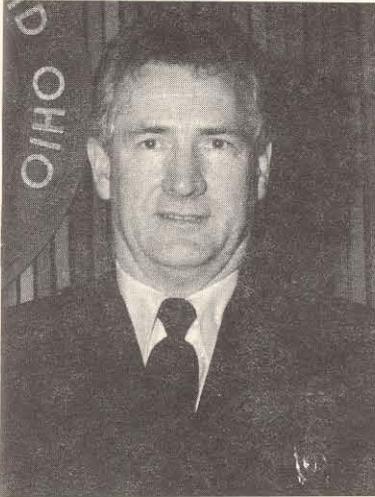


Larry Huston Chief, The South Euclid Fire Department 1985 - 1996



Larry Huston was appointed as a fire fighter with the city of South Euclid in February of 1964. He was named chief in December of 1985, after having served as acting chief since February of 1985.

In addition to being a graduate of the National Fire Academy, Executive Fire Officer Program, Chief Huston was also a certified fire safety inspector and fire service instructor for the State of Ohio. He also attended numerous courses in emergency medicine and other emergency areas, including hazardous materials, radiation, gas-fired appliances, etc.

Chief Huston also served as South Euclid's Emergency Disaster Director and developed the South Euclid Emergency Management System. He attended courses at the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

He served on the Cuyahoga County EMS Board. He was president of the North East Ohio Fire Chiefs Association, 1996-1997.

After a 32-year career in fire fighting, Chief Huston retired in August of 1996 to golf and enjoy his boat, aptly named FIRE ESCAPE.

He has a wife, Phyllis, and four children, Leslie, Lorraine, Jennifer, and Keith. He is also a grandfather.

In 1985, the Albrecht Grocery Company from Akron headed the city's development projects.

The new South Euclid Community Center, built by the Albrecht Company in exchange for land fronting Mayfield for the new Acme store, opened in November at a special open-house. Over 1,000 people toured the new facility. The community center featured meeting and craft rooms, offices, a recreation-game room, a fully-equipped kitchen, and a community room. In December, children from three area nursery schools were invited to participate in craft classes where they made ornaments to decorate the Center's first Christmas tree.

The Albrecht Company not only relocated the War Memorial but also paid for construction of the base and steps. Etched on the



memorial were names of South Euclid residents killed in the Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, and all residents who served in World War II, the Korean Conflict, and later, the Vietnam War and Desert Storm. At the time, the memorial was said to be "the only public memorial in Ohio honoring Vietnam veterans." The new memorial was

dedicated on July 4, 1985, beginning with a parade. The parade was such a success that the American Legion committed to reviving the annual Memorial Day Parade that had been discontinued in the Seventies.

Through the agreement between the city and Albrecht Company, the Acme supermarket was built at Mayfield Road and Victory Drive.

1986

Top Film: *Platoon*

Deaths: James Cagney, Kate Smith, Desi Arnaz, the Duchess of Windsor

Major Events:

- * At Cape Canaveral, the space shuttle *Challenger* exploded 73 seconds after liftoff, killing seven astronauts on board including Christa McAuliffe, who was to have been the first school teacher in space. The shuttle program was halted. A defective "o-ring" seal in one of the solid fuel booster rockets was discovered to be the cause.
- * The U.S. bombed Libya as retribution for terrorist attacks.
- * Ferdinand Marcos was ousted as leader of the Phillipines.
- * Celebrations marked the 100th birthday of the restored Statue of Liberty.
- * The Iran-Contra arms deal was revealed.

What's Hot: *Glasnost*, CD players

Retail renovation continued on into 1986. The storefronts at the southwest corner of Mayfield and Green were unified with new brick, overhangs, and lighting. Spruced-up businesses included May-Green Drug, May-Green Auto Supply, South Euclid Hardware, ITT Financial Services, and Schultz Upholstery.

Rezoning was rejected for a 5.9-acre parcel bound by South Green and Glenridge for apartments that Cardinal Industries wanted to build.

A new housing development, Daryl Estates, was being built off Anderson Road. A new model home was open for display.

Sewer charges were raised to help defray the cost of sewer repairs mandated by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. Also, like other local communities, the city decided to implement the Hydro-Brake system. It is a system that attaches to sewer catch basins to restrict the flow of sewage into storm sewers.

Residents of the city were getting expanded, modernized emergency medical services. Four fire fighters received training and licenses to operate as paramedics. Fire Chief Larry Huston applied for a license to allow paramedics to administer necessary drugs. In addition, the rescue personnel would begin using heart monitors, defibrillators, and other advanced lifesaving equipment.

