

CITY OF NORTH OL MSTED NEW RESIDENT INFORMATION

5200 DOVER CENTER ROAD, NORTH OL MSTED OH 44070

WINTER 2012

Greetings from Mayor Kennedy



MAYOR KEVIN M. KENNEDY

Welcome to the City of North Olmsted!

Whether you have relocated from a nearby community or are new to the State of Ohio, we are glad

you have chosen North Olmsted as your home. You will find that our City has the best of all worlds: the convenience of local retail shopping and easy access to the interstate highway system as well as quiet neighborhoods, great city services, and recreational opportunities. Our school district is ranked “Excellent with Distinction,” the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a public school in Ohio.

It is our goal to serve you. If there is anything we can do for you, please do not

hesitate to contact City Hall. We can be reached 24 hours a day through our website at www.northolmsted.com or during regular business hours at (440) 777-8000.

Again, welcome to the City of North Olmsted. We are happy you are here and look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,

Mayor Kevin M. Kennedy

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

- ◆ **National Skate Day:** Feb 5, 1-3pm. at Recreation Center. Admission, rentals, lessons, demonstrations & special guests—all free!
- ◆ **Cross Country Ski Chase:** Feb 11, 1pm at Springvale Country Club, \$10 per person, 1-3 person teams; tbc@case.edu
- ◆ **Fish Fry:** Fridays, Feb 24 thru April 6, 4-8pm at Springvale Clubhouse, 440.777.0161
- ◆ **Eggstravaganza:** Saturday, April 7, 10am-noon at Recreation Center; fun for the entire family.

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North Olmsted City Officials

ADMINISTRATION

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THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SERVICE IS
RESPONSIBLE FOR
STREET MAINTENANCE,
FLEET MAINTENANCE,
ANIMAL CONTROL, AND
THE WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANT.

Public Works



**PUBLIC WORKS
(440) 716-4151**

The mission of the Department of Public Service is to provide the highest quality municipal services to our residents and businesses through planning, fiscal responsibility and leadership. We strive to improve our services every day.

The Public Works crews serve the community by providing the

following services:

- ◆ Roadway maintenance
- ◆ Snow removal/salt application
- ◆ Street cleaning
- ◆ Storm sewers
- ◆ Trash collection, recyclables & appliance pickup (Freon only)
- ◆ Leaf pickup
- ◆ Hazardous waste round-ups
- ◆ Chipper truck, wood chips & leaf humus
- ◆ Maintenance of City buildings and grounds
- ◆ City sign installation & repair
- ◆ Tree planting & treelawn tree maintenance

Trash collection

Trash is collected by Waste Management on Wednesdays. Trash can be placed out curbside after 6 p.m. on Tuesdays. Questions? Call (800) 433-1309.

Brush Chipping

Curbside brush chipping is available in the spring and summer during specified round ups. Also, brush may be collected with weekly trash collection when bundled in 4-foot lengths.

Recycling

Check the City's website for participation in curbside recycling and recycling round ups at www.north-olmsted.com.

Animal Control



The Animal Warden is responsible for the enforcement of all State, County and local ordinances that apply to the maintenance, disposition and control of all domestic animals such as dogs and cats. Other responsibilities include dealing with de-

ceased, injured or threatening wildlife. Traps may be provided to residents for purposes of catching feral cats only.

The Animal Warden also picks up or captures stray dogs and cats. Owners are located and notified about their pets. The

Animal Warden maintains a temporary holding kennel. Donations to the City Kennel Fund are graciously accepted.

Engineering

The Engineering Division oversees city infrastructure and public improvements including public works grants, roadways, water mains, sewers, traffic signals, city properties, bridges, street lighting, utilities, landscaping, grade changes, drainage, storm water quality, city maps, property splits and consolidations, zoning, and development projects, both commercial and residential.

Permits are required for work on aprons, curb cuts, sidewalks, sewers, landscaping and grade changes, treelawn openings, and street openings.

For information on permits call (440) 716-4117.

Cemeteries

The City of North Olmsted owns two cemeteries: Butternut Ridge Cemetery on Butternut Ridge Road and Coe Ridge Cemetery at the intersection of Lorain and Walter Roads.

Lots are available for purchase to all city residents or former residents. Please call (440) 716-4159 for more information on lots and burial records.

