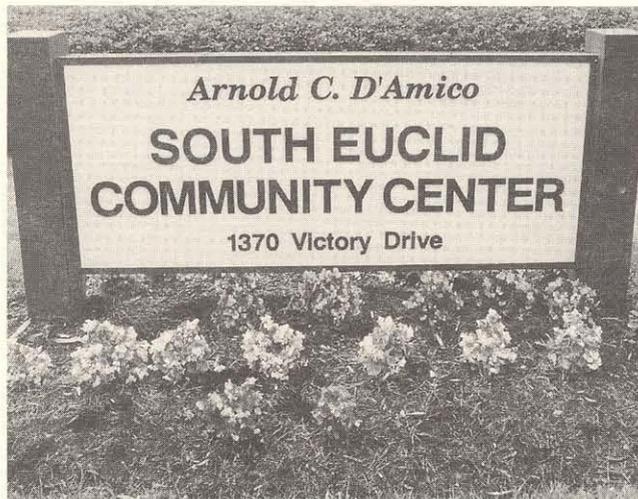


Cannell was promoted to fire chief. The city also purchased a new rescue squad vehicle. The fire department would now have two nearly identical heavy-duty rescue trucks for use.

In the police department, a new S.W.A.T. team vehicle was created out of the fire department's old rescue vehicle. The position of Juvenile Liaison Officer was redrafted to be known as the Youth Resource Officer. Patrolman Edmund Leason would staff the position, dealing with issues involving drugs, gangs, youth violence, juvenile problem areas, and criminal activity in the schools. He would

also provide safety and gang education.

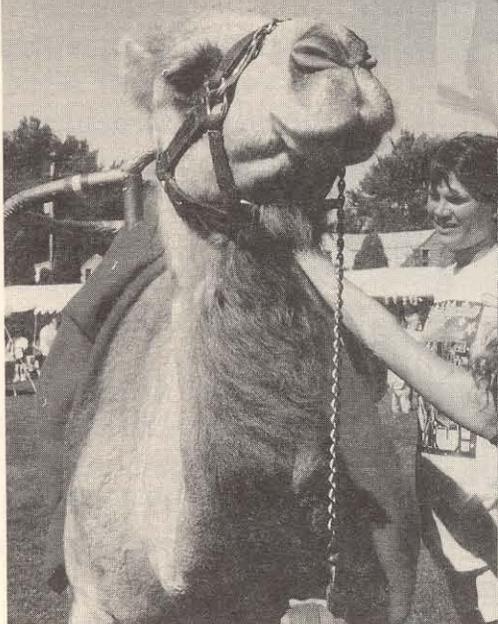
On a sad note, former Mayor Arnold D'Amico (who served from 1972-1992) died of complications of diabetes after heart bypass surgery. He was 72. In tribute to his memory, the South Euclid Community Center was re-dedicated as the Arnold C. D'Amico South Euclid Community Center on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. That same month, an early snowstorm paralyzed the city and many residents were without heat and electricity. The Community Center was designated an American Red Cross Emergency Shelter, providing cots and soup to those who needed assistance.





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## 1997

**Top Films:** *Men in Black*, *The Lost World: Jurassic Park*, *Air Force One*, *As Good As It Gets*, *Titanic*

**Deaths:** Robert Mitchum, Jimmy Stewart, Ben Hogan, Princess Diana, Mother Teresa, Red Skelton, Jacques Cousteau, John Denver, Gianni Versace, Col. Tom Parker, Jean Dixon, Harold Robbins, Pat Paulson

