



# Grandview Heights/ Marble Cliff Historical Society

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## Discovering, Collecting, and Preserving Our Communities' Heritage

Dear Members,

Summer in our communities has been a **whirlwind of activity**. Days of baseball, time at the swimming pool, local festivals, and the Grandview HOP, just to name a few, have offered us ways to enjoy our hometowns.

**Transitioning to Fall-related activities** is occurring as school events have started and other local seasonal events are on the calendar. In particular, please set aside some time on **Sunday, October 2 to enjoy the Society's Tour of Homes**. As described in the article below, the tour will highlight six beautiful homes in Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff that show off a variety of architectural styles and offer a glimpse into the history of our communities. **You can get your tickets now by [clicking here](#).**

Also in this edition, you can:

- learn even more about the Society's popular triennial Tour of Homes.
- discover how to research your own home's history.
- meet the newest Society Trustee.
- plan for the Society's Annual Meeting in September.
- read a [Moment in Time](#) reprinted from the Society's archives (*Moment In Time Revisited*).

Many of the Society's **resources can be accessed** through both the **Society's website** at [www.ghmchs.org](http://www.ghmchs.org) and the **Society's digital collection** online [here](#). Also, follow the Society on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

The **Society appreciates member support** through dues and volunteerism. If you are an Annual Member, you should have received a renewal notice this month for the new membership year beginning September 1, 2022. Continuing your membership helps the Society maintain its role as the preeminent conservator of our local history. **Thank you to all our members.**

Kent Studebaker  
President

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## Tour of Homes October 2, 2022



**Celebrate Fall's colors with an afternoon walk to see some of the most beautiful and historic homes in our communities.**

**Tickets are on sale now.** Be a VIP and enjoy a delicious brunch at Agave & Rye and early entry to tour homes; **VIP tickets are limited so purchase early.** VIP and general admission tour tickets can both be

**purchased in advance:** [Tour Tickets](#).

**Volunteers are needed to serve as home docents on tour day.** Volunteers receive a complimentary ticket to the Tour of Homes; sign up here: [Volunteer Form](#).

Since 1977, the Society has presented its **Tour of Homes which has showcased 67 of the most impressive historical properties** in Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff. The Tour brings to life the history of the communities and their residents through an enjoyable first-hand tour of the houses they

called home.

The **homes have included** those of community founders, local- and nationally-known industrialists, business persons, artists, and politicians. **Designs of famed local architect Frank Packard** have been showcased in past tours as Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff boasts a significant collection of his residential designs. To see homes from past tours, [click here](#).

The **2022 Tour of Homes** offers yet another glimpse into even more local history and provides insight into how the homes have evolved over the years.

**Join us on Sunday, October 2.**



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## Research Your Own Home's History

### House History Research Tips from the Library

**Grace Freeman, GHPL librarian, offers the following advice on how best to research your home's past.**

"I view home history research as doing genealogy research for where you live. Whether you rent or own, **the place you live has a history**, however long or short. Even if the building itself is recently built, the land on which it sits and the neighborhood that





surround it are part of your home's history.

When doing home history research, there are **some "go-to" resources** I recommend:

- **County Auditor records** list ownership/transfers, mapping/structural outlines, permits/construction, and other unique notes relating to a property. In Franklin County, this information is available (back to 1920) online at [franklincountyauditor.com](http://franklincountyauditor.com). You can search by address or current owner's name. I start by viewing the "Historical Parcel Sheets" and recent transfers (both found in a property's "Transfers" section). You'll see the names/dates of each owner and values for the property and buildings at that time. They have physical records older than 1920 for some properties, which can be accessed in person in some cases. Next, I investigate those individuals using traditional genealogy research tools. [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) and local historical newspaper records especially, are very helpful and can be accessed through local libraries.
- **Newspaper articles** often listed the address of the person who lived there, and you may find real estate ads describing the property, some of which may even include a photo.
- **Historical societies** will often have information on local properties and homeowners, sometimes including photo collections and reminiscences. Also, they may be able to introduce you to living resources with recollections and can give great information on the community overall. ([ghmchs.org](http://ghmchs.org))
- **Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps** were published by the Sanborn Map Company in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. They show streets, buildings (location and overhead outline), and materials used to determine fire-risk/liability. Available online ([ghpl.org/research](http://ghpl.org/research)).
- **MLS Real Estate Cards** is a resource unique to Central Ohio available from the Columbus Metropolitan Library's My History Collection ([columbuslibrary.org/myhistory/](http://columbuslibrary.org/myhistory/)). This is a collection of scanned cards from the Multiple Listing Service used by realtors (pre-internet) to sell homes, including photos, descriptions, and details about the home. Not all homes are featured, but the collection includes more than 100,000 cards for Central Ohio homes sold from the 1950s-1970s."

**Thanks to Grace** for providing this advice on how best to find historical

information of your family's home.

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## Meet the Society's Newest Trustee

**Teri Williams has joined the Society as its newest Trustee.** As a Board member, she will help guide the Society in determining and achieving its goals of collecting and preserving our local history.

Teri brings to the Board **her own personal local history.** She is the daughter of Ralph and Marlene Antolino (80-year residents of Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff) and lived in Grandview Heights for 56 years. Teri met her husband Brad while a student at Grandview Heights High School and they raised their two daughters in Grandview Heights.



