

MUSINGS

June 2018

FROM THE MORELAND HILLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Take me to *Crystal Lake Amusement Park* in Moreland Hills by Sandy Cobb

The Cleveland-Chagrin Falls Railway (interurban) line brought residents back and forth to employment in Cleveland and was also used to take residents and visitors to the amusement park built by John Stoneman circa 1899.¹

The interurban left Cleveland via Kinsman Road using tracks of the Kinsman car line. Stop 1 was at E. 116th Street. Stop 17 was at Warrensville Center Road with the tracks along the south side. The Highland Park Cemetery Stop 18 had a spur for funeral cars. At Stop 21 east of Brandon Road, connection was made with a city double-ended car running through woods on a right-of-way to the Warrensville Sanitarium. At what is now Lander Circle, the line veered southeast with the right-of-way crossing Chagrin Road just beyond Lander Circle. The tracks dipped down to the Wiley creek bed running behind the Orange Schools. In the 1890s John Stoneman and his wife Ann helped settle Lander Circle as well as the Garfield Memorial Church, built an amusement park called Crystal Lake in the area of Brady Middle School. Here a large lake was created by building an earthen dam. The line continued behind Orange High School with a substation just to the east at Stop 19A. Its ruins can still be seen. The line crosses SOM Center Road at the bottom of SOM Center hill where the Horseshoe Glen Stop 30 was located. Stop 31 was at the bottom and east of SOM Center. For more information about the interurban railroad, please visit MHHSohio.org.

¹ Orange Township: Between the River and the Wooded Hills, Vel Litt, Arcadia Publishing, 2000.



Thank you Chagrin Falls Historical Society for sharing this notice which originally appeared in the 1899 Chagrin Exponent.

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Aiden Kondik sharing the James Garfield story with St. Rita's fourth grade class!

We invite you to take ten minutes to view the video produced in 2017 by Scott Newell about the life of James Garfield in Moreland Hills. You can find it at Garfield's Life at www.MHHSOHIO.org.



Are You On The Right Path?

The brick path at the James Garfield Birth Site park is a testament to the contributions of nearly 200 individuals and organizations that have helped us maintain the cabin free of charge to all visitors.

We thank our newest acquisitions; The Northeast Ohio Civil War Round Table and Debbie Weinkamer for their interest.

Go to MHHSOHIO.org to see a complete list of inscribed bricks and to order your brick today. The bricks make great retirement, commencement and holiday gifts!



We're Proud of Our New Look!

Thanks to our private and corporate donors we have our new rack cards ready in time for the 2018 season!!

The Moreland Hills Historical Society
invites you to visit
America's History

James A. Garfield Birth Site Park including a replica 1830's Garfield Log Cabin

BORN: 1831 November 19 at Orange Twp. Now the Village of Moreland Hills, Ohio.

MILITARY: Colonel of the 42nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Later he was promoted to brigadier general.

INAUGURATION: 1881 as 20th President of the United States. His presidency lasted for 200 days.

ASSASSINATED: 1881 July 2 by Charles Guiteau.

DIED: Elberton, New Jersey, 1881 September 19. Entombed: Garfield Memorial, Lake View Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio.



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Save The Date

Free Family Fun!

June 2nd at the Cabin-Who's Your Hero? At 11:00 we're inspiring young and old to log it or lose it. Participants aged 5-15 will receive a Bare book to log their favorite family story about their favorite family hero.

June 9th at the Cabin - At 11:00 am we welcome **guest docent Debbie Weinkamer**. Debbie is well known for her portrayal of Lucretia Garfield (wife of President James Garfield) for the presidential living historian troupe called "We Made History" ...

www.WeMadeHistory.com. Debbie is also the Lead Volunteer at the James A. Garfield National Historic Site in Mentor. Debbie will be packing her tallest tales and best anecdotes to deliver a short program that will test your Garfield knowledge and leave you guessing, **"is it fake news or the real deal?"**

June 22nd at the Polo Fields – The Civil War is coming to Moreland Hills! We'll have a table at this Civil War Reenactment and could use your help.

We Need Advocates!

Our meetings are **open to the public** and are held at the Moreland Hills Community Center, 4350 SOM Center Road on the first Monday of the month (September thru May) at 10:15 a.m. Please join us!

Maureen Geck-President

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