### **Major Events:**

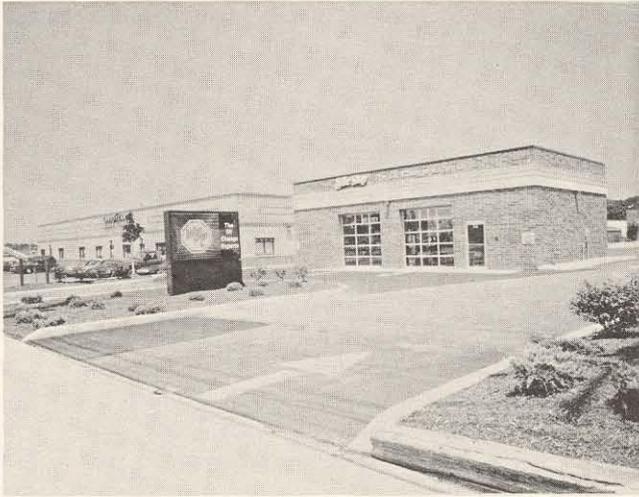
- \* Diana, Princess of Wales, was killed in a car accident in Paris with companion Dodi Fayed. Millions mourned during the televised funeral.
- \* Mother Teresa, founder of the Missionaries of Charity and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for her selfless work, died in Calcutta, India.
- \* Timothy McVeigh was found guilty and sentenced to death for the Oklahoma City federal building terrorist bombing.
- \* Great Britain handed over Hong Kong to China.
- \* NASA landed *Pathfinder*, a robotic space exploration device, on the planet Mars.
- \* The world's first septuplets (seven babies) were born to the McCaugheys in Carlisle, Iowa.
- \* Italian fashion designer, Gianni Versace, was murdered in front of his palatial mansion on Miami's South Beach by Andrew Cunanan, who later committed suicide.
- \* The country was enjoying prosperity, low unemployment and inflation. The stock market was booming.
- \* The Stokes Wing was added to the downtown Cleveland Public Library.
- \* Ground was broken and construction begun on a new municipal stadium for a future Cleveland Browns football team.
- \* The Cleveland Indians baseball team played in the World Series but were defeated by the Florida Marlins.
- \* Mayor Michael White took over control of the Cleveland City Schools.

**What's Hot:** "retro" clothing, voice-mail, virtual pets, beanie-babies, golfer Tiger Woods

The year 1997 marked the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of South Euclid. Redevelopment and improvements to the city's infrastructure continued.

On the northwest corner of Mayfield and Green roads, the Pizza Hut property was

acquired by the city to be transformed into a municipal park. The city continued to acquire other property. The site of the Croc Club and the old South Euclid Block property (near Monticello and Green roads) were purchased by the city for sale to an approved business developer.



A new Revco drug store was built on the corner of Monticello and Green roads. A Walgreens drug store was planned for the northwest corner of Warrensville Center and Cedar roads. An expansion and total renovation of the Global Office Building (1418 Warrensville Center Road) was completed. The city was also pursuing other avenues for redevelopment to maintain its strong economic base. Federal funding helped to make continuing redevelopment possible.

The first phase of an eight-year flood control program began. Included in this plan was an underground retention basin near Bexley Park. Improvements to roads, curbs, etc. were planned to prepare the city for the

future. The fire department joined Cleveland, Heights, Beachwood, Shaker Heights and University Heights in the formation of the Heights Area Special Rescue Team. Governed under the Heights Area Fire Chief Coalition, the specially-trained force would be notified when rescues are needed in confined areas, on ice, in cold water, and in trenches. This team would enable each city to use the resources of the other cities, enabling rescues that would normally exceed the limits of each individual city in special rescues.

The police department developed a new youth program, the Pathfinder Youth Group, for youths between the ages of 11 and 18. Members would learn about police and fire

## *Remember? . . . August Siemer House*

For years an old farmhouse stood facing Green Road on the grounds of Notre Dame College. It was the first building located on the campus. Built before 1910, the white clapboard home was occupied by Mr. August Siemer and his family. Mr. Siemer had worked for the Sisters of Notre Dame tending the orchards that once surrounded the home. He had two daughters. One daughter, Mary Agnes Neumann held a management position at General Electric before retiring. The other daughter, Roseann, worked as secretary to the librarian at Notre Dame College for over forty years. She had lived in the house all of her life, until retiring in 1990 and moving due to illness.