Teri has been **active in the community.** In her youth, she worked at the Grandview Heights pool (see photo below). Currently, she is a member of the Board of the Grandview Heights Public Library, Vice President of the Grandview Heights High School Alumni Association, and a 30-year member of the Grandview Civic Welfare Club.



*Head Lifeguard Teri Williams leaps from the high dive as*

Teri shares, "**My love of Grandview is deep.** I felt safe everywhere in Grandview whether walking, riding my bike, or roller skating. When I was young, **there was lots to do on summer mornings with Grandview Parks and Recreation playground programs** at Pierce Field, trips to the library, playing in the freezing cold spring-fed swimming pool, swim team, and just being outside. Fall brought the Ox Roast and hunting for buckeyes at Wyman Woods. In winter, I spent as much time as snow would allow on the sledding hill at Parkway and Oxley. When the city bought the pool **around 1978, I was hired as head lifeguard** and ran the swim lessons and other programs there. The next summer I was hired

*Grandview Mayor Lawrence Pierce and Congressman Chalmers Wylie cut the ribbon opening the Grandview Heights Municipal Swimming Pool at the dedication held June 3, 1978.*

*GH/MCHS Viewpoints, July 2016*

as the manager and for the next few years hired a super staff of mostly Grandview people who loved the community too.

I enjoy culinary arts, vegetable gardening, family and friends. **People energize me"**

**Please join in welcoming Teri to the Board.**

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## Society's 2022 Annual Meeting

The Society's **2022 Annual Meeting** will be held in conjunction with the Board's **September 12** meeting. Members are invited to attend.

**Scheduled for 7:00 PM in the meeting room of the Grandview Heights Public Library**, the Annual Meeting will **highlight the Society's activities** since last year's Annual Meeting and give a glimpse into what is in store for the future.

**Two Trustee appointments to complete unexpired terms are presented for approval** by members attending the meeting: Brian Kuyper and Teri Williams (terms are 2022-2023 and 2022, respectively). Society by-laws require approval of appointments at the Annual Meeting.

**Members attending the meeting will also vote for four Society Trustee positions** (terms are 2022-2025, beginning at this meeting). The following individuals are presented for election to these Trustee positions:

Tracy Liberatore (Incumbent)



*The first annual meeting of the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society was held at the Grandview Library on September 18, 1974. The first board of trustees was elected, consisting of Dirk Voelker, Win Keller, Joseph Wyman, Ann Larrick, and Virginia Abbot.*



Karen Riggs (Incumbent)

Kent Studebaker (Incumbent)

Teri Williams (incumbent; pursuant to appointment)

A **Trustee position for an unexpired term remains available** (2022-2024). Interested individuals can contact the Society at [ghmchs@gmail.com](mailto:ghmchs@gmail.com) or be nominated at the Annual Meeting.

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## ***A Moment In Time Revisited***

### ***Aladdin Country Club Caddy***

In **March of 1919, the Shriners of the Aladdin Temple purchased the Arlington Country Club** property located north of First Avenue and west of Arlington Avenue. The property included 17 acres of grounds, a club house (shown here), a bowling house, locker and shower buildings, tennis courts and a **nine**



**hole golf course that spanned the railroad tracks on the west side of the Village of Marble Cliff.** After extensive remodeling and landscaping (with plans to enlarge the golf course to 18 holes) it reopened as the Aladdin Country Club, "a place for pleasure, entertainment and exercise" for its members. The club expanded its membership with golf as the major sport. **The insert is a picture of the badge worn by resident Bernie Nardone, who was a caddie for the golfing Shriners in the year from 1923 to 1924.** The club served its members until it closed its doors in 1925. It was never expanded to 18 holes, but many of its influential members left the Club to establish the Scioto Country Club just to the north of the Aladdin, which remains historically one of the first country clubs in central Ohio.

*Moment in Time* - reprint from August 15, 2012

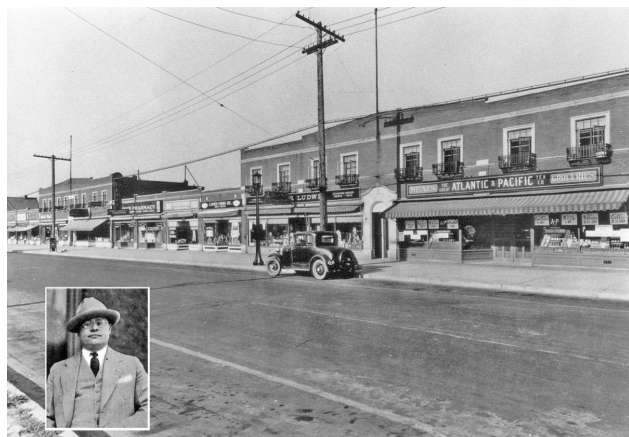
**A new *Moment In Time* can be found bi-weekly on the Society's [website](#).**

To see a collection of past *Moment in Time* offerings, [click here](#).

**NOTE: A home built on the site of the Aladdin Country Club clubhouse is one of this year's Tour of Homes; fun to imagine golf being played on the home's backyard in the day!**

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## The Society's Mission



The **purpose** of the Grandview Heights/Marble Cliff Historical Society is to **discover, collect, and preserve information, materials, structures, and landmarks** which may help to **establish interest in the historic record** of the founding and development of the communities of Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff

and thereby **educate the citizens of these communities and other interested persons**.

It is also to **maintain an historical archives** to support the research and preservation of the early history of Grandview Heights and Marble Cliff and their environs.

For more information visit [ghmchs.org](http://ghmchs.org).

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