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WILLOW HOUSE TIMES - 100th Anniversary editions all year long!

Cuyahoga Hts. Historical Archive

Kennedy House (picture above)
4651 E. 71st St.
Home of the Historical Committee
and Boy Scout Troop 28

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(Many have shared their own pictures to this Facebook group).

2018 Meetings at the Kennedy House:

10 a.m. - Noon
April 7
May 5
August 10-11 (times to be announced - 100 year celebration)
October 6
May 28th Memorial Day Open House 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Stop by and visit! We'd love to see you! Our website shown above shows some of our holdings. Please consider bringing any photos or artifacts that you might have pertaining to the Village.. We have a scanner onsite and can scan and save them while you visit!

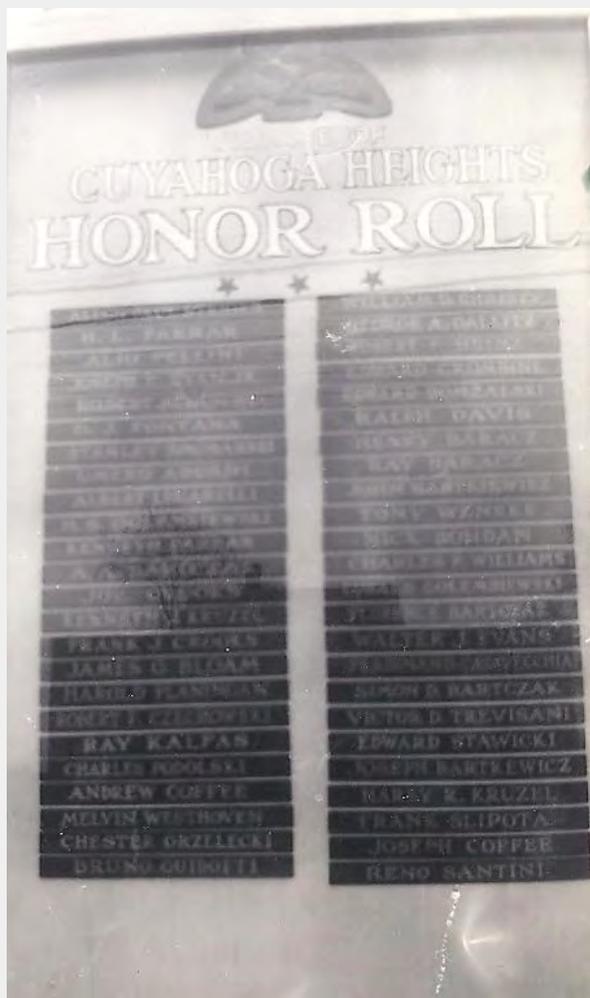
The Historical Committee's next meeting will be on Apr. 7, 2018 from 10 a.m. to Noon. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting or look at the displays in the Kennedy House. You can also schedule a special time to visit by contacting any committee member or the Village Hall. We welcome out-of-town families, seniors groups, school classes, or anyone interested in seeing our holdings.

THE HISTORIC WILLOW HOUSE (demolished 2015)



We hope you enjoy the newsletter. Newsletters are produced in January, April, July, and October.

Remembering those who served!



The first Cuyahoga Heights War Memorial in 1944.



The current War Memorial. Notice the Kennedy House in the background. The Kennedy house was built in 1937 and moved to its current location at 4651 E. 71st in 1947 to make way for the school.

The men and women of Cuyahoga Heights answered the call to arms. During World War I, many of the men volunteered and responded to the draft to serve. Many who were immigrants were given citizenship upon entering the service. In 1947, the first veterans organization, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6566 was organized and given quarters at the village-owned facility at 4646 E. 71st St., which was the old Willow House, which is now but a memory. The marble memorial at the Village Hall was dedicated in 1948 in tribute to all village men and women who served in the military. It is the scene of the annual Memorial Day services.



This is the second War Memorial in 1947 - Lee Billi is pictured.



This picture shows the old Drugstore on E. 71st.



Lee Billi sitting on the cannon that was, at one time, in front of the Village Hall.



1943
Left Wing is New Jail; Right is New Fire Department

Cuyahoga Heights Jail and Fire Department in 1943.

List of Cuyahoga Heights Police Chiefs:

- George Hecker, Constable, 1910
- Bernard Kaczmarek, Constable, late 1920's
- Delbert L. Davis, Marshal, 1918-1931
- William Baur, Chief, 1932-1960
- Frank Bartczak, Chief, 1960-1967
- George Gallitz, Chief, 1967-1981
- Reno Santini, Chief, 1981-1983
- Lawrence Mack, Chief, 1984-1991
- Richard Unger, Chief, 1991-2003
- Douglas Pallini, Chief, 2003-2014
- Brian Sturgill, Chief, 2014-present



