

City of North Olmsted
LANDMARKS COMMISSION



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INTRODUCTION

The mission of the Landmarks Commission is to protect, preserve and perpetuate the structures and districts which reflect the City's heritage. The Commission encourages education and creates an environment that promotes the community's historic sites, events and citizens in order to foster civic pride.

The members of the 2014 City of North Olmsted Landmarks Commission are:

David Neville, Chair
Jim Morse, Vice Chair
Duane H. Limpert

Paul Schumann
Donald Rerko
Gretchen Schuler

Thomas Dubowski
James Dubelko
Dale Thomas

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

The Landmarks Commission has the responsibility of reviewing proposals for demolition, construction or alteration of any landmark or property within a landmarks district. The Landmarks Commission holds public hearings and issues certificates of appropriateness for proposals which meet the criteria for acceptable work. For guidance, the Commission looks to the Secretary of the Interior's standards for rehabilitation. There were seven Certificates of Appropriateness and three minor changes granted in 2014.

Certificates of Appropriateness approved:

- 26706 Butternut Ridge Rd: build a free standing workshop.
- 27537 Butternut Ridge Rd: resize rear kitchen window to match original windows
- 26747 Butternut Ridge Road: install new concrete driveway and sidewalks
- 25991 Butternut Ridge Road: garage door, roof, and exterior color trim changes
- 25747 Butternut Ridge Road: restore wood siding on north and east elevation & install vinyl siding on the south and west elevation of the home.
- 26730 Butternut Ridge Road: replace and increase size of front porch
- 27191 Butternut Ridge Road: demolish existing home and restore site with green space

Minor Changes approved:

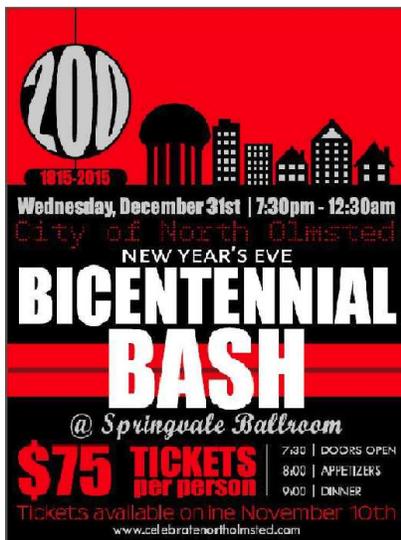
- 5050 Porter Road: replacing front porch and steps
- 26872 Butternut Road: replace existing patio
- 26944 Butternut Road: replace driveway and front apron

2014 ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2014, the Landmarks Commission forged a partnership with the City's Arts Commission for the purpose of planning North Olmsted's 2015 bicentennial celebration. The Arts Commission was formed in 2013 to develop and encourage all forms and areas of the arts within the City for the benefit of its residents, including the fine arts, performing arts, and cultural arts, as well as supporting and conducting events which celebrate the spirit, character, and history of the City. Together, the two commissions created a Bicentennial Committee which met through the year to organize events, rally support and promote the bicentennial within the community.

To improve community outreach, a Celebrate North Olmsted bicentennial website was created and a Celebrate North Olmsted Facebook page was launched. Both media contained information about the city, the bicentennial and upcoming events. Landmarks Commission members provided some content for both websites.

On October 23, 2014 the Bicentennial Committee hosted the Bicentennial Brew Launch at Fat Head's Brewery. The goal of the event was to increase excitement and awareness about the bicentennial. Over 150 people attended the kickoff event, which featured North Olmsted's very own special bicentennial brew. Attendees enjoyed great food, fun basket raffles and took home commemorative bicentennial pint glasses.



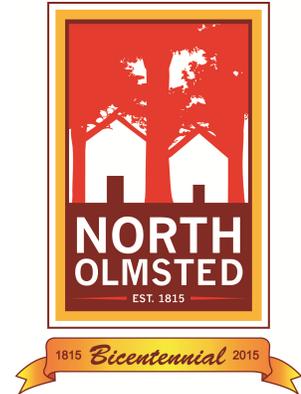
On December 31, 2014 the Bicentennial year officially kicked off with the New Year's Eve Bicentennial Bash at Springvale Ballroom. Partygoers were treated to dinner, drinks and dancing plus a photo booth for fun souvenirs of the evening.

Much of 2014 was spent building capacity for the bicentennial year ahead. Landmarks Commission members provided historical posters for display at bicentennial events and wrote articles on North Olmsted history that will be featured in the 2015 edition of the North Olmsted magazine. Commission members assisted in event planning, including writing a play and planning a historic tour of North Olmsted that will take place in October 2015.

GOALS FOR 2015

In addition to the goals listed in the City's 2009 Historic Preservation Plan, the Landmarks Commission has specific priorities for 2015, which include the following:

- Successfully educate, celebrate and inspire the community through events and activities that make up the North Olmsted Bicentennial.
 - Tell the North Olmsted story through events such as the historical tour and engage the public through the website, physical displays, social media and print publications.
 - Begin research of North Olmsted notables to create an archive of accomplished or renown individuals who were "Born in the 44070."



- Open dialogue with the North Olmsted City Schools regarding the proposed campus construction project within the Butternut Ridge Historical District specifically regarding future plans and the impact to properties listed in the Ohio Historic Inventory.
- Support planning and fundraising efforts for Old Town Hall to ensure this landmark building remains in good condition and best serves the needs of the community.

ADDITIONAL GOALS FOR 2015 AND BEYOND

- Investigate properties of considerable local significance for potential as North Olmsted Landmarks. Also continue to identify eligible properties for historic recognition plaques.
 - Consider the Parker Ranch and Lustron house on Mastick Road, as well as 25747 Butternut Ridge Road.
- Continue work on the North Olmsted Cemetery Improvement Project.
- Improve information available to the public through the Landmarks Commission webpage on the City of North Olmsted's soon-to-be updated website.