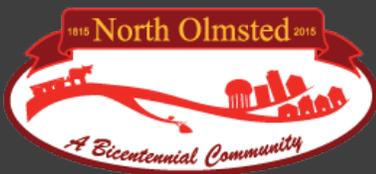


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A MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR

A CELEBRATION OF NORTH OLMSTED'S HISTORY, HERITAGE, AND FUTURE

2015 was a remarkable year for North Olmsted as the community came together to honor our bicentennial. Our mission was to celebrate North Olmsted's history, heritage, and future; recognize our achievements and mark milestones of the last 200 years; and create opportunities for sustained collaboration and partnership between city, school, business and community organizations. To this end, we have surely succeeded in ways that will benefit North Olmsted for years to come.

From the New Year's Eve Bicentennial Bash to North Olmsted Noel, 2015 has been packed with events, activities and outreach designed to educate, celebrate and inspire our community. The following pages are filled with accounts and images of this work, our bicentennial yearbook. It has been inspiring to me to talk with community members throughout the year and to hear there are so many folks with enthusiasm and optimism about North Olmsted's future.

Our bicentennial celebration would not have been possible without the commitment of the entire community. We truly appreciate those businesses, civic groups and individuals who gave financial support and donations that provided the foundation for all that was accomplished in this milestone year. Thank you also to the many wonderful volunteers from city, school and community organizations who gave generously of their time and talents to plan such a special celebration.

I hope you enjoy this keepsake of North Olmsted's bicentennial and always remember 2015 with pride.

Mayor Kevin M. Kennedy



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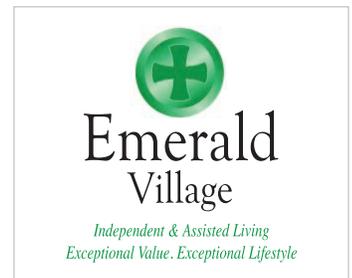
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North Olmsted Noel

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A Bicentennial Journey

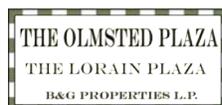
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Homecoming



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Community Picnic



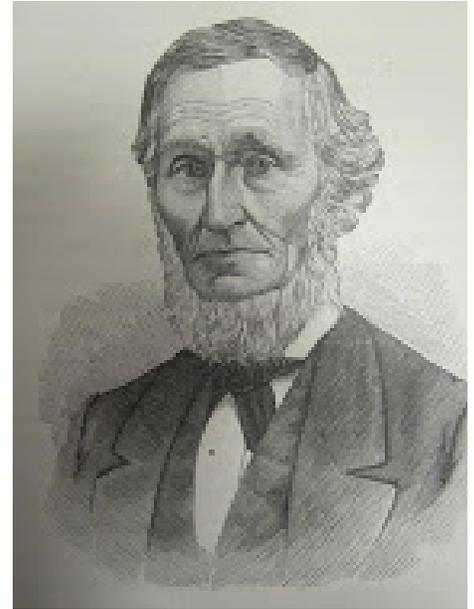
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Happy Birthday, Rec Center!



EDUCATE: STEARNS

Adapted from *Do You Live on a Stearns Brother Farm?* by Jim Dubelko

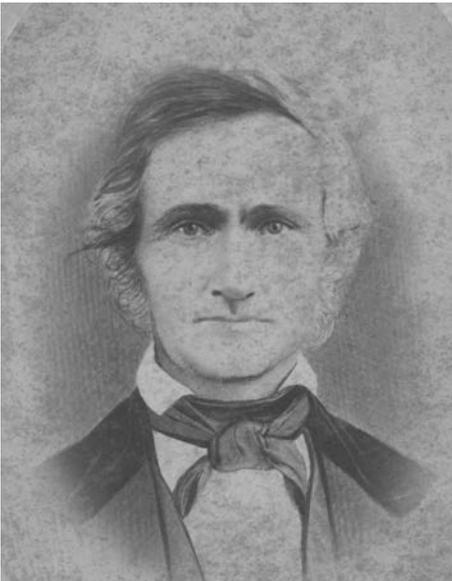


Sometime before 1815, Elijah Stearns, a farmer and a Revolutionary War veteran, and his son David, just then reaching adulthood, concluded that their family's future in Vermont was bleak. Their concerns were likely related to the impact that the War of 1812 was having upon their lives. As a lot of New Englanders did in these difficult times, despite the dangers posed by the new war, Elijah and David decided to move their family to northeast Ohio, where land for farming was advertised as good, cheap and plentiful. They planned to buy a little over a thousand acres of land and to create homesteads there for David and his five brothers, and perhaps some retirement land for Elijah and his second wife.