Prior to 1987, most of the changes in the City of South Euclid occurred because of planned development. This year changes came about due to shifts in society and catastrophe.

The issue of integration and fair housing in the city was raised. A proposal to join the

1987

Top Films: *The Last Emperor*, *Wall Street*

Deaths: Andy Warhol, Fred Astaire

Major Events:

- * Evangelist PTL Club host, Jim Bakker, was toppled by a sex scandal with Jessica Hahn.
- * Colonel Oliver North testified before Senate and House committees about the Iran-Contra affair.
- * The U.S. retaliated against Iran for attacks in the Persian Gulf.
- * The Pope visited the United States.
- * Cleveland finally emerged from default.

What's Hot: Japan bashing

East Suburban Council for Open Communities (ESCOC) was made. For a membership fee, the fair-housing organization worked to provide information and tour services for prospective home buyers. They also provided loans to people who moved into neighborhoods where their race was under-represented. Instead of joining ESCOC, the city opted to use the money towards its own program.

South Euclid decided to create the position of community relations coordinator. Located in the Community Center, this office was to work with residents and the real estate industry to promote fair housing, to welcome and assist new residents, organize neighborhood meetings and block parties to unite residents.

The Richardsons, residents on Maple Grove, had their own problems with neighbors. Self-admitted "swingers," the couple was charged with operating a brothel in their home. The case was dismissed and consequently reappeared. Heated sessions in city hall took place.

Heat of another kind created havoc in the business district of South Euclid. In August, three fires on Mayfield Road were set by an arsonist.



Aftermath of the fire, Mayfield and Green roads

The first blaze destroyed three businesses at the May-Green intersection. Started on a rear porch of the shopping strip between South Green and Victory Drive, fire spread through the 60 year old, two-story structure. La Ray Cleaners and Tailors, A-1 Driving School, Angel Recording Studio, Ja'bell's Dress Shop, De Rose Modern Image Hair Salon, and four small business offices were displaced. The intense blaze burned for six hours.

A second fire was ignited in a storage garage at Four Seasons Power Equipment Store at 4200 Mayfield Road.

St. John Lutheran School suffered extensive damage in the third fire. Begun in the school library in the basement, the fire

William Van Veghel

Chief, The South Euclid Police Department

1961 - 1987



William Van Veghel served as an MP in the U.S. Army during World War II. In 1949, he was hired by the city of South Euclid as a part-time police officer. On February 1, 1950, he was appointed to the department as a full-time officer.

Within five years, he earned the rank of sergeant and, in 1959, advanced to lieutenant. On May 1, 1961, Van Veghel was promoted to chief of police.

During the years he was police chief, the department grew in number: 42 sworn officers and six civilian employees in 1970. Having a vision for the future, he planned for a new police facility. In 1977, his dream was realized with the completion of a new modern building.

Chief Van Veghel not only saw the need for expansion in the police facility, but he also prioritized education as an important factor in the advancement of law enforcement. The training within the department became an important aspect of each officer's career. Officers not only received regular in-service training, but attended schools sponsored by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council, State Highway Patrol, and the Law Medicine Center at Case Western Reserve University.

He was also instrumental in developing South Euclid's Safety Town program for children. He actively participated in the Ohio Police Chiefs Association and was a former president of the Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association. He also graduated from the 71st session of the F.B.I. National Academy where he served as past president and a fiscal manager.

Throughout his career, William Van Veghel shared his enthusiasm for law enforcement with his twin brother, Robert, a lieutenant with the department.

On August 1, 1987, William Van Veghel retired from the South Euclid Police Department to spend time with his wife, Betty, and their two children, Brad and Beth.

destroyed most of the first and second levels of the original section of the building.



After two more fires at homes on Maple Grove Road, John Fatica, who lived on the street, was arrested and charged with arson and breaking and entering.

Interestingly enough, emergency 911 service was set to begin in the city. Two emergency phone lines were installed at city hall. Included were computer monitors and printers in both the police and fire stations. At the same time, Police Chief William Van Veghel retired after almost 40 years in law enforcement.

