



Special Features

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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, 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, 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 119th St and Mayfield Rd (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 — Mount Granita Italian Ice — 2024 Murray Hill Rd**
Flower boxes filled with lollipop verbena and potato vine divide the street from the Mount Granita patio. Potted geraniums and houseplants create a beautiful backdrop to enjoy Sicilian-style Italian Ice.

1 Elena's Flowers — 2021 Murray Hill Rd
Elena's Flowers/Bridal is wedding florist, specializing in wedding flowers in a variety of styles. The best fresh flowers available, with suppliers from all over the world

2 Bolt & Spool— 2026 Murray Hill Rd
This fabric boutique's front patio is lined with annual flowers, featuring a stunning climbing clematis in the center

3 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

4 2096 Murray Hill Rd
The roses and hydrangeas are anywhere from 2 to 20 years old. They have been transplanted in 3 different homes

5 2100 Murray Hill Rd
This garden continues a 60+ year family tradition of using the beautiful soil to grow vegetables. Backyard is 3/4 raised beds

6 2097 Murray Hill Rd
Two trees have graced this house since the 1920s. Recent additions include hydrangeas after 2004 home restoration and Knockout roses this year

7 Algebra Tea House — 2136 Murray Hill Rd
A beautiful urban garden consisting of various herbs, perennials, and annuals | N |

8 2175 Murray Hill Rd
Colorful display of perennials surrounded by manicured shrubbery. Some of the plants date back to the 1980s.

9 2235 Edgehill Rd
A tiny front yard display of perennials and annuals in the front yard of a century home in Historic

10 Blue Sky Brews — 2187 Murray Hill Rd
Flowers can be found blooming on the front and back patios of this neighborhood staple cafe

11 Fribley Commons — 2281 Murray Hill Rd
Completed in 2024, the green space between CWRU's two newest residence halls features a large recreation lawn and wellness garden

12 11425 Glenwood Ave
A terraced garden with long established peonies, junipers, Japanese maple, lambs ear, ferns, etc. | N |

13 11415 Glenwood Ave
Have lived in this century home for the past 75 years. Many flowers and a huge bird bath into a flower garden

14 2193 Arey Rd
Twenty years ago I started removing grass and putting in patios and gardens in the side and back. Now I just weed and enjoy my refuge

15 2119 Random Rd
This small garden has become a peaceful respite in a noisy world through perennials, pots, shrubs, trees, and annuals

16 Random Rd Lofts — 2079 Random Rd
This common area garden hosts weeping cherry, hostas, hydrangea, and other ornamentals

17 12014 Paul Ave — Star Gardener

The yard includes a rock garden with hardy cacti, a fountain built by the our grandfather 85 years ago, and a sycamore more than 120 years old | [W](#) |

18 Farmer Tropiano Community Garden, Behind Tony Brush Park — Random & Mayfield Roads

Domenic “Farmer” Tropiano Community Garden opened in 2010 and includes garden plots for local residents. Rose garden as well as 14 individual vegetable or flower plots on this 1/4 acre garden

19 Tony Brush Park — 12002 Mayfield Rd

Green space was completed in 2007, named for champion boxer/Little Italy resident, Anthony Brescia. A 2021 addition is the statue of renowned Cleveland Indians player, Rocky Colavito

20 Little Italy Redevelopment Corporation — 12018 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

21 Home Bistro — 12022 Mayfield Rd

Overflowing flower planters line the entrance of Home Bistro: a New American restaurant located in the heart of Cleveland’s Little Italy neighborhood

22 La Dolce Vita — 12112 Mayfield Rd

This is a large container garden with varied plants

23 Moonstruck — 11917 Mayfield Rd

The front door to Little Italy’s premiere vintage boutique features containers with colorful flowers and aromatic herbs

24 Presti’s Bakery — 12101 Mayfield Rd

Hanging flower baskets and planters line the patio of this Little Italy staple. Since 1903, Presti’s is Cleveland’s oldest bakery, specializing in Sicilian baked goods and prepared foods

25 1985 Coltman Rd

Urban container garden

26 1968 Coltman Rd

This small, no-grass lot includes a brick patio, fruit trees, and a river stone path through the garden

27 1892 Coltman Rd

This potted city garden shows you really can have beauty in the midst of the proverbial concrete jungle

28 1901 Coltman Rd

Heirloom plants are part of this labor of love

29 1898 E 123rd St

A flower garden with lavender and echinacea | [N](#) |

30 1982 E 124th Pl

A collection of potted plants fills this urban container garden

31 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 | [N](#) |

32 1958 E 124th Pl

Beautiful plants and flowers grace the front and back yard of this well-loved garden

33 1940 E 124th Pl

A variety of vegetables, herbs, fruits, and flowers. The garden is located on the roof of the garage so it is not ADA friendly

34 1951 E 124th Pl

Beautifying our 100-yr-old house, our hope was to capture the feel of the neighborhood with a variety of colorful annuals and perennials and set up our front yard to enjoy a glass of wine. Hope you enjoy our piece of heaven!

35 12658 Mayfield Rd

Front patio

36 Cleveland Montessori Gardens 12510 Mayfield Rd

Include several small beds around the Alta House featuring a mix of perennials, annuals, vegetables, herbs, and yard art!

37 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.

38 2044 Fairview Ave

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

39 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