Elijah and David learned that the estate of Aaron Olmsted had a large amount of land for sale in northeast Ohio. The land was located in an area of the state then called the Connecticut Reserve (later "Western Reserve"), because it had been given to Connecticut in 1786 by the federal government. Connecticut turned around and sold the land to a company of private individuals organized as the Connecticut Land Company. In 1795, Aaron Olmsted, a sea captain, successfully bid to purchase over 14,000 acres of this land located in a township west of Cleveland then known simply as "Township 6, Range 15."

Olmsted had to wait years to complete the purchase because of the presence of Native Americans on the land. It wasn't until 1805, when a treaty was signed by the United States government and several Native American tribes, that lands in the area became available for settlement. Unfortunately, Olmsted died in 1806 before completing the purchase. His death set into motion a series of legal actions that made it difficult for anyone to get clear title to the land for the next two decades.

The legal proceedings resulting from Aaron Olmsted's death had been under way for almost a decade, when in 1815 Elijah Stearns, David, and David's younger brother, Alva, made the 500 mile trip on horseback from Dover, Vermont to inspect the land they intended to buy. It lay in the northern part of Township 6, Range 15, west of the Rocky River, and along a trail on a ridge that ran from the river valley to the western edge of the township. Today, that trail consists of two roads in North Olmsted--Butternut Ridge Road from Columbia Road to Lorain Road, and Lorain Road west to the county line. Elijah and his sons presumably found the land to be satisfactory, because he and Alva soon returned to Vermont to complete the purchase, while David remained on the land to protect the family's claim to it and to wait for surveyors to arrive and lay out the lots. In the process, he became North Olmsted's first settler.



David Stearns lived alone on the land, very near to the present day intersection of Stearns and Lorain Roads, for the next three years while the rest of the family remained in Vermont. David Stearns' isolation from his family came to an end when he married Polly Barnum, a girl from nearby Ridgeville Township, in 1819. In the decade that followed, the two started their family, and in the same decade David's younger brothers settled here on the lands purchased for them by their father Elijah, who died in 1823. All four of them, like their brother David, farmed lands that ran along Lorain Road.

For the remainder of the nineteenth century, and into the twentieth century, the Stearns were an important part of the North Olmsted community. The Stearns were active in the township government. David Johnson Stearns was elected the first township clerk in 1823. He and his brothers thereafter took turns serving in different township offices. They also were founders of the First Universalist Church. The Stearns brothers lived out their lives on their farms, the last of the brothers, Elijah, Jr., dying in 1891. A number of their children continued to farm their lands into the twentieth century.

Eventually, the Stearns farms on Lorain Road came to an end. With the coming of the Interurban (electric railcars), North Olmsted began to be viewed by developers, not as a place for farms, but instead as a place for residential subdivisions. At the same time, local farming began to give way to larger agricultural businesses both here in Ohio and elsewhere, as the methods for transporting crops improved. Slowly, North Olmsted, which had incorporated as a village in 1908, transformed from a farming community into a suburb of Cleveland. The Stearns farms along Lorain Road were among the first to be sold to real estate developers. By 1940, there was only one Stearns still farming in North Olmsted. George Stearns, a 71-year old farm laborer, was a great-grandson of David Johnson Stearns, the city's first settler. His death in 1942 quietly signaled the end of an era for the city.

BICENTENNIAL BREW LAUNCH

OCTOBER 23, 2014

Fat Head's Brewery hosted the official launch party of the bicentennial.

The brew master tapped North Olmsted's very own Bicentennial Brew as Mayor Kennedy shared the exciting details about the great events in store for 2015.



