

HISTORY OF TOWNSHIP HALL

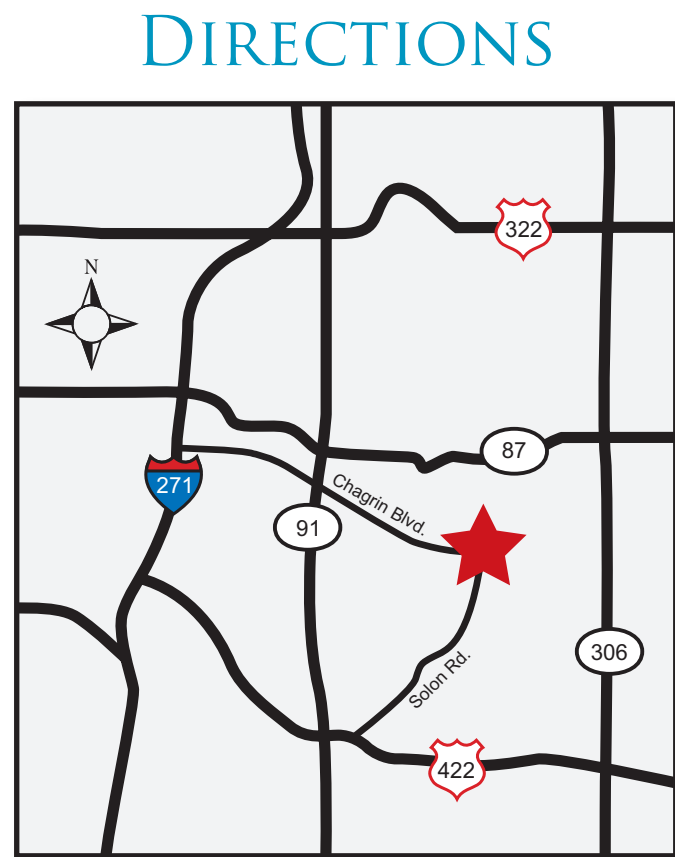


resides on top of the roof today.

In 1848 in what is now known as Chagrin Falls, Aristarchus Champion built a brick one-story Greek Revival style building to be used as a public library. In 1864, the Chagrin Falls Township Trustees bought the Library Hall and converted it into the Township Hall, and the building was remodeled into a two-story Italianate style structure in 1875. Henry Church, Jr., who was the Chagrin Falls blacksmith, created the weathervane that still resides on top of the roof today.

The north wing was used as the town jail, and the second story was called the "Opera House" and used for plays, lectures, and recitals. The Chagrin Valley Little Theatre often used the Opera House for its productions until a fire destroyed the Township Hall in November of 1943. After the fire, the Township Hall was restored as a one-story Colonial Revival building, and in 1975, it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Township Hall was an important part of the Chagrin Falls community for 160 years and continues to be vital today. It houses community events such as meetings, receptions, aerobic classes and the Chagrin Falls Visitors Center which is operated by Your HomeTown Chagrin Falls. The Township Hall will be a landmark in the community for years to come.



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CHAGRIN FALLS



VISITORS CENTER TOWNSHIP HALL

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HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE

The organized settlement of Chagrin Falls began in 1833 as part of the Connecticut Western Reserve. The topography of the area and the powerful Chagrin River, dictated the development of Chagrin Falls as an industrial and commercial center. The first families came from Massachusetts and included craftsmen, mechanics and carpenters whose skills would build a new village. By 1842, Chagrin River power supported nine mills including saw mills, flouring mills, foundries, an axe factory, a paper mill, woolen mills, a woodenware factory and shoe peg factory. In 1844, Chagrin Falls was incorporated as a Village. A sturdy settlement was established and a commercial center grew, serving the basic needs of villagers and surrounding farming communities.

