

Heritage Tree Award 2014

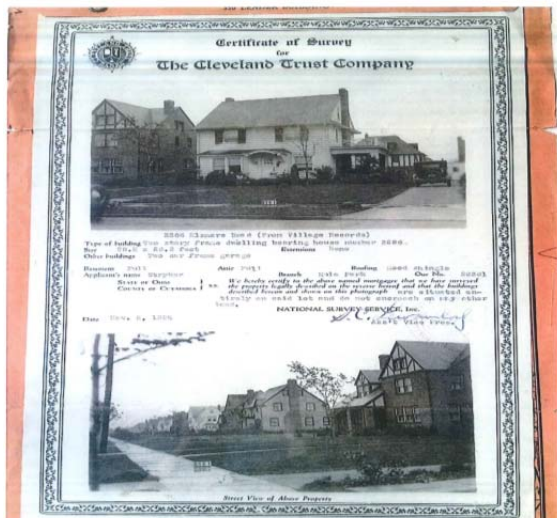
In 2014 two residents received awards.

A pair of beautiful trees received the Heritage Tree Award for their unusual form and size – two Pin Oaks who live in the front yard of 3290 Elsmere Road. Planted in the roaring 1920s, today they reach 80 feet in height and sporting 90-foot crown spread supported by 35 and 42 inch trunks. The Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*), also known as Swamp Oak or Swamp Spanish Oak, belongs to the group of the red oaks and has reddish-bronze fall coloration. It is native to Ohio, the Mid West and Mid-Atlantic States.



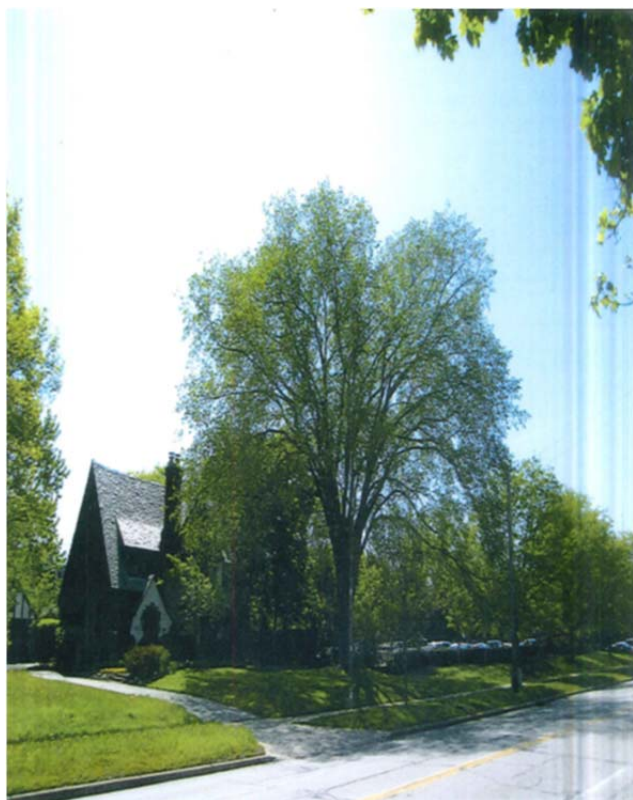
A pair of Pin Oaks at 3290 Elsmere Road, 2013

And in November 2, 1925



Sharing this year award is a magnificent old American elm that resides at 3311 Lee Road. It is a giant that towers to 155 feet with a crown spread of 79-93 feet. The tree has survived the Dutch elm disease that decimated most of the American Elms trees in North America. According to Wikipedia “The disease was first reported in the United States in 1928, with the beetles believed to have arrived in a shipment of logs from The Netherlands destined for use as veneer in the Ohio furniture industry. The disease spread slowly from New England westward and southward, almost completely

destroying the famous elms in the 'Elm City' of New Haven, reaching the Detroit area in 1950, the Chicago area by 1960, and Minneapolis by 1970. Of the estimated 77 million elms in North America in 1930, over 75% had been lost by 1989.” Restoration efforts of using resistant trees are being carried out in Ohio and Minnesota.



American Elm at 3311 Lee Road