NEW YEAR'S EVE BICENTENNIAL BASH

DECEMBER 31, 2014



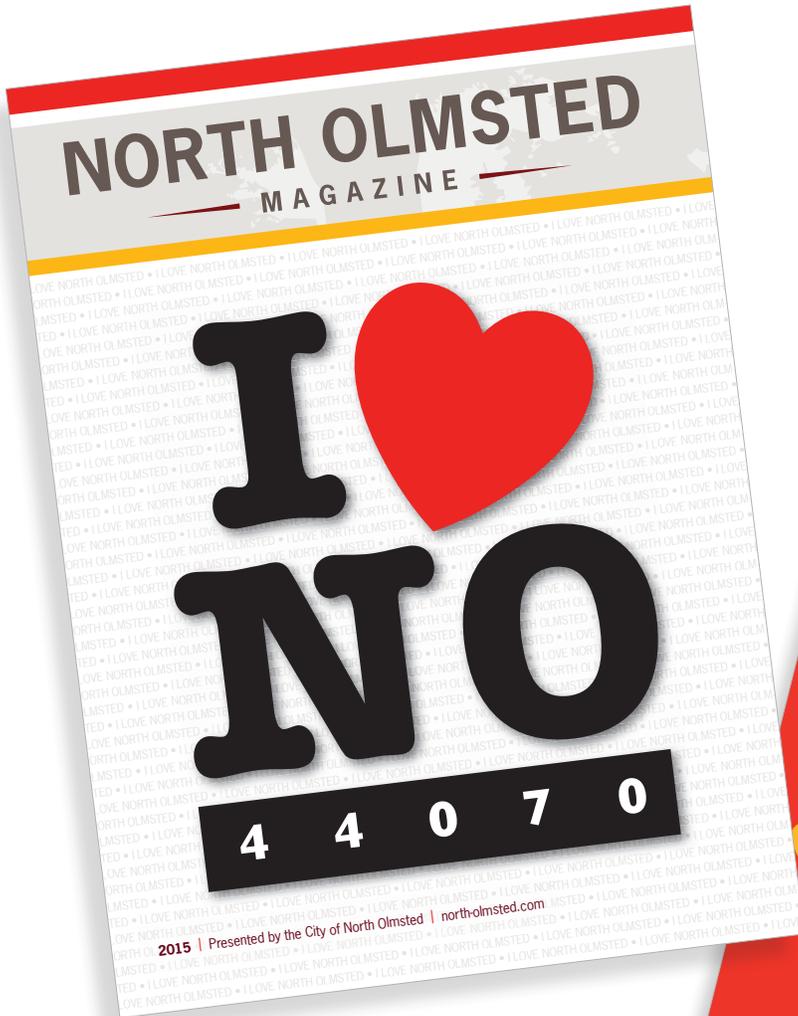
City of North Olmsted
NEW YEAR'S EVE
BICENTENNIAL
BASH



At this New Year's Eve party at Springvale Ballroom, guests enjoyed dinner, dancing, and a champagne toast to celebrate the year to come. It was an unforgettable countdown to 2015!

I ♥ NORTH OLMSTED

FEBRUARY 2015



February was I ♥ North Olmsted month, dedicated to all things HEALTHY and HEART.

Events in February focused on fitness, food and fun! February also featured the release of the Bicentennial edition of the *North Olmsted Magazine*.



I ♥ NORTH OLMSTED - COMMIT TO BE FIT

FEBRUARY 6, 2015



This heartfelt event included class demos, fitness center tours and tips from trainers at the newly renovated North Olmsted Recreation Center, as well as free skate and swim.



BORN IN THE 44070

I ♥ NORTH OL MSTED - STATE OF THE CITY

FEBRUARY 12, 2015



Mayor Kennedy presented his State of the City address at Springvale Ballroom. Guests learned about projects and new initiatives which will ensure that North Olmsted is a place future generations will love.

I ♥ NORTH OLMSTED - FARM MARKET & FOOD SHOW

FEBRUARY 22, 2015



Eating healthy never tasted so good!

Nutritious food samples, winter farm market fare and tips and recipes for healthy cooking concluded the month at the North Olmsted Community Cabin.



CELEBRATE

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

APRIL 4, 2015



What a scramble!

Hundreds of children and thousands of eggs! North Olmsted families enjoyed the annual tradition of this community Easter egg hunt at North Olmsted Park.

NORTH OLMSTED PARK

MAYOR'S ART SHOW

APRIL 15, 2015



Artwork from North Olmsted High School students hung at City Hall for display during the month of April. The public joined city and school officials at a mid-month gallery reception to celebrate these outstanding student artists.



