

2018 Heritage Tree Awards

The Village Garden Club, South Park Blvd.



As a member of the Village Garden Club, Karen Greer knew the unique history of the European Bird Cherry (*Prunus padus*) she nominated. It is planted in the Cherry Tree Grove on the north side of South Park between Lee and Attleboro. One of 32 flowering trees in the grove, this 42-foot Cherry tree has a circumference of 28 inches and a crown spread ranging from 6 feet to more than 14 feet. A former director of the Holden Arboretum recommended the tree as a test plant in 1977 because of its beauty and hardiness. The only tree of its kind in Ohio, its leaves turn deep maroon in the spring and fall, gracing Horseshoe Lake with its remarkable beauty.

Plumb-Larrick Family, 3322 Chalfant Rd.

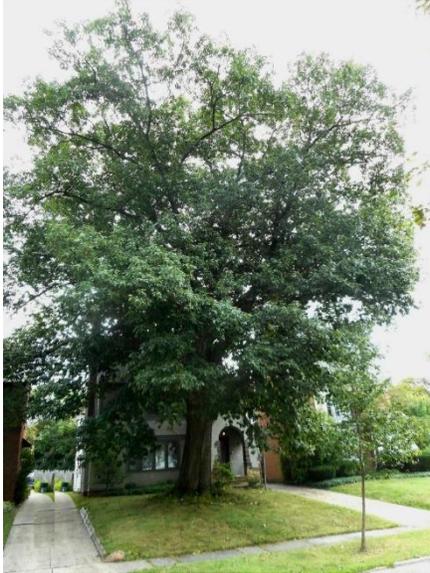


Pin Oaks are one of the fastest growing Oak species and have a mammoth exemplar visible from a mile away. This massive Oak tree is located in the backyard of the Plumb-Larrick home on Chalfant.

The tree has a circumference of 186 inches, stands at least 110 feet tall and likely dates from the Civil War Era in the last half of the nineteenth century.

Due to its size and age, the entire neighborhood enjoys all four seasons of its magnificent beauty, as do the myriad birds and squirrels that nest in its 110-foot crown spread and live off the impressive number of acorns it yields each year.

Carter Strang, 3701 Palmerston Rd.



When Carter Strang bought his home in 1994, the huge three-story Oak tree was the centerpiece of the front yard and a major selling point. The home's original architectural drawings from 1928 even mark the location of this Oak. Estimated to be over 100 years old, it provides enough shade to make air conditioning an option, even during the hottest summers.

A Palmerston landmark, the Oak makes the Strang home easy to find for visitors and is home to squirrel families that feed from its proceeds and nest in its leafy crown. The tree is lovingly cared for annually by a reputable tree service.