Village houses and buildings have changed through time from modest early Greek Revivals and more ornate Gothic Revivals, to the prominent Italianate architecture of the 1870's, the Queen Anne homes of the 1890's and the practical bungalows of the 20th century. Today, Chagrin Falls residents are stewards to a livable, walkable and architecturally intriguing historic village with a natural waterfall and dam located along the Chagrin River in the center of town. The authentic history and village lifestyle that define Chagrin Falls are a source of community pride and a draw to visitors from around the world.

YOUR HOMETOWN CHAGRIN FALLS

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit community volunteer organization dedicated to the preservation, economic vitality, lifestyle and environment of the historic Village of Chagrin Falls.

WHAT WE DO

- Visitors Center
- Merchant Marketing Forums
- Economic Development
- Design, Beautification & Preservation
- Holiday Traditions Program
- Biennial Historic Home & Garden Tour
- Yoga by the Falls
- Farmers Market
- Wine by the Falls

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ART & ANTIQUES

- E All Matters Gallery 440-247-8979
- J Bonne Amie 440-247-4218
- F Cuffs Gallery 440-247-2828
- P Fehr's Framing & Fine Art 440-247-7007
- B Imagery Fine Arts 440-247-1278
- B La Bella Forever Vintage 440-247-1122
- P Off Main Antiques 440-247-2400
- M The Source 440-247-0700

BANKS

- Q Charter One Bank 440-247-5610
- Q First Federal of Lakewood 440-287-5715

BOOKS

- J Christian Science Reading Room 440-247-7683
- B Chagrin River Outfitters 440-247-7110
- J Fireside Book Shop 440-247-4050

CHILDREN'S SPECIALTY

- B Daniella Bella Baby Boutique 440-247-1122
- M Dazzle... where a girl can shine! 440-247-4858

CLEANERS

- M Stanley Cleaners 440-247-7909
- L Key Bank 440-247-7363
- Q The Fussy Cleaners 440-893-9155
- I Town & Country Cleaners 440-247-3857

CLOTHING

- E Cascade Boutique 440-247-5088
- B Chagrin River Outfitters 440-247-7110
- L Chico's 440-247-4131
- F Cuffs 440-247-2828
- G Emma's Boutique 440-893-9200
- L Find Me 440-247-3131

- D Juicy Lucy 440-247-5748
- E Lizzy and Jane 440-893-9090
- J Nola True 440-247-8980
- G Outfitters 440-247-7675
- K Peter's Store for Men 440-247-8462
- J Polly Brown 440-247-2744
- Q Sanity 440-893-9279
- J The Hidden Closet 440-247-0292
- Q The Wren House 440-247-6566
- J Toni in Style 440-893-7000
- D Winds of Change Boutique 440-247-2420

FITNESS

- A Chagrin Valley Fitness 440-678-8283
- E Fitness Together 877-348-6446
- Q Kettlebell Studio 440-382-1059
- Q White Cloud Pilates Studios 440-247-1815

GIFTS & ACCESSORIES

- E All Matters Gallery 440-247-8979
- L Chagrin Cards and Gifts 440-247-7467
- J Hedges Designs 440-247-2344
- J The Little Mongram Shop 440-247-9090
- B Village Herb Shop 440-247-5029
- J Whimzi 440-247-7995

HAIR SALON & SPAS

- J 10 West Salon 440-247-8474
- I Arra Hair Salon & Spa 440-247-6559
- M Changes Salon, Inc. 440-247-7273
- L Chessie's Salon 440-247-7712
- K Dragon Fly Massage & Healing 440-423-0888
- G Ignite Hair Salon 440-893-9353
- K Jada Nicole Salon 216-323-2094
- H Jason's on the River Salon & Spa 440-247-0001
- E John Robert's Studio by the Falls 216-839-4850
- B La Look Skincare 440-543-2797

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- K Capozzi Design Group 440-287-6858
- J Chestnut Hill Home 440-247-6858
- I Deborah Nicholl Interiors & Company 440-247-1033
- B De'ja Vu Home Decor 440-247-2268
- B La Bella Forever Vintage 440-247-1122
- Q Simpatico 440-247-3116
- B The Chair Shop 440-247-2126
- M The Source 440-247-0700
- L Timan Custom Window Treatments 440-247-8285
- E W Design 440-247-4474
- K White Magnolia 440-247-5800