Police Department

To Protect and to Serve is not only the motto of the North Olmsted Police Department but it also states its essential purpose. We work to protect the rights of all persons within its jurisdiction to be free from criminal attack, to be secure in their possessions, and to live in peace.

The North Olmsted Police Department serves the residents, the businesses, visitors, and all people of North Olmsted, by performing the law enforcement function in a professional and ethical manner.

This goal is best accomplished when the police department and citizens work closely with each other to provide the best service possible.

Check out the many programs and services offered by our department and feel free to contact us with questions or suggestions.

You can also follow the NOPD on Twitter! Log onto Twitter and follow NorthOlmstedPD.

City Parking Restrictions:

- ◆ No parking on hydrant side of street
- ◆ No parking on streets or berms between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. or when snow exceeds two inches.

Accident Report Database
<http://northolmstedoh.policereports.us>

North Olmsted Police
 27243 Lorain Road
 Office (440) 777-3535

**FOR EMERGENCIES
 DIAL 911**

**THE DEPARTMENT OF
 PUBLIC SAFETY'S
 MISSION IS TO PROVIDE
 RESPONSIVE,
 COURTEOUS, AND
 PROFESSIONAL HEALTH
 AND SAFETY SERVICES
 TO OUR RESIDENTS AND
 ALL WHO VISIT THE CITY
 OF NORTH OLMSTED.**

Fire Department

The North Olmsted Fire Department is prepared to conduct rescue operations, fire suppression operations, and to respond to sudden medical emergencies within the City of North Olmsted and elsewhere when requested.

The North Olmsted Fire Department is also responsible for

ensuring the installation, inspection, and maintenance of fire protection systems which provide for a reasonable level of life safety and property protection from the hazards of fire, explosion, or dangerous conditions in new and existing structures and premises.



**NORTH OLMSTED FIRE
 OFFICE (440) 777-1214**

Community Emergency Response Team

Are you concerned about what to do in an emergency such as a tornado or power outage? Are you willing to help a neighbor in a time of crisis? If so, consider joining the Westshore Regional Community Emergency Response Team. North Olmsted, Bay Village, Fairview Park, Lakewood, Rocky River, and Westlake, are part of a national program that trains citizens to be prepared to respond to disaster situations. US citizens residing in

the Westshore or adjacent communities age 18 or older can take CERT training. Certification requires about 20 hours of free training. Successful volunteers are issued a supply kit for use in the event of an emergency.

For more information, please contact Westshore Regional CERT Coordinator Tricia Granfors at granforst@northolmsted.com or (440) 716-4135. www.westshorecert.org

Finance

Tax Rates: The City has a 2% municipal income tax. For residents who work outside of the City, there is a 100% credit for any payroll deduction taken by that city. Taxpayers are required to file with the Regional Income Tax Authority (RITA); (440) 526-0900. Property tax collection is handled through the Cuyahoga County Treasurer's Office; (216) 443-7069.



**VOLUNTEERS PREPARED TO
 SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY**

Building Department

**PLEASE NOTE:
A BUILDING PERMIT
MUST BE OBTAINED
BEFORE WORK BEGINS
ON ANY DWELLING,
ACCESSORY
STRUCTURE OR
COMMERCIAL BUILDING.**

The City of North Olmsted Building Division is responsible for the enforcement of building codes and ordinances relating to the construction, alteration, repair, or addition to, and demolition of structures; registration and licensing of contractors; registration and licensing of apartment buildings and one, two, and three family rental properties; as well as inspection of exterior structures and related grounds for the purposes of enforcing property maintenance codes.

A building permit must be obtained before work begins on any dwelling, accessory structure or commercial building:

Permits that require approvals before being issued (a 10-day posting/processing period is required unless otherwise indicated):

- ◆ New residential
- ◆ Demolitions
- ◆ Decks
- ◆ Fireplaces
- ◆ Swimming pools
- ◆ Electrical work*
- ◆ Satellite dishes (39"+)
- ◆ Alterations and additions

- ◆ Fences and screen walls (five day wait)
- ◆ Attached and detached garages
- ◆ Accessory structures (e.g. sheds, gazebos, arbors, etc.)
- ◆ Plumbing work* (concealed piping repairs/replacement)
- ◆ Exterior and interior waterproofing (after flow test approval from Service/Public Works)

** Homeowners performing the electrical and plumbing work must provide a drawing depicting how they plan to perform the work including the materials to be used. This information must be approved by the inspector before the permit will be issued.*