William Baur



Bernard Kaczmarek



The new Police Station in 1962



William Baur



William Baur in the 1940s



Frank Bartczak and Frank Feuerstein 1960



Frank Feuerstein, Don Kaminski, Boing, Frank Bartczak, Robert Hine, LarryMack



George Gallitz



Reno Santini



Lawrence Mack



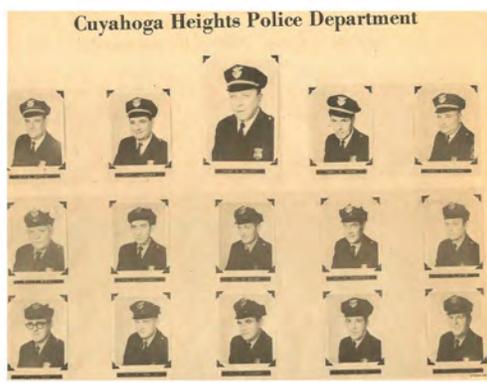
Richard Unger



Douglas Pallini



Brian Sturgill



Cuyahoga Hts. PD 1980



Cuyahoga Heights Police Dept. 2002



Some of our first village firemen



Kaczmarek, Wasky, Guidotti, Henry, Preisendorf, Koran, Baracz, Adomi

List of Cuyahoga Heights Fire Chiefs:

- Thomas Gough 1924-1928
- Delbert Davis 1928-1931
- Bernard Scott 1932-1943
- William Saunders 1944-1964
- Walter Kaczmarek 1964-1968
- Paul Koran 1968-1970
- Ray Wasky 1970-1978
- Lester Davis 1978-1984
- James Bloam 1984-1985
- Kenneth Nichols 1985-1996
- James Mantell 1996-2003
- Lee Zmija 2003-
- Neal Cash



William Saunders retirement



Paul Koran



Walter Kaczmarek



Gerald McCandless



Ray Wasky



James Bloam



Lee Zmija



Zmija, Cash, Tucholski, Bloam, Pallini, Bacci, Suhy, Selig, Waldemarson, Mantell



Neil Cash



1908 Fire Hose Cart



Unk., Kaczmarek, Unk., Contipelli, O'Malley



James Mantell



Zmija, Lipiec, Waldemarson, Dorris, Billi, Guilfoyle, Trevisani, Fontana



Rick Waldemarson, Marty Malek, Harry Blue



1942 World War II Blood Drive

Early police protection was provided by an elected marshal and constables. The marshal was also authorized to appoint deputies to assist at special events, strikes, traffic work, etc. The laws of state and local ordinances were enforced in the Mayor's Court and before the elected justice of the peace. The justice of the peace also performed marriages, and during the Prohibition era, handled the illegal liquor and bootlegging violations. Several village homes actually served as bootlegging operations, and had tunnels built under the houses leading out behind garages to avoid the long arm of the law. The Justice of the Peace post in the township was held by Joseph Hanousek Sr., who also had an office on old Ontario Street in Cleveland. He and another J.P. Myron Penty performed thousands of civil marriage ceremonies. The senior Hanousek served until his death and was replaced by his son Joseph Jr., who was the last Justice of the Peace to serve, since the posts were abolished by the state legislature. Constables served as the enforcement officers of the law. Local constables that served were George Hecker and Bernie Kaczmarek. Delbert Davis was the first elected marshal and was replaced by William Baur when the Isaac Kennedy administration took office in 1932. Five deputies, namely Ernest Knaack, Howard Westhaven, Bill Gerdon, Franklin Hess, and Frank Bartczak joined the force.



Early fire protection was provided by volunteers and agreements with the City of Cleveland. Sheet metal sheds on East 71st and East 49th Street housed hand-hose carts that were hauled to the fire scenes by volunteer residents. Cleveland firemen were called for major fires. The full-time fire service was started here in 1924 with a force of four men. Equipment was stored in the garage at the Brodhead-Garrett Co. until the first firehouse was built on Grant Avenue.

The fire department was one of the first to institute emergency ambulance service to the area in the 1930s. Jake Gallitz, Frank Kreiger and Ernie Knaack were among the first to serve on the fire force. The early department was directed by Frank Gaul and Marshall Del Davis. After the first fire house was built on the south side of Grant Ave., trained men from Cleveland, namely Bernie Scott and William Saunders took over the department as chiefs. Walter Kaczmarek, who was a member of the fire force from 1930-1968, became the first local resident to become chief.



CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

We are looking for the branch of military service for those below. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines? If you know of any, please email Laura at lauraannahine@gmail.com

- William Christy
- Andrew Coffee
- Charles Connors
- Joseph J. Conte
- Edward Crombine
- Alonzo Darling
- Frank From
- Frank Gallitz
- Chester Grzelecki Jr.
- Vincent Guidotti Jr.
- Renato Iacopucci
- Donald Krusinski
- Robert Kruzal
- Joe Laskowsky
- Joe Miller
- John Miller
- Emiglio Nobili
- Stanley P. Owens
- Arthur Perry
- F.E. Peterson
- John Pytel
- Peter Reali
- Julius Schmidt
- william J. Simer
- Stanley L. Smith
- Stanley Smolira
- Arthur Steiger
- Lewis Steiger
- Paul Steiger
- William Sweeney
- Emigio Talani
- Harold Travers
- Attilio Vincenti
- Max Wawszymak
- Theodore Wawszymak
- Harvey Weidner
- Charles Williams
- Carl Wlotzko
- Joe Zgrabik