INNS & HOTELS

- D The Inn of Chagrin Falls 440-247-1200

JEWELRY

- J Chagrin Fine Jewelry 440-247-7688
- Q Different Facets Jewelry 440-247-4866

REALTORS

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- L Lyndall Hughes, Realtor 440-247-8911
- Q Re/Max Traditions 440-247-3707

RESTAURANTS & FOOD

- D 87 West 440-247-5888
- J Chagrin Falls Popcorn Shop 440-247-6577
- G Dave's Cosmic Subs 440-247-9117
- M Einstein Bros Bagels 440-893-9384
- L Fresh Start Diner 440-893-9599
- D Gamekeeper's Tavern 440-247-7744
- M Giant Eagle 440-247-8777
- G Jekyll's Kitchen 440-893-0797
- G Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams 440-247-2064
- D Layers Cake Boutique 330-888-8637
- E Lemon Falls Cafe-Marketplace 440-247-8000
- I Master Pizza 440-893-9810
- L Parkside Grille 440-247-3401
- L Raintree Restaurant 440-247-4800
- F Rick's Café 440-247-7666
- G Starbucks 440-893-9577
- K Umami Asian Kitchen 440-247-8600
- D West End Bistro 440-247-3460
- L Yours Truly Restaurant 440-247-3232

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- I Bell Street Marathon 440-247-5955
- O Floyd's Service 440-247-8575
- A Phillip's Automotive 440-247-3710

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- B Brides by the Falls 440-247-1100
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- M Chagrin Falls Shoe Repair 440-247-7909
- F Chagrin Hardware & Supply 440-247-7514
- O Chagrin Pet, Garden and Power Equipment 440-247-3118
- L Chagrin Valley Firearms 440-247-8911
- H Chuck's Fine Wines 440-247-7534
- N Cleveland Plumbing Supply 440-247-2555
- F Cuffs Fine Wines and Champagne 440-247-2828
- M CVS Pharmacy 440-247-5442
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- U English Nanny and Governess School 440-247-0600
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- K Irina's Tailoring 440-247-7811
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- D Original Eyeglass Co. 440-247-3230
- B The Artful Yarn 440-321-9754
- B The Olive Scene 440-247-7999
- D Warren Henry Music 440-247-0300

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- I Federated Church 440-247-6490
- United Church of Christ
- P First Church of Christ Scientist 440-247-4023
- N St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church 440-247-7183
- Q St. Luke the Evangelist 440-591-1030
- Orthodox Christian Church
- P United Methodist Church 440-247-5848
- C Valley Lutheran Church 440-247-0390

POINTS OF INTEREST

- S Bandstand
- F Chagrin Arts 440-247-9700
- P Chagrin Falls Fire Department 440-247-8281
- P Chagrin Falls Historical Society 440-247-4695
- P Chagrin Falls Police Department 440-247-7321
- N Chagrin Falls Post Office 440-247-9806
- E Chagrin Falls Township Hall 440-247-8422
- P Chagrin Falls Village Hall 440-247-5050
- E Chagrin Falls Visitors Center 440-247-1895
- E Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce 440-247-6607
- D Chagrin Valley Little Theatre 440-247-8955
- C Cuyahoga County Public Library 440-247-3556
- P Golden Gate Masonic Temple 440-247-8036
- I Hamlet Village 440-247-4676
- D River Street Playhouse 440-247-8955
- I Valley Art Center 440-247-7507
- F Your HomeTown Chagrin Falls 440-247-0900

PUBLIC PARK & PATIOS

- S Bell Street Park
- S Falls Park
- L Plaza Patio
- O River Run Park
- G River Street Patio
- S Riverside Park
- S Triangle Park

RESTROOMS

- P Chagrin Falls Village Hall 440-247-5050
- E Chagrin Falls Visitors Center 440-247-1895
- E Chagrin Falls Township Hall 440-247-8422

Parking

