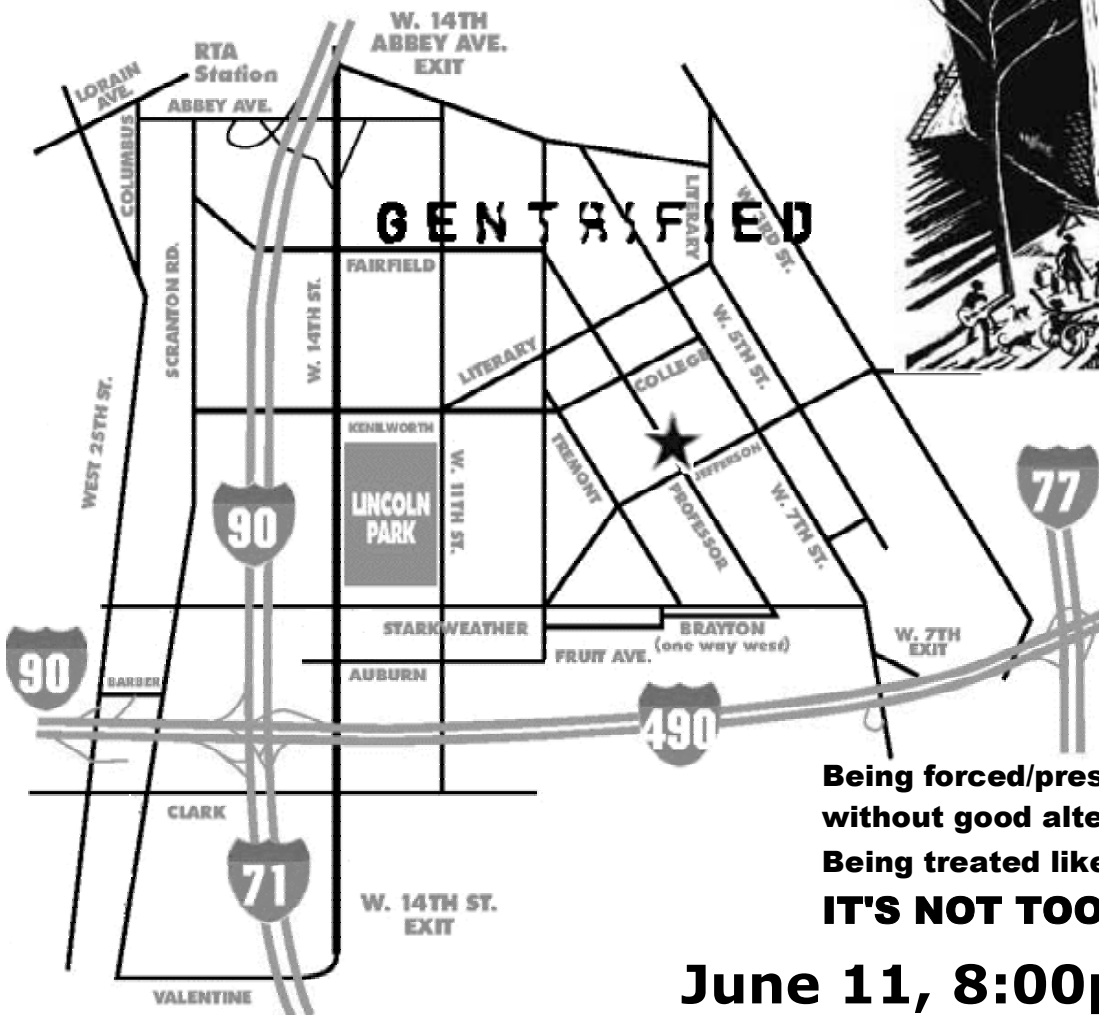


Gentrification is "the transformation of (an aging area in a city) into a more wealthy, middle-class neighborhood, as by remodeling dwellings, resulting in increased property values and in displacement of the poor." In other words, it is when working-class residents and businesses are driven out of a neighborhood by wealthy investors, businesses, and development companies. Hidden under terms like "redevelopment" or "renovations", older, affordable, and public housing is destroyed and replaced by more expensive housing, such as fancy condos and apartments. Meanwhile, locally owned businesses are pressured to sell to corporate property companies by both the city and large companies. Property taxes for working class, long-term residents skyrocket while upper-middle class investors are given tax abatements. Instead of building grocery stores or other services the community needs, expensive restaurants and shops local folk can't afford are built to attract rich outsiders and, of course, more wealthy investors. Families and elderly persons who can't afford the increased costs are forced to relocate, often seriously harming their children's education, their jobs, and an already unstable financial situation. People are treated like pawns of the rich, kicked out of their own neighborhoods so a few companies can turn a buck. The city turns its back on its poorer members, catering to affluent citizens, college students, and big business.

**"I used to be so proud to live in my old neighborhood
It never crossed my mind those days wouldn't last for good.
But now I realize that nothing stays the same.**

**I remember how I used to walk that street
It all comes back to me with every face I meet
But places I used to know began to look so strange
Funny, how things change."**



**Being forced/pressured out of Tremont
without good alternatives/options?
Being treated like the city's trash?
IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**

June 11, 8:00pm, see map