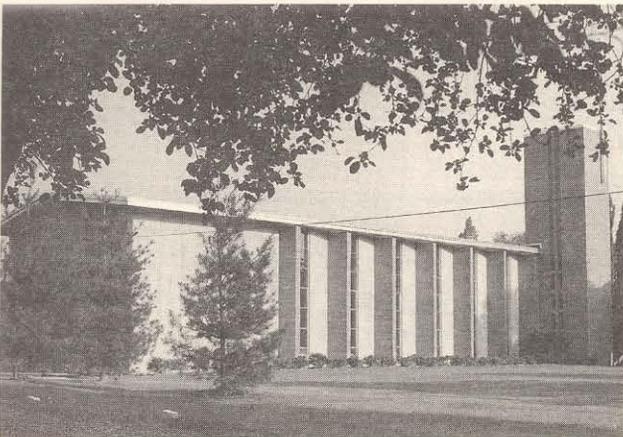
On the development front, University Suburban Health Center was set to expand again. This time, a two-level lobby, a cafeteria, additional office space, a semi-circular drive, and extra parking were proposed.

At neighboring Notre Dame College, the Joseph H. Keller Center, a fitness center with pool, was dedicated.



Joseph H. Keller Center, Notre Dame College

Photo courtesy of the Notre Dame College Archives and Records Center



The South Euclid United Methodist Church celebrated its 150th anniversary.

As the year drew to a close, the city decided to send out bids for private curbside refuse collection and disposal.

1988

Top Films: *Bull Durham*, *Working Girl*, *Rain Man*

Deaths: Louis L'Amour

Major Events:

- * U.S. indicted Panama's General Manuel Noriega on drug smuggling charges.
- * The Pentagon unveiled the Stealth bomber.
- * President Ronald Reagan visited the Soviet Union. Many felt that with General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms, the Cold War was ending.
- * George Bush was elected President, defeating Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis.
- * A Pan Am jetliner was blown up in mid-air over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people.

What's Hot: crack cocaine, gangs, Salmon Rushdie's book, *The Satanic Verses*

The biggest issue facing the city in 1988 was a proposal to renovate the three city parks and to develop a fourth one. A plan proposed by architects Knight and Stolar included the construction of an Olympic-sized swimming pool at Bexley, including a recreation area for adults and children, jogging trails, lighted baseball and soccer fields, and tennis courts. The plan called for the closing of existing pools at Victory and Quarry parks. Victory Park was, instead, to have a com-

James L. Farrell

Chief, The South Euclid Police Department

1988 - 1994



James Farrell was born in Cleveland, Ohio and served two years in the U.S. Army. After being discharged, he attended Dyke College and Kent State University.

While employed at Reliance Electric, he obtained an application for the South Euclid police civil service exam during his lunch hour. He subsequently passed the exam and was accepted into the police department on June 15, 1964. His role model was his older brother who had a career with the Cleveland Police Department.

He was assigned to the patrol division until he was re-assigned to the Detective Bureau in 1972. In January, 1979, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant. In 1981, he became officer-in-charge of the Detective Bureau. On October 18, 1981, he advanced to lieutenant, remaining in command of the Detective Bureau.

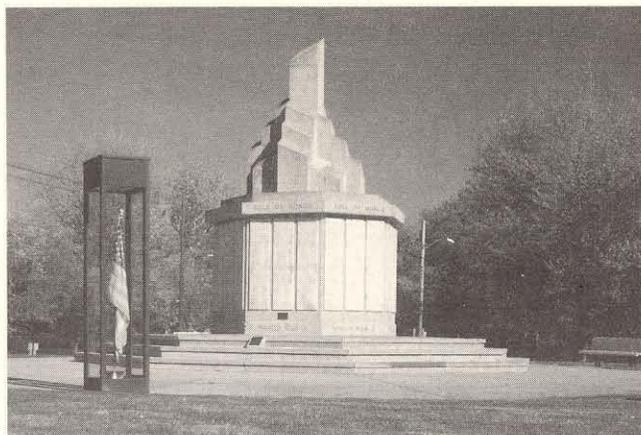
On March 20, 1988, James Farrell was promoted to chief of police.

Throughout his career, Chief Farrell attended numerous law enforcement schools, reinforcing his expertise in narcotics, interview, and interrogation, and criminal law. To enhance his leadership skills, he attended and graduated from the first Police Executive Leadership College in December, 1988. He was also a member of the Ohio Police Chiefs Association and the Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association.

During his tenure, the police department adopted an in-house computer system (L.E.A.D.S.), updating police dispatch and records. He made officer safety a priority and became involved in crime prevention. He was shot at twice during his law enforcement career.

James Farrell retired from the police department in September, 1994. Upon retirement from the force, he continued to work as a part-time bailiff in Municipal Court.

He and his wife Kathleen (deceased) were married for 30 years and have three children, Steven, Eileen, and John. Mr. Farrell currently lives in Lyndhurst.



community center annex, areas for lawn and court games, and a jogging trail. Quarry Park was to feature badminton courts and a fitness trail. The land at Belvoir and Monticello was to become a recreation area, after under-ground methane deposits were vented. State funds for the projects were expected. Discussions regarding the proposal stalled in council.