INSPIRE

EDUCATE: COE

Adapted from *Coe-Founding North Olmsted: How a Grandfather and his Grandson Shaped our City*
by Jim Dubelko



Asher Miller Coe was born in 1789 in Middleton, Connecticut. He married there, became father to four children, and had a 100 acre farm. Coe decided in 1823, at age 34, to sell his farm and move his family to Ohio. He settled in southeastern Dover Township where he purchased about 1000 acres of land on the ridge, the same ridge along which the Stearns family had purchased land in Olmsted Township further to the southwest. Asher hit the ground running. He built a large house in 1824, and after building this house, he turned his attention to cutting down trees along his section of the ridge and building a road that connected with the ridge road in Olmsted Township. Coe likely did this to create a road to Ridgeville where the closest Universalist Church, of which he was a member, was located.

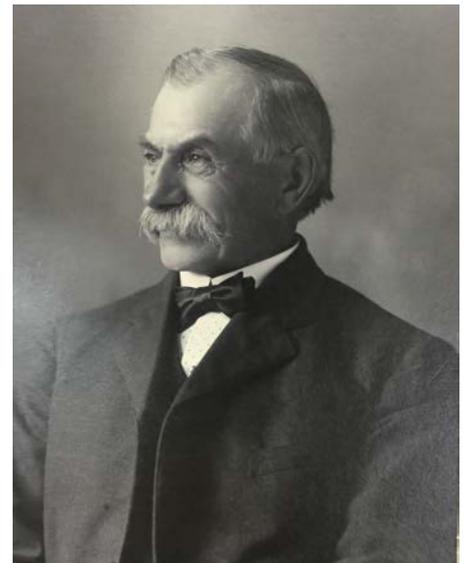
In the 1830s, Asher engaged in business and other activities that grew that ridge community. He added a tavern and a store onto his house to serve travelers and the nearby population. It was said that he entertained people at the tavern with his skillful fiddle playing. Coe became a cofounder of Olmsted Township

Universalist Society which had as its initial members many of the pioneer settlers from both Olmsted and Dover townships, including David Johnson Stearns and his brothers. Asher also started a dairy farm that became one of the largest in the region. And finally, he almost certainly was behind a mysterious annexation of territory in Dover Township to Olmsted Township (first granted and then canceled a year later by the Cuyahoga County Commissioners) that presaged the formation of North Olmsted sixty nine years later in 1908.

The failed annexation didn't seem to hurt Asher politically, as one year later, he was elected to another term as Dover Township trustee and then elected by the Ohio Legislature as a Cuyahoga County Common Pleas judge. In 1843, he was appointed a federal postmaster for the Coe Ridge community, a position he held until 1864. So, while the annexation of 1839 foundered and southeastern Dover Township and northern Olmsted Township were not permanently joined together during his lifetime, Asher Coe, without question, did more than anyone else in our early years to create a single community among the people living on the ridge. His dream of more firmly uniting the ridge community didn't die when he died in 1867. Another Coe soon came along who picked up where Asher had left off.

Leon Melville Coe was born in Dover Township on November 5, 1845. He was only 5 years old when his father died in a hunting accident. Judge Coe must have been a positive influence on Leon, because in many ways Leon seemed to have inherited his grandfather's talent, business acumen and boundless energy. In addition, Leon also seemed to be what we would today call a people person.

As a young man, Leon farmed his grandfather's lands and became active in Dover Township politics. But in 1886, he moved to Berea, where he purchased his brother-in-law's interest in a feed store. In the 1890s, while managing the feed store, Leon also became one of the founders and managers of the Cuyahoga County Fair. He was elected to Berea Council, serving several terms. Leon also became a business partner of Alson Pomeroy, the Berea banker who formed the Cleveland & Berea Railway in 1893. In 1894, Leon obtained a 25-year franchise to build an Interurban line from Cleveland to Elyria, and soon after, influenced the route of the line to cross through present day North Olmsted, along the same ridge road upon which his grandfather Asher decades earlier had settled





and built. Within a year, Pomeroy and Coe's new company had built a bridge across the Rocky River Valley and then had laid tracks from Kamm's Corner westward, establishing trolley service from Cleveland to Elyria. On December 15, 1895, the Interurban made its first run between the two cities.

The Interurban had an almost immediate impact on the ridge community in Dover and Olmsted townships. In 1895, Cleveland had just become Ohio's largest city. Western Cuyahoga County was the breadbasket for this growing urban population and local

farmers trucked their products to the market place. The bridge across the valley built by Coe's company shortened the trip into Cleveland considerably. Interurban service induced residents of the ridge to become consumers in the regional economy by providing transportation into the city that was cheap and quick. Retail stores also sprouted along the line. Even more firmly than his grandfather had, Leon Coe literally laid the tracks to transforming into a single community the people living on the ridge in northern Olmsted Township with those living on the same ridge in southeastern Dover Township.