For a while the house was rented to the maintenance staff at Notre Dame College who needed housing.

In 1996 the house was vacant. A new master plan for the college was created that called for razing the house to permit construction of a new entrance from Green Road. The Sisters of Notre Dame agreed to allow the South Euclid Fire Department to use the home as part of its fire training program.

One March 11, 1997, the August Siemer house was set on fire. The fire department conducted its training exercises and a part of history was gone. The site is now used by the college for new athletic fields.



operations and conduct military drills. Included would be lessons in mountaineering, camping, hiking, and other adventures. The focus would be on leadership skills, confidence-building, responsibility, and goal-setting. Patrolman Ed Leason, South Euclid's new juvenile liaison, formed the Pathfinder program which would work in tandem with the Boy Scouts' Explorer program.

The police department also sponsored a Junior Olympics for youth ages 15-18. Featured were track and field events, a bike rodeo, and a bike race.





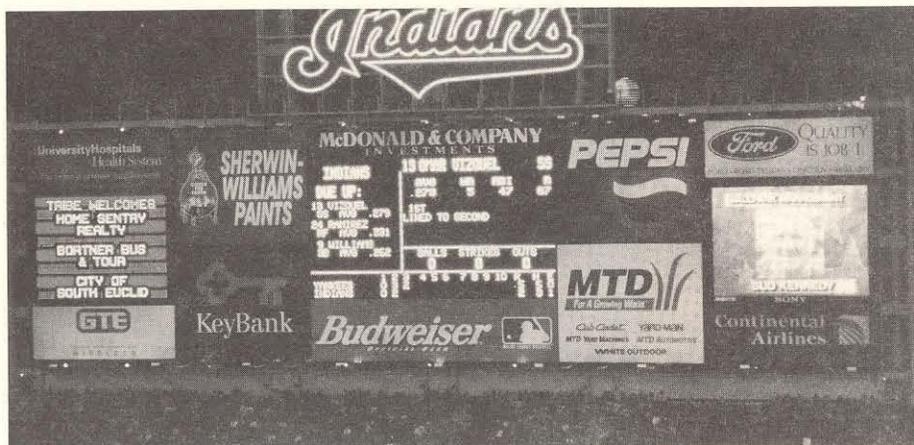
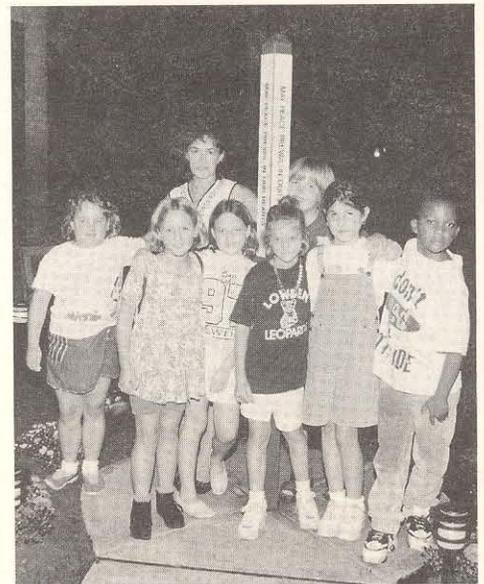
At the Arnold C. D'Amico South Euclid Community Center, rental activity continued to grow and recreation classes expanded. Special events set record attendance. Popular events were the semi-annual Community Garage Sale, a Fall Harvest Days Craft Fair, and children and family holiday-themed events.

Community events continued to thrive. The Memorial Day parade and ceremony featured veterans, dignitaries, banks, sports teams, and community organizations. Free summer band concerts on the lawn at Notre Dame College were well received.

