



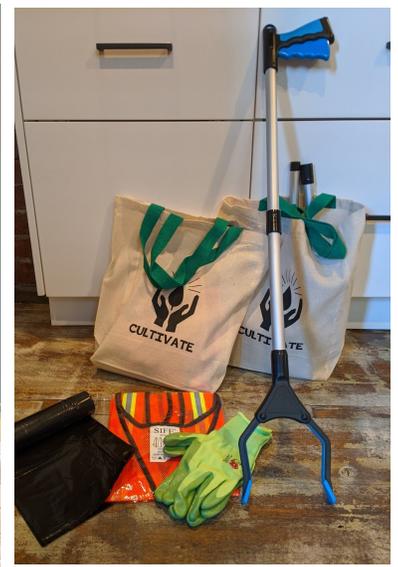
# MILO-GROGAN NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

May 2020 Edition

## Neighborhood COVID-19 Outreach

### Cultivate:

During COVID-19, Cultivate has been focused on outdoor initiatives, like Litter Pick Up Kits and the Milo-Grogan Green Space, as well as emergency assistance for neighbors. Working alongside other neighbors, we've handed out over 600 resource bags and dropped them off on the front porches of our Milo neighbors. If you are a Milo neighbor who needs any kind of assistance during these crazy times, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are committed to providing groceries, cleaning products, toilet paper, financial assistance, and more. You can contact [amy@cultivatecdc.com](mailto:amy@cultivatecdc.com), 814-233-7408. You can also contact Amy if you would like a Litter Pick Up Kit dropped off on your front porch.



### Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Cultivate, and Family Service Council:

These organizations also came together to support the neighborhood by distributing cases of water and hand sanitizer to Milo-Grogan residents, starting with the elderly. Thank you to all for choosing to serve the community in this way!



## Resident Spotlight

Meet Homer Grant Franklin Jr., a 20-year Milo-Grogan resident. Homer volunteers with the Milo-Grogan Civic Association to keep the Milo-Grogan Green Space maintained, and also does landscape work for residents throughout the neighborhood. In the below picture you will see him wearing the engineering hat of his father, who was the first ever black engineer at the Milo-Grogan rail station. Thank you, Homer, for your commitment to the garden and to Milo-Grogan!



## RTNI COVID-19 Response

RTNI put together a "Christmas in the Spring" and distributed over 200 wrapped toys, art supplies, and learning games to 64 young people to them with something fun and educational to do while stuck at home.

RTNI volunteers also visited our students' families, bringing Easter baskets and sharing encouragement. The baskets included pancake mix since they were unable to have their Easter Pancake breakfast in person, so that they could enjoy them from home and live stream the RTNI Easter service. The service is still viewable at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6XNTuulC6Y>.



## Free Lunch Program

RTNI is partnering with the Columbus Dream Center and the Children's Hunger Alliance to provide free lunch for children and students ages 17 and younger. The lunches are provided from the below locations, Monday through Friday on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Outside of the Thornwood Commons office (1110 Olmstead Ave): **12 - 12:30 PM**  
Starr / RTNI (837 E 2nd Ave) with the pink porch: **12:30 - 1 PM**

## Milo-Grogan Green Space

The Milo-Grogan Green Space (900 Cleveland Ave) is in full bloom right now. We'd love it if you'd swing by, have a picnic, spend some time in nature, and pull a few weeds. If you're interested in being involved in the work days at the park, email [kelsijorobinson@gmail.com](mailto:kelsijorobinson@gmail.com). We'll be planting the vegetable garden soon!



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## Neighborhood Communications:



**Civic Association Website:** [www.milogrogancivic.com](http://www.milogrogancivic.com)

**Civic Association Facebook Page:** [www.facebook.com/MiloGroganCA](https://www.facebook.com/MiloGroganCA)

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