In the summer of 1908, residents from the two townships held meetings on the subject of forming their own village. In Dover Township, a movement had begun in 1900 to detach a large area along the lake which would become Bay Village in 1903. In northern Olmsted Township, residents on Butternut Ridge had already been fuming for half a century over their township's decision in 1856 to move town hall to the village of Olmsted Falls. There was also a perception, which grew over the decades that followed, that too many of the township's tax dollars were being spent in and around Olmsted Falls, neglecting the northern part of the township. Things came to a boil at the end of 1905 when residents voted down a bond issue that would have financed improvements in the northern part of the township.

At those meetings in 1908, a leader of the movement to form a village soon emerged. George Orman Willet was a Cleveland lawyer, and like Leon, he was a Republican and active in the business community. On December 8, 1908, Willet was elected North Olmsted's first mayor. By all accounts, he was a good mayor, serving in the office from 1909 to 1915. In the same year that Willet was elected mayor, Leon Coe was elected mayor of Berea and later served as a State Representative to the Ohio Legislature. When his term ended in 1914, Leon moved back to North Olmsted, into a house on Lorain Road just west of Columbia Road that most likely had been built by his father in the 1840s.



In 1915, George Willet declined to run for reelection. Leon Coe ran instead, narrowly defeating his opponent to become North Olmsted's second mayor. Coe served a total of six terms as mayor of North Olmsted during the period 1916-1929. At 84 years old, Leon retired from politics. On January 26, 1931, he died at his home on Lorain Road, thus bringing to a close the story of the grandfather and his grandson who shaped North Olmsted as we know it today.

14th ANNUAL ICE SHOW

MAY 29-30, 2015

The City of North Olmsted
Presents

North Olmsted Bicentennial Salute



May 29-31, 2015

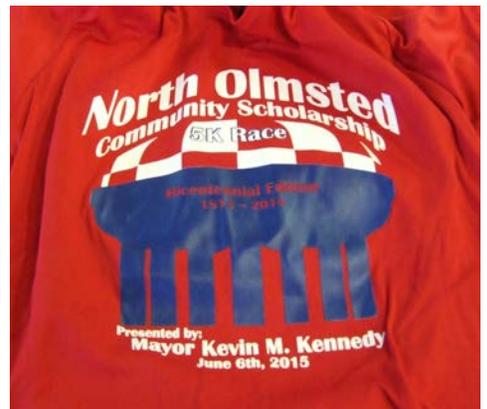
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Full stage lighting, beautiful costumes, great music, and fantastic skating made the 14th annual Ice Show a successful event. A cast of over 175 skaters ranging in age from 2 to 62 took part in this Bicentennial Salute!



MAYOR'S COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP 5K

JUNE 6, 2015



Mayor Kevin Kennedy presented the Bicentennial edition of his annual 5K race, complete with a special 200 meter dash, music, prizes, food, face painting and more.

All proceeds benefited scholarships for area students.

BICENTENNIAL BOOM!

JULY 5, 2015



VOLUNTEERS



BICENTENNIAL BOOM!

JULY 5, 2015



As a keynote event of 2015, fireworks returned to North Olmsted for the first time in about 25 years to celebrate the community's bicentennial and the Independence Day weekend.



EDUCATE: THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Throughout 2015, Celebrate North Olmsted's Facebook followers were treated with interesting posts of facts and happenings in North Olmsted's history. Here's just a sampling.



On **AUGUST 10, 1963**, the Fifth Annual “Buffalo Bill Wild West Show” was hosted by Adele von Ohl Parker at her ranch on Mastick Road, near Clague Road, in North Olmsted. Adele came to North Olmsted quite by accident. In the early years of the 20th century, she was one of Buffalo Bill Cody’s “Buffalo Gals”--daredevil stunt riders in his nationally famous Wild West Show. Later, she appeared with the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circuses as a trick rider. In 1928, she and her husband became stranded in Cleveland when a scheduled appearance at a show on the east coast was canceled. The Parkers decided to stay in the area, purchasing a large farm on Mastick Road in North Olmsted, where they eventually constructed 34 ranch buildings. For years, Parker’s Ranch provided Wild West entertainment--like the one on this date in history, to the North Olmsted community, not to mention the riding lessons and invaluable life experiences that were given to so many children and young adults living here. The ranch, which operated for nearly 40 years, closed following Adele von Ohl Parker’s death in 1966.