Permits that may be issued upon submittal of a complete application:

- ◆ Hot water tanks
- ◆ Lawn sprinkler systems
- ◆ Re-roofing
- ◆ Siding
- ◆ Furnace & air conditioning replacement (rear yard)
- ◆ Electrical work (if performed by a licensed contractor)
- ◆ Driveways (over 100 square feet)

Work that does NOT require a building permit (Note: If a contractor is performing the work, they MUST be licensed with the Building Division):

- ◆ Submeters
- ◆ House painting
- ◆ Carpeting
- ◆ Tile floors
- ◆ Wall treatments
- ◆ Driveway (less than 100 square feet)
- ◆ Roofing (less than 100 square feet)
- ◆ Minor electrical work (e.g. receptacle or fixture change)
- ◆ Replacement doors & windows (of same size)

Additional information and permit documents are available online at <http://www.north-olmsted.com/building.cfm>

If your planned project type is not listed above or if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Building Division at (440) 777-8000.

Youth Development Program

The Youth Development Program (YDP) is dedicated to helping people help themselves. The YPD works to assist youth and their families who are in trouble legally as an alternative service to the court system. The YDP also offers a traffic diversion program for 16 and 17 year olds on a first time offense excluding serious offenses.

YDP provides counseling for emotional or behavioral concerns, chemical dependency education and support groups, parenting programs, and

BRIDGE (Building Resiliency with Innovative Drugfree Growth Experiences) programming including the Adopt an Officer/Firefighter program.

Youth and families are referred to DYS by schools, family members, police, clergy, other agencies, or community members. Referrals are made to other agencies or services when necessary or appropriate. Initial appointments or contacts should be made during regular office hours,

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Consultation services are free of charge for residents of the City of North Olmsted. Some fees may apply to group programs and fees do apply for the Community Diversion Program.

Division of Youth & Family Services

North Olmsted Police Station
27243 Lorain Road
Office (440) 716-4166
youth_development@north-olmsted.com

Recreation Division



NORTH OLMSTED PARK

The North Olmsted Recreation Complex is located at 26000 Lorain Road. Our facility offers something for the whole family to enjoy. We offer lessons, classes and activities in our swimming pools, ice rinks, tennis courts and gymnastic areas. We

also offer sports and enrichment programming.

Take a dip in the pool or skate on our ice rink during one of our many public sessions. Residents of

North Olmsted are offered discounted rates for programming and public sessions with proof of residency.

Call the Recreation Center at (440) 734-8200 for more information or view the current

newsletter online at www.north-olmsted.com/recreationcenter/newsletter.cfm. Stop by and see for yourself why we are the communities place to play.

North Olmsted Recreation Center
26000 Lorain Road
(440) 734-8200

VIEW THE CURRENT NEWSLETTER ON-LINE FOR ALL THE LATEST.

Springvale Golf Course & Ballroom

Just minutes from I-480 and I-71, Springvale is a beautiful, publicly owned 6,304 yard, 18-hole golf course featuring one of the most challenging holes in Northeast Ohio (#11). This course also features a practice range, large clubhouse with spectacular views, outing packages, motorized carts, adult and youth golf program, and week-day/weekend golf specials.



SPRINGVALE GOLF COURSE

Enjoy the 19th Hole in our Clubhouse. We serve sandwiches, snacks and a full range of both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

Schedule your next corporate or civic golf outing at Springvale for a relaxing, fun-filled day. Packages include 18 holes with a riding cart, lunch, dinner, beverages and beverage cart on the course.

Opening in 1925, Springvale Ballroom is the oldest operating ballroom in northeast Ohio. The facility was opened by the Bid-dulph family and remained in the family until it was purchased by the City of North Olmsted in 1994. In 2008 the Springvale Ballroom received a Historical Marker from the state of Ohio noting our historical significance.

Book Springvale for any event! With its banquet room, dance facilities and meeting rooms, Springvale is perfect for your wedding, reunion or corporate function. This newly renovated facility features full service in-house catering, full



THE 19TH HOLE CLUBHOUSE

service bar, air conditioning, and accommodations for groups from 30-400. Choose from our large buffet, sit down dinners, or appetizers. We would be pleased to tailor our menu to your event.

