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# New Book Compares Olmsted's Past to Present

## Local author tells history of township through photographs

The newest addition to Arcadia Publishing's *Then & Now* series is *Olmsted* from local author Dale Thomas. The book boasts more than 200 vintage and modern images chronicling the growth of this Ohio township.

North Olmsted's images illustrate the urbanization resulting from the economic boom following World War II. In contrast, Olmsted Falls and Olmsted Township still have the atmosphere of a small town, resembling its larger neighbor before the war.

Dale Thomas is the author of *Images of America: North Olmsted*, and here he examines the evolution of the area. A retired history teacher, he is a graduate of Kent State University and Case Western Reserve University. In addition to being the archivist for the Olmsted Historical Society, Thomas serves on the North Olmsted Landmarks Commission. The author hopes the book will "make readers aware of the historic buildings that have disappeared during the last century."

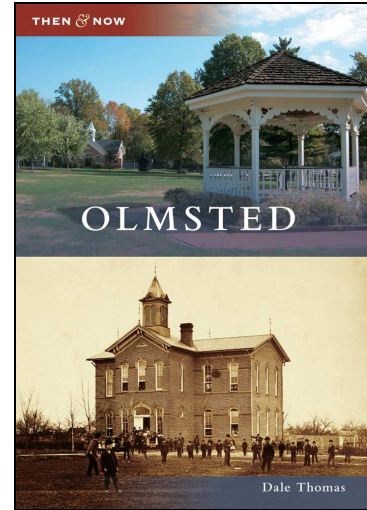
Highlights of *Olmsted*:

- In the 20<sup>th</sup> century, many historic structures have disappeared in Olmsted.
- Since 1962, Frostville has grown from one house to a small village in the Rocky River Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks.
- Starting in 1894, the interurban railway led to the rapid growth of population in the northern region of the township.
- During prohibition in 1930, a speakeasy opened in a mansion near North Olmsted village hall.

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***Olmsted***  
by Dale Thomas  
*Then & Now* Series  
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## About the Author of *Olmsted*

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**Dale Thomas'** first book for Arcadia Publishing, *Images of America: North Olmsted* came out in August 2008. An Army veteran, he has degrees from Kent State University (BS) and Case Western Reserve University (MA). Before retiring in 1999, Thomas taught social studies at Bay Village High School for 31 years. He has lived with his family in North Olmsted for 35 years.

Currently, Thomas serves on the Board of Directors for the Olmsted Historical Society. He is also the chairman of the North Olmsted Landmarks Commission. Formerly, he was the historian for the Cleveland Civil War Roundtable, a History Day judge at Case Western Reserve University, and a tour advisor for the Western Reserve Historical Society.



Thomas and his wife Lea, a retired Spanish and English teacher, do volunteer work at the Olmsted Historical Society's Frostville Museum. They both enjoy reading and caring for their cats. They are the parents of Scot and Geoffrey Thomas.