In other news, the site of the War Memorial was named "Veterans' Memorial Square."

1989

Top Films: *Driving Miss Daisy*, *Batman*, *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*

Deaths: Lucille Ball, Emperor Hirohito of Japan, Gilda Radner, Bette Davis, Alvin Ailey

Major Events:

- * The supertanker *Exxon Valdez* ran aground on a reef in Alaska, causing 11 million gallons of crude oil to spill.
- * Beijing massacre occurred in Tiananmen Square in China.
- * The U.S.S. *Iowa* Navy ship exploded, killing 47.
- * U.S.S.R. General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev and President George Bush hailed the end of the Cold War.
- * Hurricane Hugo lashed the Carolina shores.
- * San Francisco was devastated by an earthquake.
- * Baseball player Pete Rose was banned from the game for life after placing bets on ball games.
- * Hotel queen Leona Helmsley was found guilty of tax fraud.
- * U.S. forces invaded Panama.
- * The Berlin Wall came tumbling down.

As 1989 began, the proposal to close Victory and Quarry pools and save Bexley was met with heated opposition and debate. A "Save Our Pools" committee was

formed by a group of concerned citizens with Georgine Welo as chairperson. This citizens' group rallied to ask council to research conditions of the swimming pools and plan possible improvements to the city recreation program.

The city began publishing a newsletter, *Update on South Euclid*, to keep residents informed about their city.

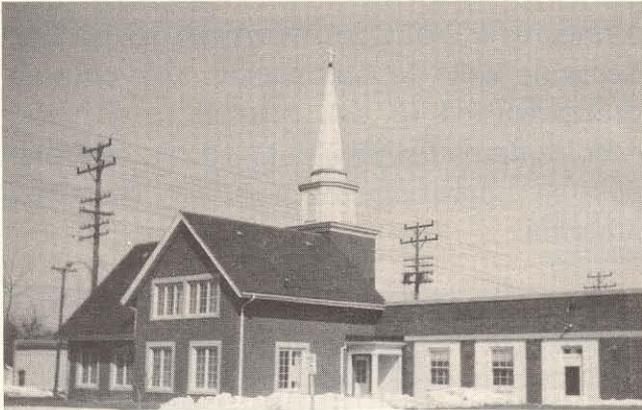
Tempers flared at an October council meeting when politics overshadowed the passage of a resolution to form an ad hoc committee to assist council's recreation committee in determining recreational use of the parks. The issue eventually passed.

The strip of fire-ravaged businesses at Mayfield and Green roads were finally demolished. Yet, arson hadn't ended. A three-floor office complex near the corner of Cedar and Warrensville Center roads was extensively damaged by an intentionally-set fire.

A long-awaited revamping at the intersection of Mayfield and Green roads took place. Included in the project were waterlines, left-turn lanes at the intersection, new curbs and handicap ramps, crosswalk signals, and new traffic lights with arrows for the turning lane.

Another issue from the past appeared one last time. The controversial Maple Grove "swingers" divorced and moved out of South Euclid.

At the corner of Mayfield and Maple Grove roads, the Church of the Epiphany celebrated its 45th birthday.



Church of the Epiphany, Mayfield and Maple Grove roads

Another year, and recreation issues still needed to be resolved. In 1990, the retention of neighborhood pools was placed on the November ballot. Voters approved the bond issue to enlarge, improve, and equip the municipal parks and recreation facilities. Bexley, Quarry, and Victory pools were to be renovated. Plans were drawn up. Voters, however, denied a request for covering operating expenses of the recreation facilities.

When the Glastic Corporation, a light manufacturing firm on Glenridge and Green roads wanted to develop the area into a 25-acre industrial park complex, council approved. Residents did not. A citizens' group, "Concerned Residents and Friends of South Euclid," kicked off a petition drive to place a referendum on the ballot to reverse council's vote to allow the project. For the first time in the city's history, a referendum petition overturned a city council decision. The residents' narrow victory prevented the industrial park.

A recycling program was once again implemented. In the parking lot at Mayfield and Green roads, bins were set out to collect glass, aluminum, steel cans, newspapers, and plastic bottles. The program was successful.