Springvale Golf Course & Ballroom
5871 Canterbury Road
Marty Young, Facility Manager
youngm@north-olmsted.com

Golf Course: (440) 777-0678
Ballroom: (440) 777-0161

Senior Center

The mission of the North Olmsted Division of Aging/Senior Center is to stimulate the intellectual, physical and spiritual well being of participants by providing supportive and innovative service that help maintain the independence and dignity of those 55 years and older.



SENIOR CENTER

Meals on Wheels: This program offers home delivered meals Monday-Friday to homebound individuals in North Olmsted. Two meals to are delivered Monday-Friday between 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$6.25 a day for one hot and one frozen meal.

Information and Referral:

Information is available on Medicare, Medicaid, senior living, adult day care, utility assistance, transportation, or any other senior service you may require. Referrals are for services including home health aides and agencies, lawn care, snow removal, in home beauticians and barbers, attorneys, plumbers, electricians, and much more!

Ohio Benefit Bank: This web-based program connects low income individuals to public benefits such as food stamps, health care coverage, and home energy assistance.

AARP Tax Assistance: Appointments are scheduled begin-

ning in January for free tax assistance by AARP volunteers. All appointments are on Wednesdays beginning in February through the last Wednesday before taxes are due.

Alzheimer's Support Group: A monthly dementia care group meets on the first Friday of every month at 2:30 p.m. with facilitators from the Alzheimer's Association.

Family Caregiver Support: Caregiver informational programs are offered throughout the year for informal caregivers.

North Olmsted Senior Center
28114 Lorain Road
(in North Olmsted Park)
(440) 777-8100

Social Services

The Department of Human Resources assists North Olmsted residents in need of food, temporary shelter and other special needs as resources allow. Other services have included utility assistance, benefit verification, and assistance with tax returns.

Eligibility for assistance requires proven financial need and residency within the City, similar to those of other government assistance programs. To establish proof of residency and financial need, applicants will be asked to present a copy of certain documents at registration. Typical documents required include:

- ◆ Current or recent month's utility bill
- ◆ Lease agreement
- ◆ Recent W-2 form or paycheck stub
- ◆ Social Security award letter
- ◆ Current unemployment book
- ◆ Child support statements

- ◆ Photo identification
- ◆ Children's birth certificates
- ◆ Most recent years tax return

Full confidentiality is a vital aspect. The volunteers typically know only the need and not the family. However, there are some that have monthly contact with the program participants. Your personal and financial information is kept for internal use only.

Food Cupboard: Nonperishable food is distributed every Wednesday dependent upon availability. Perishable food is shared as available. Appointments must be made by calling the office at least 24 hours in advance. The Emergency Food Cupboard is located at Old Town Hall on the City Hall campus in between the police station and city hall.

Donations are needed year round. Non-perishable food items may be dropped off at City

Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If groups or individuals would like assistance to plan a food drive, we can help.

Division of Youth & Family Services

North Olmsted Police Station
27243 Lorain Road
Office (440) 716-4165
youth_development@north-olmsted.com

Community Garden

Do you have a green thumb and a heart for your community?

If the answer is 'yes!' please consider participating in our Community Garden Project.

Call (440) 716-4134 for more information.



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NORTH OLMSTED
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STIMULATE THE
INTELLECTUAL,
PHYSICAL AND
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OF PARTICIPANTS

Community Cabin



COMMUNITY CABIN

air conditioned Cabin, located at North Olmsted Park adjacent to the Senior Center, will accommodate up to 200 people. Smoking and alcoholic beverages are prohibited in or around the park.

Reservations are required and can be made up to one year in advance; please call for rates.

The Community Cabin is a busy place, so call early!

Community Cabin Rental
(440) 716-4168

Weddings

Engaged couples wishing to have Mayor Kevin Kennedy officiate their wedding are encouraged to call City Hall approximately one month ahead of time so arrangements may be made.

A marriage license is required when you arrive for your ceremony. Weddings are performed at no cost; it is a gift from the Mayor to the newlyweds!