20.

ROCKEFELLER IS WELCOME GUEST

Next Time He Calls at Stearns Home the Latchstring Will be Hanging Out.

Grandma, Getting Thermos Bottle, Sure Oil Man is Good Christian.

Can you imagine this? It’s 1909. John D. Rockefeller is the richest man in the United States--probably in the world. And one day he stops by your home to give you an anniversary gift. And you’re just left speechless. That’s exactly what happened to North Olmsted residents Willard and Maria Stearns on **AUGUST 17, 1909**. Both things--the visit from Rockefeller, and the left-speechless-thing. Willard, son of our first settler, David Johnson Stearns, married Maria Stevens on August 18, 1844. Sixty-five years later, they and their

family were preparing for a very special wedding anniversary celebration, when, the day before the event, a fancy automobile stopped in front of their farmhouse on Lorain Road, just west of today’s Stearns Road, and out stepped the richest man in the world. Rockefeller handed the couple a thermos bottle and congratulated them, saying that he had never before heard of a couple married 65 years. Willard and Maria didn’t know what to say. Literally. Willard later said he felt bad that he hadn’t even welcomed Rockefeller into his home. Willard and Maria lived to celebrate four more anniversaries before she died in 1913 at age 86, just eleven months short of what would have been their 70th wedding anniversary. Willard died the following year, at age 91.



NOVEMBER 20, 1958. It must seem like just yesterday to some of us, but it was 57 years ago today that Great Northern Shopping Center began a three-day long celebration of its Grand Opening in North Olmsted. What an impact this shopping center had on the former sleepy little farm town! And what an impact it continues to have on our suburban community to this very day! The new shopping center opened with 58 retail merchants, including anchor tenants Sears-Roebuck, J.C. Penney, W.T. Grant, F.W. Woolworth, Pick-n-Pay, and Fisher Foods. The final day of the November 20-22, 1958 Grand Opening event featured a city parade led by then Mayor Paul Gareau.

EDUCATE: THIS DAY IN HISTORY

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On **MAY 29, 1920**, the A. B. Smythe Co. had its grand opening for the Butternut Ridge Subdivision. The company hoped to transform North Olmsted village into a “little city” by erecting commercial buildings at the intersection of Porter, Lorain and Butternut Ridge Roads, and building homes on the newly laid out streets of Burns (which was originally plotted as Liberty Road), South Porter and Decker. The company’s plans fell somewhat short of expectations. (Maybe, or maybe not, it was due to the typo in the ad which called the new development a “suidivision.”) Only one of the planned commercial buildings was ever built, and sales of homes on Burns, South Porter and Decker, despite the gala grand opening on this date in history, got off to a slow start. This subdivision was not destined to be substantially built and North Olmsted was not destined to become a “little city” for another thirty years.

**SPRINGVALE BALLROOM
& GOLF COURSE**



On **APRIL 26, 1964** members of the North Olmsted Congregational Church held their last Sunday service in their historic church at the northeast corner of Barton and Lorain Roads. The church had been built in the 1840s by the Methodist Episcopal Church of Butternut Ridge, but since 1871 it had been the home

of the Congregational Church. After moving out of the old church in 1964 and into their new church next door, the Congregational Church remained active in North Olmsted for several additional decades until, as a result of declining membership, it was forced to close its doors and sell the church property in 1990. In the years that followed, while owned by Grace Fellowship church and then after 2002 by Holy Resurrection Ukrainian Orthodox church, the old church slowly deteriorated until 2004 when a city inspection revealed it to be an unsafe structure. It was rescued from demolition by Holy Resurrection Ukrainian Orthodox church, who donated the building and \$30,000 for moving expenses to the Olmsted Historical Society, who then moved it to Frostville in early 2005. Today, the church is not only preserved there as a relic of the city’s past, but it has been restored to community use and is a popular local wedding venue.



On **SEPTEMBER 20, 1994**, after nearly a year of debate over whether or not it was a good idea, North Olmsted City Council authorized Mayor Ed Boyle to purchase historic Springvale Golf Course and Ballroom from the Biddulph

family--who had contemplated selling it to a real estate developer, in order to preserve green space in the City. Built in 1923, the facility had been an important recreational facility in the City for over seven decades. Questions had been raised by Council whether the facility should be permitted to continue to serve alcohol; whether the City had the expertise to run such a facility successfully; and whether it would become a drain on the City’s finances. Twenty-one years later, the City still owns and operates both the Ballroom--which has become a popular local venue for weddings, and the Golf Course, which has seen many improvements over the years.

