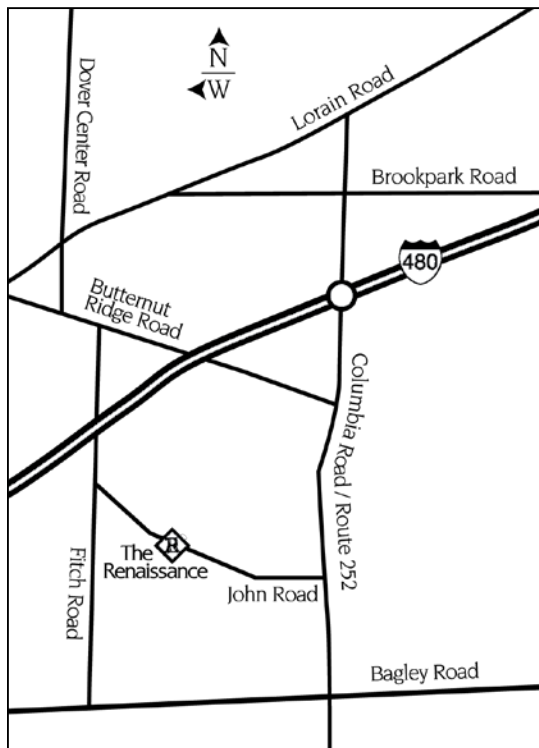


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The welcome arrival of spring brings many of us out of the house and into surrounding neighborhoods for popular activities like spring home tours, open houses, and visits to favorite historical sites. Outings like these give us a rare opportunity to see and experience how others make their houses into homes, and create their own private paradises.

In this issue of *The View*, you'll get a close-up look at some treasures right in our own back yard, including the **Oldest Stone House in nearby Lakewood**, and the **Frostville Museum in North Olmsted**. Plus, you'll get an opportunity to experience it! and get an insider's look at life right here, at The Renaissance.

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Home is where your heart is...

Dorothy and her little friend Toto had it right. There really is no place like home. For most of us, home has been represented by many places throughout the years. In each, we've built memories to carry with us...from the smell of fresh pancakes on a Sunday morning to the pitter-patter of little feet running down the halls and through the generations.

In Civil War days, the song "Home, Sweet Home" spoke to homesick soldiers on both sides of the conflict. On many an evening, the plaintive melody would float between camps, with both sides raising their voices together in tribute to home and happiness. On one such occasion, after the last line of "There's no place like home!" rang out, both sides began cheering, jumping up and down and throwing their hats in the air. Frank Mixson, a private in the 1st Carolina Volunteers, reflected that if not for the river between them, the two armies would have met face to face, shaken hands, and ended the war on the spot.

Home is so much more than bricks and mortar. It's where you can breathe a sigh of relief, sit down, relax, and be yourself. Home is where friends and family are welcome and memories are made and cherished. It's what brings us together. **And at The Renaissance, home is where we look forward to each new day and *experience it!* to the fullest.**

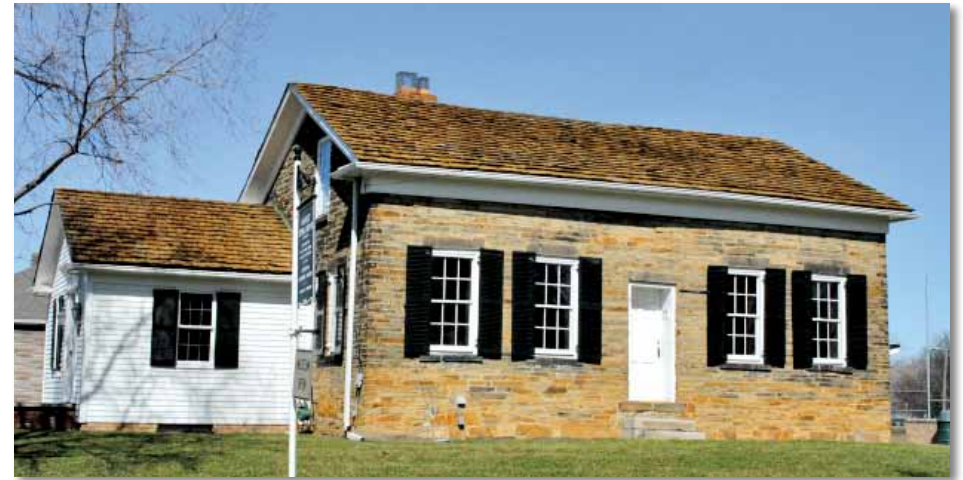


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Standing the test of time— the oldest stone house

Whether it's fashioned of stone, brick or lumber, a home is defined more by the people who live and work there than by its physical structure. **The Oldest Stone House in Lakewood**, operated by the Lakewood Historical Society, has survived for over one hundred and seventy-five years by filling the needs of both the people who made it their home and the citizens who lived in the surrounding neighborhood.

Originally built in 1834 as a home for Scottish settler John Honam and his daughter, Isabella, The Oldest Stone House was fashioned from locally quarried sandstone. The history of the house reflects the evolving development patterns of the area. Until 1897, the home, located in the then rural farming community of Rockport Township, served as the family home for the Honams. Later, as more people moved into the area, it served a variety of purposes, including use as a post office, shoe repair shop and upholsterer's store. **In 1952, the Lakewood Historical Society saved the home from demolition and moved it to its current location in Lakewood Park.**

A tour of The Oldest Stone House today connects visitors with everyday life in the late 19th century. Artifacts include period furniture, household goods, kitchen equipment, tools and more, which help tell the story of our area's earliest residents. Guided tours are conducted Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m. and Sundays from 2-5 p.m. Further information is available at www.lakewoodhistory.org. ♦

Historic treasure in our own back yard

Frostville Museum demonstrates what a group of dedicated citizens can do when they pool their resources and work toward a common cause. Located at the corner of Cedar Point and Lewis Roads in North Olmsted, the museum provides visitors with a time capsule of area life in 19th century Ohio. **History has been brought to life through the time, labor and craftsmanship of members of the Olmsted Historical Society**, who have worked diligently to preserve the eight buildings that make up the historic property.

One of them, a post and beam, two-and-a-half story Federal style house with a large central chimney for five fireplaces, was built



Photo by: Christopher Steward

in 1832 by Vermont settlers John and Lucena Carpenter. The couple, who raised nine children, later added a summer kitchen and sleeping quarters for farm workers. The home, which was recognized in 1935 as possessing exceptional historic

and architectural interest by the U.S. Department of the Interior, gives Frostville visitors an up-close look at the life of a well-to-do family living in the second half of the 19th century.

The Frostville Museum site also features the Briggs House, built in 1836 by Thomas and Abiah Briggs, who also moved their family from Vermont to settle in North Olmsted. Other historic buildings include Jenkin's Cabin, the Prechtel House, Frostville Village Church, the Events Barn, a general store and a military museum. Saturday visitors in May will enjoy seasonal offerings at Frostville Farmers Market, which will operate from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., through October. **Members of the Olmsted Historical Society work throughout the year to organize special events such as historical re-enactments, musical events, and arts festivals.** ♦

Source: www.oldmstedhistoricalsociety.org

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