(440) 777-8000



A popular place for business and club meetings or to celebrate any occasion has been the North Olmsted Community Cabin. The

Important Phone Numbers

City of North Olmsted Offices

Administration Offices.....(440) 777-8000
 Fire Division(440) 777-1214
 Police Division.....(440) 777-3535
 Public Service Department.....(440) 716-4153
 Recreation Center.....(440) 734-8200
 Senior Center.....(440) 777-8100
 Springvale Ballroom.....(440) 777-0161
 Springvale Golf Course.....(440) 777-0678
 Waste Water Treatment Plant.....(440) 777-1881

Government

Post Office.....(440) 777-4225
 Regional Income Tax Office (RITA)(440) 526-0900
 Rocky River Municipal Court.....(440) 333-0066

Hospitals/Health

Fairview General Hospital (216) 476-7000
 Poison Control.....(216) 231-4455
 St. John Medical Center.....(440) 835-8000

Schools & Transportation

Board of Education(440) 779-3557
 Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA).....(216) 621-9500
 Schools Transportation.....(440) 779-3609
 Senior Transportation(440) 777-3772

Utilities

AT&T (U-verse).....(800) 288-2020
 C.E.I. / First Energy(800) 589-3101
 City of Cleveland, Division of Water (Trouble)(216) 664-3060
 City of Cleveland, Division of Water (Name Change).....(216) 664-3130
 Dominion East Ohio Gas(800) 362-7557
 Ohio Utilities Protection (Dial before you dig!).....(800) 362-2764
 Republic Waste Services(800) 433-1309
 Time Warner Cable.....(888) 683-1000
 Wide Open West Cable.....(866) 496-9669

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
 VISIT THE CITY'S WEBSITE AT
WWW.NORTHOLMSTED.COM

City History and Growth



Regionally known as a major retail destination on Cleveland's west side, the City of North Olmsted is also rich in history. Originally called Lenox Township, the area was first settled in 1815. Lenox Township was renamed Olmsted Township in 1829 in recognition of the Olmsted family's contribution of the first community library. Believed to be the first public library in the Western Reserve, the books

were brought from Connecticut by oxcart and stored in settlers' cabins. A farming community throughout the 19th century, the area was connected to Cleveland by the interurban railway in 1895, which provided connections and opportunities for education and commerce.

The Village of North Olmsted was formed in 1909 and remained an agricultural community until after World War II. The Village became the City of North Olmsted in 1951. Development boomed including new housing subdivisions and shop-

ping centers, which was further encouraged by the construction of I-480 through the City. Now with a population of about 33,000, North Olmsted's citizens live in a city which has examples of both its history and its ever changing scene.

Local Points of Interest

The Frostville Museum is a restored, 19th century community within the Rocky River Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks. The Frostville Museum is home to many of the City's historical gems which have been moved to the site. Maintained and improved by the Olmsted Historical Society, the museum consists of eight buildings. Most recently the former Barton Road Church was relocated, restored and ultimately renamed Frostville Village Church.

Springvale Ballroom is located on the tract of land English immigrant John Biddulph bought in 1840. His grandson built the ballroom in

1923 and paid fifteen dollars for the right to open the dancing pavilion. The first dance was held on May 23, 1923. Over time an 18-hole golf course and clubhouse were added. During World War II, servicemen on leave paid a nickel a dance at Springvale. Couples danced in the ballroom to the music of Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians and other bands. A place of wonderful memories, Springvale is one of the oldest continuing ballrooms in Ohio.



FROSTVILLE MUSEUM

THE VILLAGE OF NORTH
OLMSTED WAS FORMED
IN 1909 AND REMAINED
AN AGRICULTURAL
COMMUNITY UNTIL
AFTER WORLD WAR II.
THE VILLAGE BECAME
THE CITY OF NORTH
OLMSTED IN 1951.



SPRINGVALE BALLROOM

City Council

Meetings: City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the North Olmsted City Hall. City Council's meeting calendar, meeting agendas, minutes, committee assignments, and Council Member biographies are available online at www.north-olmsted.com.

Ward Information: To find out what ward you are located in, please visit the City's website at www.north-olmsted.com.

Community Organizations

Community Council: A nonprofit, community-based service organization whose membership is open to community groups and individual citizens. www.orgsites.com

Junior Women's Club: Committed to community and each other, knowing that through volunteer and charitable offerings we enhance not only our community but our personal lives as well. www.orgsites.com/oh/nojwc/

Kiwanis: Part of Kiwanis International, the North Olmsted Kiwanis is a world wide service organization for individuals desiring personal involvement in the leadership and improvement of their communities. secretary@nokiwanis.org

Olmsted Historical Society: The mission of the OHS is to collect, preserve, and interpret the history of our region. Founded in 1953, the OHS operates Frostville Museum in the Cleveland Metroparks. www.olmstedhistoricalsociety.org



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