yard with Virgin Mary, herb and flower gardens, holly, hydrangea, rose of sharon and rose bushes. Left side walkway with flower pots of annuals.

**24 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.

**25 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.

**26 Hair Phix Hair Shop – 2092 Murray Hill Rd**

Multiple large pots filled with sun-loving flowers grace this local business establishment.

**27 2096 Murray Hill Rd**

This year we added, cedar raised vegetable garden beds in the backyard to make it easier to tend while keeping four-legged animals out.

**28 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.

**29 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.

**30 Algebra Tea House – 2136 Murray Hill Rd**

A beautiful urban garden consisting of various herbs, perennials and annuals.

**31 Lounge Leo – 2161 Murray Hill Rd**

Beautiful greenery in front of this neighborhood staple.

**32 2163 Murray Hill Rd**

Upcycled planters/concrete garden.

**33 2235 Edgehill Rd**

A tiny front yard display of perennials and annuals in the front yard of a century home in Historic Little Italy.

**34 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!

**35 2248 Murray Hill Rd**

Our garden is a little lush theatre with many treasured performers. From the dramatic birth of thyme and basil, to the moribund cherry tree; to vine tomatoes whose faces are eaten by mice, territory feuds between chipmunks, smiling cabbages, and the twitching tails of the exotic lead-squirrels.

**36 12014 Paul Ave**

Terrace with pond and water feature. Bentgrass, rock garden, cactus and pollarded trees.

**37 Random Road Lofts – 2079 Random Rd**

This common area garden hosts weeping cherry, hostas, hydrangea and other ornamentals.

**38 2119 Random Rd – STAR GARDENER**

This small garden has become a peaceful respite in a noisy world through perennials, pots, shrubs, trees and annuals.

**39 11425 Glenwood Ave**

This is a terraced garden with long established peonies, junipers, Japanese Maple, lambs ear, ferns, etc.

**40 11415 Glenwood Ave**

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