SUMMER IN THE CITY

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2015



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THE CLAYTON
BROTHERS BAND

TRICKY DICK &
THE COVER UPS

BRENT KIRBY &
HIS LUCK



Three months of popular family movies, live music and food trucks drew big crowds to North Olmsted Park for Summer in the City.

BIKECENTENNIAL & COMMUNITY PICNIC

JULY 26, 2015



Bikecentennial

NORTH OLMSTED • OHIO



BIKECENTENNIAL & COMMUNITY PICNIC

JULY 26, 2015



A big day at North Olmsted Park!

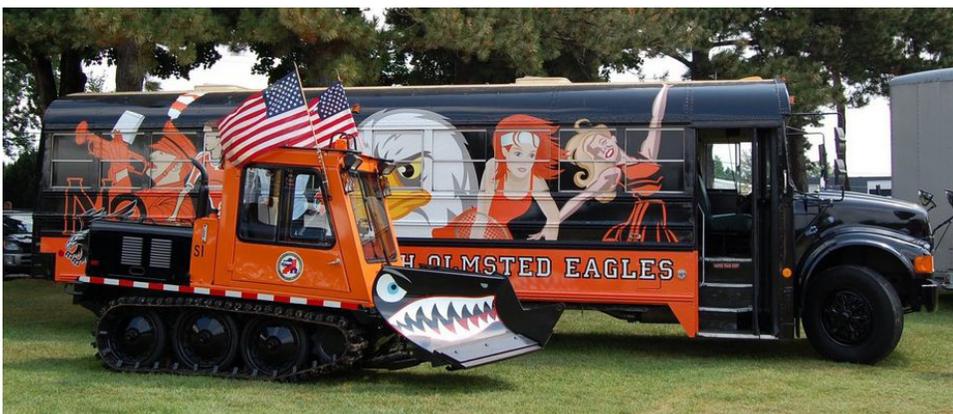


Guests explored Bike Village and cheered on the ThrillerBMX stunt team. Kids decorated their bikes to show off on a 5K bike ride. Bikecentennial was followed by a community picnic featuring live music by Essential Groove, tasty fare from local food trucks, family fun and games.



HOMEcoming FESTIVAL

AUGUST 27-30, 2015



FRISBEE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Four days of fun included live music, vintage car show, Taste of North Olmsted, Flower and Garden Show, Homecoming 5K race, big tent events, poker tournament and the annual Homecoming parade.



HOMECOMING FESTIVAL

AUGUST 27-30, 2015



2015 was the 70th year for the Homecoming festival, which started as a celebration to welcome home soldiers from World War II.



LANDMARK DEDICATIONS

SEPTEMBER & NOVEMBER 2015

Two homes were officially dedicated as North Olmsted Landmarks during the Bicentennial year.

Charles Alden Seltzer House - September 12, 2015

Charles Alden Seltzer was not only a famous author of westerns, but also a North Olmsted city official, who started the first municipal bus line (NOMBL), improved fire service by constructing a fire station and purchasing equipment, and fought to reduce electric rates for residents. Seltzer built this house in 1923 with blended features of Craftstman and Spanish Colonial Revival styles, as unique and interesting as the life he led.



Richard Knight-William Biddulph House - November 21, 2015

The Knight-Biddulph House is the only stone house in North Olmsted, moderate Italianate in style, built around 1860 by Richard Knight. It was purchased by William Biddulph in 1880 and remained in the Biddulph family for decades to follow. The home survived fire and near demolition in the early 1980's. Since then, extensive preservation efforts ensured this home will continue to be part of North Olmsted's rich history.





CLAMBAKE & GOLF OUTING

OCTOBER 2, 2015



A FUNdraiser for the Bicentennial at Springvale Golf Course and Ballroom...

9 holes of golf, craft beer tasting and clambake dinner followed by entertainment and a great local trivia contest.



LOCAL TRIVIA



BICENTENNIAL ARTS SHOWCASE

OCTOBER 10, 2015



Hosted by Fox 8's Kenny Crumpton and featuring an opening performance by Brian Johnson from The Voice!

Guests were entertained by music, dance, vocals and martial arts, as well as a fine art exhibit from more than a dozen artists displaying paintings, photography, and sculptures.



