Cleveland, Ohio, was named for General Moses Cleaveland who founded a settlement on the shores of Lake Erie at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River in 1796 while leading the exploration of the Connecticut Western Reserve. In 1831, to fit the city’s name on a newspaper masthead, the “a” was dropped and the current spelling was adopted.

Cleveland’s University Circle is the cultural center of the city and home to the Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Cleveland Children’s Museum, Cleveland Botanical Garden, the Western Reserve Historical Society History Center, and the new Cleveland Museum of Contemporary Art that will open in October 2012. The North Coast Harbor is the site of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Great Lakes Science Center, Cleveland Browns Stadium, the Steamship William G. Mather, the U.S.S. Cod World War II submarine, and the International Women’s Air & Space Museum. Other city museums include the Dunham Tavern Museum, “A Christmas Story” House & Museum, Hubbard House Museum, and the Ukrainian Museum-Archives.

PlayhouseSquare is Cleveland’s major theater district and consists of ten stages (Allen Theatre, Hanna Theatre, Ohio Theatre, State Theatre, Palace Theatre, Westfield Insurance Studio Theatre,—14th Street Theatre, Kennedy’s Cabaret Second Stage, and the Helen Rosenfeld Lewis Bialosky Lab Theatre) that are home to the opera, ballet, concerts, a Broadway Series, the Great Lakes Theatre Festival, one-man shows, professional regional theater, cabaret entertainment, and Cleveland State University’s Arts Campus. Severance Hall is the winter home of the Cleveland Orchestra, Progressive Field and Quicken Loans Arena host sporting events and concerts.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Downtown Cleveland offers townhouses, lofts, and apartments in converted historic buildings. New condominiums are also available in high-rise buildings.

Housing options in the Edgewater neighborhood, which is located along Lake Erie, include lakefront luxury homes, cottages, Cleveland doubles, historic apartment buildings, newly constructed townhomes and lofts, and condominiums. Detroit Shoresway is a lakefront community that offers older restored homes, new single-family homes, attached townhomes, and condominium loft units. The Tremont neighborhood offers cottages, Victorian-style houses, and loft apartments in historic buildings and new townhouses and apartments. Most of the homes in Ohio City, which was one of the first neighborhoods to undergo rehabilitation, are one- or two-story frame-style on small lots. The Brooklyn Center neighborhood has a national historic district and features houses built in Italianate, Queen Anne, Arts-and-Crafts, and Colonial Revival styles. Shaker Square, which is at the edge of the city near Shaker Heights, features many apartment buildings that were built along the rapid transit line.

The recently constructed Battery Park neighborhood, which is situated on a bluff overlooking Edgewater Park, includes townhouses and condominiums and affords views of Lake Erie and Downtown Cleveland. The modern luxury apartments in the Uptown neighborhood adjacent to University Circle are situated above retail space.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Cleveland’s Department of Parks, Recreation and Properties manages over 150 parks, playgrounds, an arts center, 18 recreation centers, and green spaces. Amenities include dog parks; skate parks; football, cricket, and soccer fields; tennis, racquetball, and bocce ball courts; golf courses; outdoor and indoor swimming pools; boxing rings; ice and roller rinks; computer rooms; and weight rooms.

Three of the Cleveland Metroparks are located within the city boundaries. Washington Reservation offers a golf course and driving range and baseball, soccer, and football fields. Rocky River Reservation features three golf courses. Brookside Reservation is home to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and The RainForest, as well as to baseball and football fields.

The six parks within the Cleveland Lakefront State Park system offer opportunities for swimming, fishing, and boating along Lake Erie. Other recreational opportunities are available at Greater Cleveland Aquarium and the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse.

Cleveland has many professional sports teams including the Cleveland Indians (baseball), Cleveland Browns (football), Cleveland Cavaliers (basketball), Lake Erie Monsters (hockey), Cleveland Fusion (women’s football), and Cleveland Gladiators (arena football).

EDUCATION

Cleveland Metropolitan School District educates 44,000 students in 89 pre-kindergarten through grade 8 schools and 23 high schools. Elementary schools offer traditional learning programs as well as community wraparound, dual language, global curriculum, Montessori, professional learning community, single-gender, or Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs. Specialized high school programs include business/administration, automotive/construction/manufacturing, education, hospitality, legal, fashion/interior design, health/safety services, and STEM. Some schools are available to all students in the city; some have criteria for enrollment; and some use a lottery for assignment.

Case Western Reserve University has undergraduate and graduate degree programs that include schools of medicine, dentistry, and nursing. Cleveland State University offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Cuyahoga Community College offers career, technical, and liberal arts courses. The Cleveland Institute of Art is an independent college of art and design, Cleveland Institute of Music provides professional education in music performance and related disciplines in a joint program with Case Western Reserve University.

HEALTH CARE

Cleveland is served by six hospitals with a total of 4,171 licensed beds. In addition, the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center offers a full range of primary, secondary, and tertiary care services for veterans. Rehabilitation services and long-term acute care services are also available.

CITY STATS 2010

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