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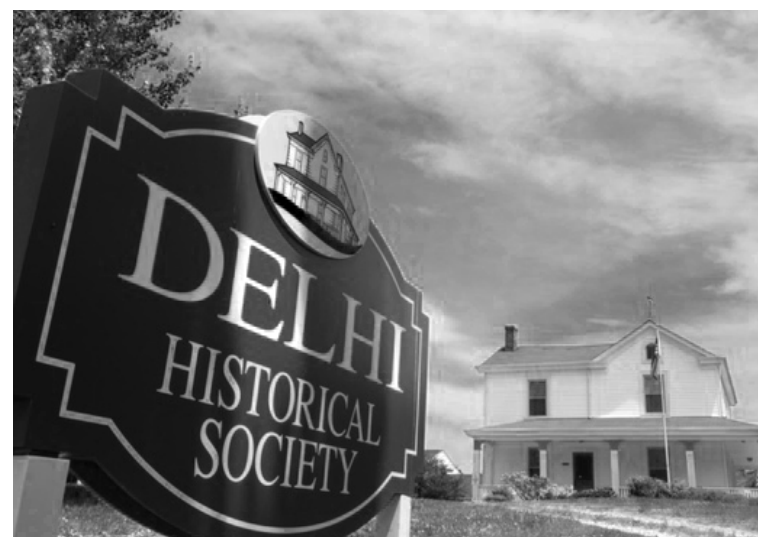
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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DELHI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

New Sign for the Farmhouse



Have you seen our new sign? Come by and check it out! We hope it stands out more and makes DHS more visible in the community! Thanks to Pete Pritchard for all of the work getting this sign made and installed.

History Moves On.



On June 20, Delhi celebrated the opening of the new fire station on Greenwell. It replaces - and is more than 10 times larger than the old station built in 1956 (pictured in upper left corner).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Early Delhi - Fashion, Fiber, and Farming

Sept 11, 2017
Delhi Lodge 7:00pm

Evolution of an Icon (Music Hall)

Oct 9, 2017
Delhi Lodge 7:00pm

Cemetery Tour

Oct 21, 2017

FARMHOUSE MUSEUM

Open Tuesdays, Thursdays,
and Sundays 12:30-3.
(Closed July 4th)

Other days and times
available by appointment.
Please schedule at least two
weeks in advance!

**LOOK INSIDE
FOR YOUR BEST
OF DELHI RAFFLE
TICKETS**

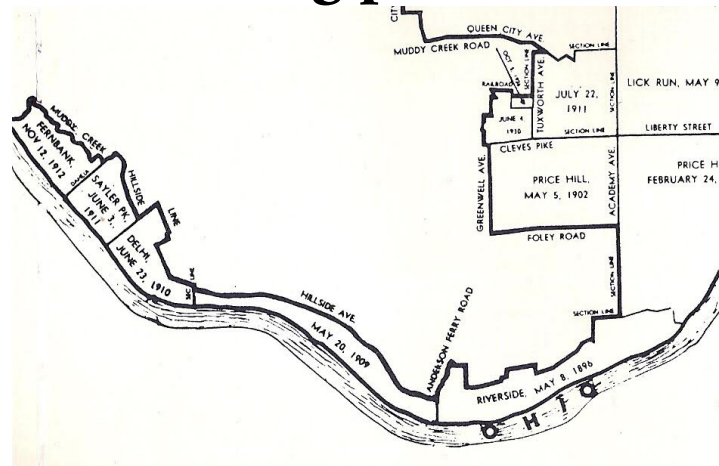


UNITED BY HIGH WATER: THE GREAT FLOOD OF 1937

APRIL 30 - NOV 30
DELHI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Delhi Historical Society is pleased to present *United by High Water: The Great Flood of 1937* from **April 28-November 30**, an exhibit created by Mount St. Joseph University students commemorating the 80th anniversary of the 1937 flood of the Ohio River in Cincinnati. Come explore the impact this natural disaster had on our riverside city and how communities united to help each other through this difficult time. Highlights include personal stories, extraordinary photos of Cincinnati under water, and an analysis of the weather patterns that caused the 80ft. flood.

Incorporate, join Cincinnati or remain a township? The Growing pains of Delhi



The 1940s and 50s were a tumultuous time for Delhi as the township transitioned from a rural community to a burgeoning suburb. As the township changed, residents envisioned the future in different ways. Some thought incorporating as a village was the best, others thought the best path was becoming part of Cincinnati, while many just wanted Delhi to remain a township.

The city of Cincinnati had long wanted parts of Delhi. In 1896 the southeast corner of the township known as Riverside joined the city, followed in 1902 by the northeast corner bounded by Academy, Glenway, Covedale and Foley. Between 1909 and 1912 the river communities west of Anderson Ferry (Delhi, Home City and Saylor Park) were annexed to the city. In those 15 years one-fourth of Delhi became part of the Cincinnati.

In 1941 annexation was once again in the air. Delhi residents living east of Anderson Ferry petitioned to become part of Cincinnati. They were seeking better services, fire, police, water, gas, transit, and a high school. The movement failed but it spurred the organization of the Delhi Civic Association, committed to finding solutions to the problems associated with Delhi's growth, while supporting its agricultural heritage.

By the early 1950s, Cincinnati developed a master plan that included annexing Delhi - this time the whole township. At the same time, there was a movement among Delhi residents - backed by the Delhi Trustees - to incorporate as the village of Delhi Hills, so that they could have local control of growth. There had been unbounded development as a result of the post-war baby boom. Educational facilities, police and fire protection were all inadequate, and suburban spread was unfettered.

Both annexation and incorporation went down to defeat by 2 to 1 margins in 1955. But it was a wake up call for the community that something needed to be done about police, fire and schools. Although Delhi had a volunteer fire department with a single firehouse on Neeb Road, the time had come to build a second house in the rapidly growing eastside of Delhi. Station #36 opened on Greenwell Road in 1956.

A constable and volunteer ranger force backed up by the Hamilton County Sheriff's office offered the only police protection for Delhi and a call for help might take upwards of an hour for a response. In 1964, Delhi Township formed a paid Police District to handle local calls. The district's first big test came in 1969 when robbers held up the Cabinet Supreme Savings & Loan, killing four women.

But the lack of a high school for Delhi Township children was the driving reason for residents wanting governmental change. Western Hills High School began denying future admittance of Delhi students in the late 1950s. In April 1956, representatives of Delhi, Green and Bridgetown local school districts met to form the new Oak Hills Local Board of Education. They oversaw the passage of a school bond issue for the building of new schools including Oak Hills High School, which opened in 1960 and C.O. Harrison (named for longtime Delhi School principal) in 1961.

In 1991 the Ohio legislature through the efforts of Delhi's representative Jerry Luebbers passed the Ohio Limited Home Rule, which gave townships that chose to adopt it the right to operate more like cities. Before this time, nearly everything in Delhi was under the jurisdiction of Hamilton County. It settled - at least for the time being - the issues of Delhi becoming its own city or becoming part of the bigger city of Cincinnati.

News From the Farmhouse New Richmond Bus Tour



THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who joined us on the New Richmond Bus Tour! It was a blast! Also a big thank you to Greg Roberts and Historic New Richmond for showing us around! If you could not make it, be sure to check out their self guided tours at:

<http://newrichmondugrrtour.weebly.com/>

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