BICENTENNIAL ARTS SHOWCASE

OCTOBER 10, 2015



North Olmsted Bicentennial
ARTS SHOWCASE
Performing & Visual Arts Spotlight

PERFORMANCES BY:
 Above the Bars
 Above the Bars
 & Theater Center
 Belden Walker South Center
 Cannon Irish Dance
 John Kim's Martial Arts
 & Fitness
 Miss Jacob's Dance
 Northwood Music
 The Studio of Dance

SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMANCE
 by Brian Johnson
 from 'The Voice'

VENUE ART BY:
 John Laddico
 Kathy Angelo
 Susana Ballentine
 Susan Beane
 Zach Holzer
 Teresa Hoene
 Robert Kowitch
 Jordan Laddico
 Jacki Matsumoto
 Deb Meyer
 Owen McCafferty
 Susan Olson
 Mike Rosack

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Encees | FOX 8's Kenny Crumpton

The North Olmsted Bicentennial Arts Showcase is a celebration featuring visual and performing arts. Performers take command of the stage with music, dance, vocals and martial arts performances while visual artists display paintings, photography and sculptures. Join us for two nonstop hours of arts immersion and participate in Make & Take Art as we celebrate North Olmsted Bicentennial through the arts!

**Saturday, October 10, 2015
2:00pm-4:30pm
at Great Northern Mall**



BICENTENNIAL JOURNEY HISTORY TOUR

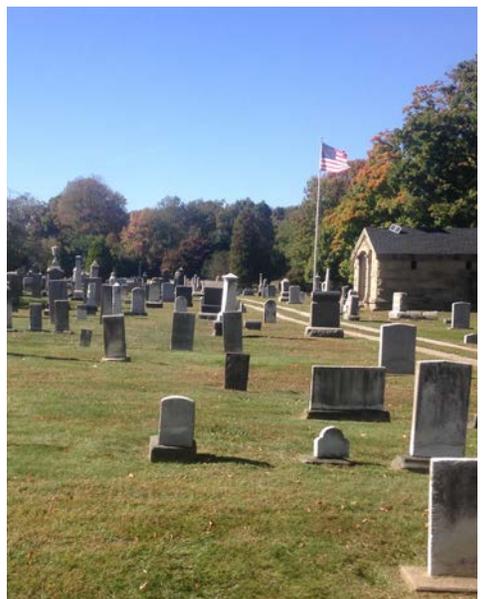
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SUNDAY - OCTOBER 11, 2015



BICENTENNIAL JOURNEY HISTORY TOUR

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TOUR STOP 



A hop on, hop off bus tour of notable North Olmsted locations began at the Frostville Museum where guided tours departed to visit many of North Olmsted's most important landmarks and historic sites. A fantastic time traveling experience!

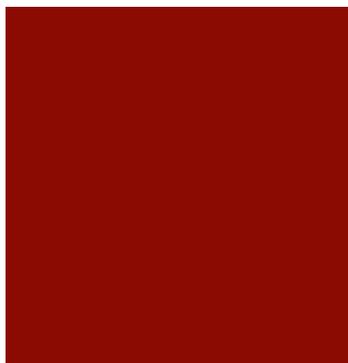


BICENTENNIAL MUSICAL

NOVEMBER 2015

Township 6-Range 15: A North Olmsted Bicentennial Musical

A fun filled adventure into the many questions of our past. Who founded our city? *When was the first senior class?* *What was the Interurban?* *How did we get our flag?* Township 6-Range 15 both entertained and educated guests of this original Dover Players production.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY REC CENTER

NOVEMBER 14, 2015



CLASS OF 1931

You only turn 40 once!

Hundreds came out to the Recreation Center to celebrate this milestone with birthday cake and other treats, music, a fun photobooth, giveaways, historical photos and free access to swim and skate.

NORTH OLMSTED NOEL

DECEMBER 6, 2015



Guests enjoyed an indoor/outdoor holiday open house in North Olmsted Park with live musical performances, festive food, and a holiday craft market. Kids played games and activities and visited with Santa and his reindeer. A memorable kick off to the holiday season and final celebration of the 2015 Bicentennial.



NORTH OLMSTED NOEL

DECEMBER 6, 2015



North
Olmsted
Noel

Sunday, December 6th
3:00-6:00 PM

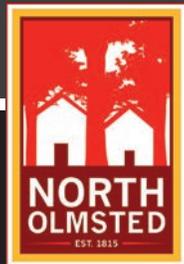


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