



Press Release

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North Olmsted Landmarks Commission Unveils New Historic Recognition Program

North Olmsted, OH – The North Olmsted Landmarks Commission officially launched the Centennial Home Recognition Program this month, an initiative recognizing and celebrating the earliest housing stock built in the community. “We are hoping to tap back into the bicentennial enthusiasm of 2015 and create renewed interest in local history with this new program,” said Landmarks Commission Chairman David Neville.

The Centennial Home Recognition Program seeks to identify and recognize those houses existing today in North Olmsted that were built in or before 1915, the city’s centennial year, in order to acknowledge their local historical significance and importance to the community. Landmarks Commission members researched old maps, deeds and tax records to create an initial list of those homes which meet the age criteria for recognition. The owners of those homes will be contacted by the Commission. In addition to receiving an official certificate, homeowners of centennial homes will be able to purchase and display a unique commemorative plaque celebrating their home’s place in North Olmsted history.

The Commission invites homeowners to assist in this effort if they believe their properties qualify for recognition. Residents can find application materials on the city website at www.north-olmsted.com on the Landmarks Commission page. Proof of the home’s age must be provided through official documentation. Guidance is provided on the website for how to access publicly available information sources.

According to Commission member James Dubelko, the program is an opportunity to expand the current scope of the Landmarks Commission. “Considering that the Commission’s work has been exclusively

focused in the long-established Butternut Historic District, the Centennial Home Program is an exciting way to recognize the other historic homes built throughout North Olmsted,” he said.

In addition to this new program, eligible homeowners are also encouraged to participate in the Heritage Home Program offered by Cleveland Restoration Society. This program is available to North Olmsted residents to help with home improvements and maintenance on homes built 50 years ago or older.

Homeowners are not required to be within the Butternut Historic District to apply for either program and are encouraged to share program information with friends, family and neighbors across the city.

Individuals seeking more information on either the Centennial Home Program or Heritage Home Program may contact the Department of Planning & Development at (440) 716-4135.