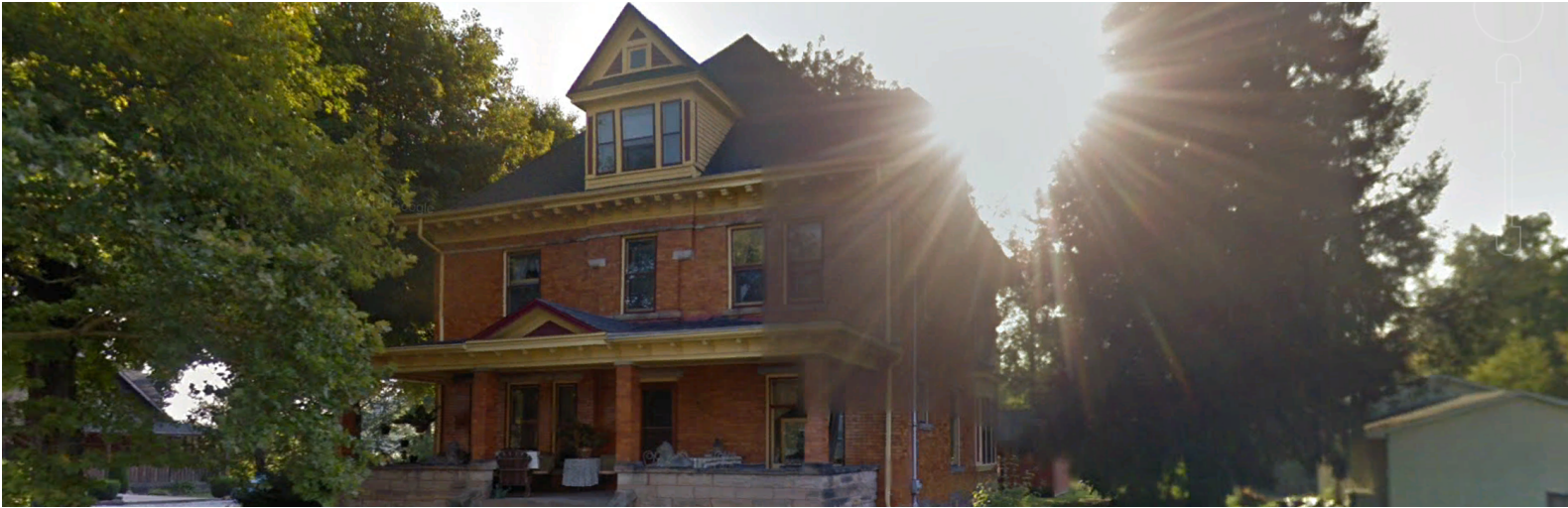


# Special Edition

# THE Village News *Magnolia, Ohio*



The Village of Magnolia has recently been given a very generous gift. The donor, Mary Ann Beck, is the granddaughter of Charles E. & Margaret Greer Beck, who were native Magnolians. Mary Ann has always loved our small, quaint town and wanted to make a donation as a way to honor her family as well as help with Village improvements.

Ms. Beck taught school for 32 years and retired in 1998. She lives a full and active life surrounded by a strong community of family and friends. She is a well-rounded person who has extensive traveling experiences, enjoys spending time at Congress Lake, and delights in her beloved animals, her friendly cat, Miss Minnie, and her bold thoroughbred Trakehner horse, Willie. Ms. Beck has wonderful life experiences through which she has touched many lives in a variety of ways.



Ms. Beck's roots began in Magnolia when her great-grandparents, William Harkness Greer Sr. and Charity Margaret Elson Greer, married in 1851. Their youngest of five children, Margaret Anna Greer married Charles Beck in 1899 and built the current residence of 405 North Main Street, where their two sons, Henry & Bob, were raised. Bob married Mildred Fife Beck in 1930 and they had two daughters, Margaret Ann born in 1931 and Mary Ann born in 1944.

Her father, Robert, grew up in Magnolia and served as mayor and Justice of the Peace from 1928-32, dedicating the Magnolia School in 1931. He was listed as the youngest mayor elected in the United States in Ripley's Believe It Or Not in 1928. Her parents and sister moved to 606 McKinley Ave. SW in Canton before Ms. Beck was born but she explained that she has always wanted to live in Magnolia.

*405 N Main Street*



Margaret Greer Beck



Charles E. Beck

She has fond memories of swinging on the front porch at her relatives' houses, especially the home of Margaret Greer Mowls on Main Street. "It was the hub of the universe to me! We would eat at Tozzi's, but mostly at my cousins' homes because they were all great cooks!" Regarding the small-town feel of Magnolia, Ms. Beck shared "Everyone knew everyone; they were very loving and accepting people. It was like a big extended family." Her father would explain to her that coming up from a small town seemed to make people excel; since everyone knew everyone, you didn't want to make a fool of yourself.

Some of the projects to be completed through the with the donation include renovations to the Village Hall, upgrades to the playground by the Fire House, sidewalk and tree repair/removal, improvements to the facilities at the downtown park, and cemetery road repairs. Ms. Beck hopes the donation will help the Village get a kickstart on improvement initiatives that will promote a contagious energy throughout the town to keep the momentum and initiatives going.

We want to continue to improve and beautify our "hub of the universe!" If interested in helping with any future projects, please email [magnoliavillagecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:magnoliavillagecouncil@gmail.com).

On behalf of the Village of Magnolia, we wish to express our deepest gratitude to Mary Ann Beck and we are anxious to see the impact of these improvements.

Thank you for your support!

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### Next Village Council Meeting:

Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00pm

Visit us at:

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