

# ASIATOWN WALKING TOUR

Walk through the decades in AsiaTown, home to many generations of New American families. As you walk through the neighborhood, soak in all senses of home - smells of incense and cooking, sights of home gardens and door hangings. Wander off the path through AsiaTown alleyways for a unique view of worker cottage-style homes and robust gardens. Fuel up with bubble tea, wontons, and sweet and savory buns along your walk!



**2.75 mi**

**~1 hour**

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CLEVELAND

## **A 2136 Rockwell Avenue**

Historic Chinatown became the home for Chinese immigrants in 1931, after their original neighborhood on W. 3rd and Ontario Streets was razed for the US Postal building. This Rockwell Ave. development is the last remaining element and remains the home to the On Leong Association, the On Leong Temple, and Emperor's Palace Restaurant, in the place of the historic Shanghai Restaurant. The complex still includes several residences, Sichuan Hot Pot, and Smarty Pants Day Care.

## **B 2999 Payne Avenue**

Asia Plaza was created in 1988 by John Louie, then purchased by the Hom family and expanded, opening in 1991. Explore restaurants and shops - including Park to Shop, a hallmark Asian grocery store, dim sum restaurant, bakery, holistic health care purveyors, and certified Hello Kitty gift shop. In December 2019, E. 30th Street was re-named Stanley Eng Way 伍灼培路 after a neighborhood leader who was the driving force behind Asian Evergreen, a senior affordable apartment building. This is the first Cleveland street in Chinese language and named after an Asian American.

## **C 1587 E. 31st Street**

Cut through Waring Court for a sense of AsiaTown's alleyways to get to Mueller Lofts, which opened in 2018 and the home of over 50 households. The apartment building is a restoration of the historic Mueller Electric Building, the birthplace of the famous "Alligator Clips," which are still used in jumper cables today.

## **D Various, along Payne Avenue**

Look out for artwork along Payne Avenue between E. 30th and E. 40th Streets, including four illustrations on utility boxes and one mural. This artwork features five local artists: Jordan Wong, Mitzi Lai, Dayzwhun, Kathleen Marcotte, and Julia Kuo.

## **E 3843 Payne Avenue**

Asian Evergreen Apartments is a HUD apartment complex built in 1998 with 48 affordable apartments dedicated to seniors. Asian Evergreen is home to beloved Chinese and Korean elderly residents. The Cleveland Chinese Senior Citizens Association sponsors gatherings and activities, including calligraphy lessons, Bible studies, and a lunch program for seniors. Asian Evergreen incorporates feng shui elements for peace and harmony into its architecture and design.

## **F 4001 Superior Avenue**

Home to the North Presbyterian Church from 1887 until the congregation moved recently to E. 45th Street. This building was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1974. The building interior follows the Akron Plan, a model for religious buildings that features a central rotunda and flexible classroom spaces, emphasizing education and community.

## **G 3820 Superior Avenue**

Asian Town Center is an indoor shopping center home to Asia Food Company grocery store, Negative Space Gallery, Viva Dance Studio, as well as a variety of restaurants, an herbal store, and services, such as a massage and spa center and tax preparation. The building opened in 2008, transforming an old lighting factory into the arts and culture center it is today.

## **H 3615 Superior Avenue**

Tyler Village today houses over 50 businesses and organizations, including a Breakthrough School, Gotta Groove Records, Fount, and housed the Cleveland Flea for many years. Historically, this complex was home to Cleveland Wire Works and Tyler Elevator Products starting in 1913.