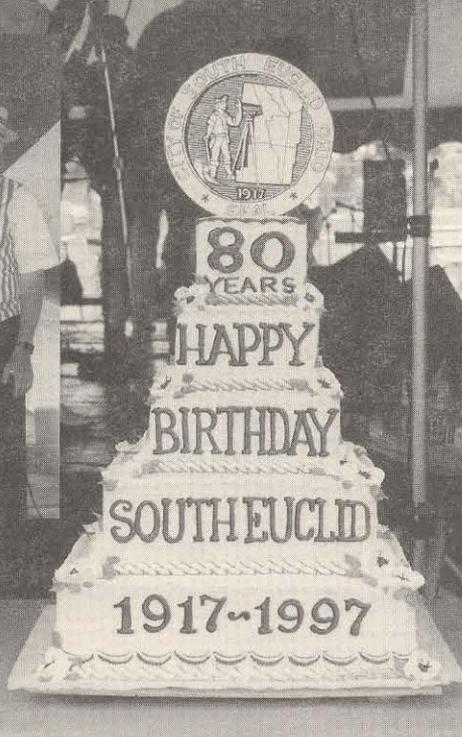
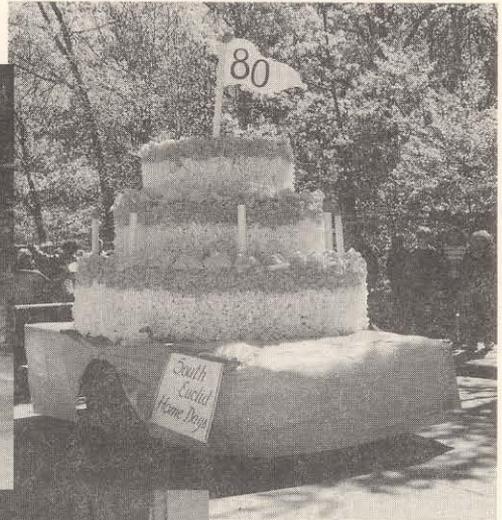
Home Days, whose theme continued to be "Community Unity," celebrated the city's 80<sup>th</sup>

birthday, complete with cake and a spectacular fireworks display. Held the last weekend in July, Home Days featured activities for all ages. For children there was a petting zoo, reptile show, rides, games, and a magician- clown. A craft show, car show, music and dancing entertained the adults. Contests, a softball game, and community-sponsored food booths added to the event. South Euclid was indeed united.

A Peace Pole was presented to the city by the Community Relations Advisory Board as an 80<sup>th</sup> birthday present in honor of conflict mediation programs in the city and in the schools.



The November elections brought new faces reflecting the growing, changing community. The first African-American, nurse Chelly Tufts, was elected to serve on city council. The first African-American, Brenda Pryor, was elected to the school board.



## 1998

**Top Films:** *Titanic*, *Armageddon*, *Saving Private Ryan*, *There's Something About Mary*, *The Waterboy*

**Deaths:** Frank Sinatra, Cab Calloway, Flip Wilson, Frankie Yankovic, Roy Rogers

### **Major Events:**

- \* Swissair Flight 111 crashed off the coast of Nova Scotia, killing all 229 on board.
- \* The nation was mired in the President Clinton and White House intern, Monica Lewinsky, sex scandal, as revealed in independent counsel Kenneth Starr's Report.
- \* The U.S. House of Representatives voted to impeach President Clinton. An impeachment trial was scheduled in the U.S. Senate.
- \* John Glenn, war hero, astronaut who was the first man to orbit the earth, and U.S. Senator, returned to space in the shuttle *Discovery*, becoming the oldest man, at age 77, in space.
- \* St. Louis Cardinals' Mark McGwire shattered Roger Maris' record of 61 home runs in a single season. He ended the season with 70 homers.
- \* A Middle-East peace accord was signed between Israel and Palestine.
- \* Bill Gates, founder of computer software giant MicroSoft, was embroiled in an anti-trust suit brought by competitor, Netscape.
- \* U.S. Embassies were bombed in Africa and Tanzania.
- \* Hurricane Mitch slammed into Honduras and Nicaragua, causing massive destruction.
- \* Cleveland millionaire Al Lerner purchased the Cleveland Browns football franchise.
- \* BP America merged with Amoco and moved its headquarters out of downtown Cleveland to Chicago, Illinois.