1990

Top Films: *Pretty Woman, Dances With Wolves, Home Alone, Total Recall*

Deaths: Leonard Bernstein, Greta Garbo, Ava Gardner, Sammy Davis, Jr., Pearl Bailey, Norman Cousins, Sarah Vaughan

Major Events:

- * President George Bush drew "a line in the sand" for Saddam Hussein, President of Iraq. Iraqi forces swept into oil-rich Kuwait. U.S. forces landed and the U.N. backed a war to free Kuwait.
- * South Africa's Nelson Mandela was freed from prison.
- * Germany was reunited, and the Soviet Union fell apart.
- * General Secretary of the U.S.S.R. Mikhail Gorbachev won the Nobel Peace Prize.
- * The Avenue at Tower City Center opened in downtown Cleveland. The Ritz-Carlton Hotel also opened.
- * Michael White was elected mayor of Cleveland.

What's Hot: political correctness in language, Nintendo games, Donald Trump, CNN reporter Arthur Kent, the "Scud Stud"

A fire caused \$900,000 damage to the Greenmont Party Center.

One highlight of the year was the city's Memorial Day celebration and parade. The parade began at Regina High School and

proceeded north along Green Road to the Veterans' Memorial.

The special speaker at the Memorial was Robert Heft, former mayor of Napoleon, Ohio, who had designed the 50-star version of the American flag. At age 18 he had created the flag on the floor of his grandparents' living room in Lancaster. An American History project, the flag earned him a B-. The teacher said that it "lacked originality." Yet, the flag was chosen by Dwight D. Eisenhower to represent the country. It's so unoriginal that it's flown with reverence today.

1991

Top Films: *Thelma and Louise, Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves, Terminator 2*

Deaths: Dr. Seuss, Miles Davis, Fred McMurray, Redd Foxx

Major Events:

- * U.N. Forces won the Persian Gulf War. Operation Desert Storm freed Kuwait.
- * The U.S.S.R. disintegrated and Gorbachev resigned.
- * The Rodney King beating by police in Los Angeles caused an outcry.
- * The Clarence Thomas-Anita Hill inquiry brought sexual harrassment into focus.
- * L.A. Lakers' basketball player, Magic Johnson, admitted that he was H.I.V. positive (A.I.D.S.).
- * The Society Center Building, the tallest in the city of Cleveland, was built.

The elections in 1991 brought about a change in leadership and a new vision for the city's future.

Mayor Arnold D'Amico announced that he would not be seeking re-election for personal and family reasons. Shortly thereafter, two councilmen entered the mayoral race: Jack Clifford and Michael A. DiCillo. Councilman John T. Kocevar later joined in the race.

During the November elections, the two top vote-getters were Michael DiCillo and John Kocevar. Because neither was able to gain a majority of votes, a runoff was set for December.

The result of the December election was John T. Kocevar for mayor.

Bexley Park closed for renovation. Victory Park and Quarry pools remained open for swimming. Their renovation was set to begin after the swim season.

Bexley Park was to have two tot areas, an adventure play area, tennis courts, picnic tables and shelter, a jogging trail and pedestrian walk. Four lighted ball diamonds were to also serve as soccer fields.

The new park at Belvoir and Monticello, Quarry South, would feature a lighted baseball diamond and soccer fields, a play area and parking.

At Bexley, Quarry North and Victory, the new pools were to include new or remodeled bath houses, slides, lap-swimming areas, and raindrop spouts. Concession stands were to be built at Bexley and Quarry North. Victory's snack bar was to be operated by the Community Center.

The fire department purchased a new rescue squad vehicle and a "jaws of life" rescue

Remember? . . .

The city of South Euclid had decided to run a contest for students in the district to design a flag for the city. More than 140 entries were received.

Memorial Junior High School ninth-grader Rachel Kozan was honored for designing the best flag. She was presented with a \$100 savings bond for her effort. Her twin sister, Katherine, finished second in the contest. The top three winners won savings bonds. Other entrants received McDonald's gift certificates.

Though she had won the contest in 1978, Rachel wouldn't see her flag fly above city hall until Flag Day in 1991.

The winning flag had been filed away at city hall,

a casualty of a poor economy. In 1990, Mayor D'Amico attended a national conference of mayors and saw a parade featuring a number of city flags. South Euclid didn't have a flag in the program. When he returned, he was determined that the city have a flag.

Flags were created from Rachel Kozan's design. The mayor contacted Rachel Kozan Misch about attending a ceremony making the flag official. Rachel, her husband Ken, and family were at the momentous occasion. Rachel was referred to as "South Euclid's own Betsy Ross."

Rachel never considered entering the art field. Instead, she worked as an executive secretary.

tool. The department was also in an active pilot program with Hillcrest Hospital through the administration of the drug TPA to heart attack victims. In addition, paramedics

administered electrocardiograms that were transmitted via cellular phones to emergency room physicians.