**What's Hot:** E-mail, cigars, Spice Girls, Viagra, DVD players, Furby, anything related to the *Titanic*, Swing music and dance

**N**ew businesses opened in the community during 1998. A Starbucks Coffee House was built at the northwest corner of Cedar and Warrensville Center roads. On the same site, a new branch of Republic Savings Bank was opened. Across the street, at the northeast corner of Cedar and Warrensville Center roads, a Walgreens Drugstore was constructed. Nearby, Huntington Bank relocated and renovated in Cedar Center.

All Revco Drugstores were purchased by and changed to CVS drugstores.

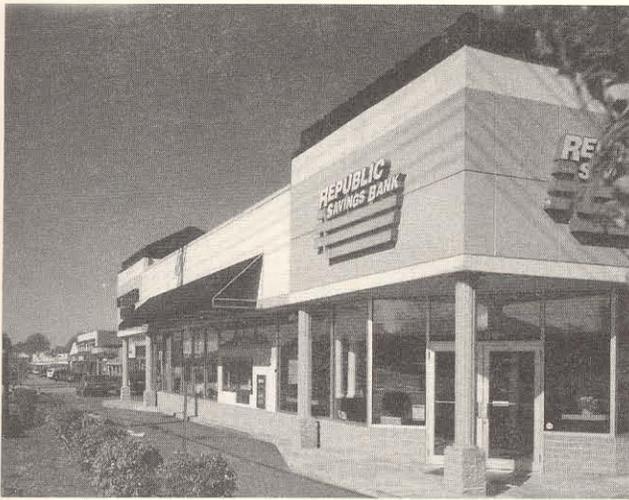
On Mayfield Road, Rini-Rego Stop n' Shop became a Giant Eagle grocery store, as Giant Eagle purchased all Stop n' Shops.

The vacant Pizza Hut building at the intersection of Mayfield and South Green roads was demolished and the site transformed into a city park.



Brush High School students were arrested for the prank.

The South Euclid Garden Club was resurrected. Founded in 1932, the club had sponsored numerous flower shows, held many events, and had won numerous awards. As members aged, interest waned. The new garden club's first project was to plant flowers in different locations around the city. The city's tree commissions dedicated a Gettysburg American Sycamore at Veterans' Memorial Square in honor of South Euclid's Frank Prasse, the first soldier from the Western Reserve killed in the Civil War.



University-Suburban Health Center underwent an expansion, adding a three-story, 23,000 square-foot addition.

Overhead news helicopters and the police department were kept busy because of two "threatening" situations. The first was the rupture of a natural gas line at the intersection of South Green and Mayfield roads, causing an evacuation of nearby homes and businesses and some tense moments. Luckily, repairs were made and no problem occurred. The second situation involved a pipe bomb that had been placed behind Giant Eagle grocery store on Mayfield Road. The store was evacuated and the bomb transported to the Metroparks where it was dismantled. Four



Some anniversaries were celebrated. St. Margaret Mary Church celebrated its Golden Anniversary. The Tri-City Consortium on Aging celebrated twenty years of serving the area's senior population. Memorial Junior High School observed its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

A fair housing ordinance was passed by Council and a Fair Housing Review Board created.

"Community Unity" was once again the

theme for Home Days, held at Bexley Park. A teen dance kicked off the festivities. Featured was a petting zoo, reptile show, magicians, a dance contest, Cleveland Indian's mascot, *Slider*, games, crafts, food, antique cars, and fireworks.

A "Community Extravaganza" was held at First Baptist Church on Trebisky Road. Over 200 Guests attended this first-ever block party for all residents of South Euclid.

