

University Area Commission - Candidate's Biographical Sketch

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Candidate Name: (Please Print)

TOM WILDMAN

Address:

179 E. MAYNARD AVE

COLUMBUS, OHIO 43202

District: 2

Length of time living in the University Area: 40 yrs

Occupation: Retired from Ohio Historical Society (History Connection)
Contractor for Historical Preservation, Restoration

Commissioner Statement – Please state in under 200 words, what particular experience and qualifications you can offer the University Area Commission. Include information about your issues, concerns, goals for neighborhood, personal information, etc. *This section will be limited to 200 words.*

(Please See Attached Statements)

UAC Committees/Positions – If a current or past commissioner, please list the committees that you serve on and any positions you hold or have held in the past with UAC.

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Community Involvement/Education/Occupation – Provide a list of community activities, positions in other groups, educational background, etc.

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Candidate Signature: Thomas H Wildman

AREA COMMISSIONER STATEMENT

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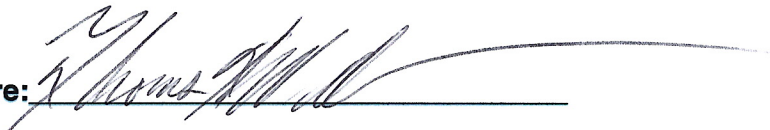
UAC Commissioner:	District 2	Years in U-District:	Since 1984
Years as U-District Resident:	40	Years involved in U-District:	30
Occupation:	Retired from the Ohio Historical Society(now, Ohio History Connection)		

Tom Wildman supports student involvement in community issues. Advocates neighborhood social, cultural, environment & historic preservation. Founded/Directs Old North Columbus Preservation Society & Old North Columbus Block Watch. Co-founded Old North Columbus Community Collaborative, ONC/Sohud Garden Assoc, ONC Neighbors Connect. Commissioner since 1995. From these platforms, he has introduced *Old North Columbus* to the City of Columbus & City of Columbus to *Old North Columbus*, receiving funding for neighborhood projects as community-wide street sweeping, refuse/bulk pick-up, graffiti removal, Tuttle Park entrances @ Hudson & Dodridge Sts, commercial node & neighborhood improvements (Maynard/Summit, Indianola Middle School, Portal/Arcadia, Tuttle Parks), school crosswalks & traffic calming. Authored grants for new pocket parks, bike trails, wall murals, street amenities (Old North Columbus Arches, benches, recycle receptacles, banners, plant containers, historic signs), curb replacement & street paving. Wrote proposals & received funding to: update ALL AEP/City Electric Lines/Transmission Stations; replace ALL Columbia Gas Lines & Water/Sewer Lines; initial/replacement of ALL Handicap Ramps; build Tuttle Skateboard Park. Received 3 of the City's highest Achievement Awards: Mayor, City Council, Columbus Police. Created neighborhood of Old North Columbus
Current work: enhanced crosswalks, Glen Echo Ravine environmental improvements, street curbs, traffic calming arterial intersections, street trees, crime patterns.

UAC Committees/Positions

First Vice President, Second Vice President and Chair of the following Committees: Code Enforcement and Environment, Historic Preservation, Safety and Health, Ad-hoc: Education, Green Space, Liquor License, Light Rail, Quality of Life. Sat on every University Area Commission Committee; Code Enforcement and Environment, Community Relations, Elections, Government, Historic Preservation, Planning, Safety and Health, Zoning. Currently sit on Planning, Community Relations.

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30yr Involment in U-District
Occupation: Retired
Ohio Historical Society

EDUCATION/OCCUPATION

Education:

College of Wooster, B.A. [Archaeology, Art History, German]
Ohio State University, Continuing Education [Education, Computer Sciences, Russian]
University of Munich, Germany [Archaeology, Art History, Geology, Italian]
Wayne State University [Study Abroad]

Occupation:

General Contractor [Historical Craftsman]
Ohio Historical Society
Ohio State University
Harding Hospital
University of Alaska
MacMillan Companies
College of Wooster Museum

Current Affiliations:

District 2 Commissioner, University Area Commission
Director, Old North Columbus Preservation Society
Founder of the Camp Thomas History Project
Co-Ordinator of the Old North Columbus Block Watch
ComFest Safety Supervisor
Co-Founder:

Old North Columbus Community Collaborative
Old North Columbus Block Watch
Old North Columbus History Association
Old North Columbus/SoHud Garden Club
Old North Columbus Neighbors Connect
Old North Columbus Business Association
Old North Columbus Folk Dancing
Dance#MeToo

Member:

Advocacy ForThe Homeless & Those In Need
SoHud

Glen Echo Neighborhood
Camp Thomas
Clintonville South Block Watch
Buckeye Watch
Protect Old North
Contra Folk Dancing
Ecstatic Dance Columbus
Church of the Sparkling Unicorn

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENTS (In The Past)

Thomas Wildman is completing his ninth term on the University Area Commission, having served since 1995; Consistently sat on the Code Enforcement, Environment, Safety, Zoning & Planning Committees. Sponsored Safety Forums; Art/Music, Folk Dance, & Preservation Festivals. Is a ComFest member & ComFest Safety Supervisor.

In addition, he has sat on COTA's Light Rail Advisory Board, Keep Columbus Beautiful projects, Legislative Committee for the University Area Code Enforcement Task Force, the Mayor's Neighborhood Leaders Group, Regional Neighborhood Network Conference, Columbus Police Department Neighborhood Safety Group, University Area Safety Committee, Advisory Board for the Old North Columbus Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund, The Advocacy Program for the Homeless & Those In Need, Old North Columbus Traffic Plan, Columbus Community Coalition, Recreation and Parks Renovation of Portal Park on Arcadia, Co-coordinator of the Olde North Columbus Open Community Meetings, ONC Graffiti Cleanups, OSU Department Neighborhood Safety Group, City of Columbus Area Commission Training Program, Safety Director of the Glen Echo South Civic Association, Safety Director of the Old North Columbus Community Collaborative, Olde North Columbus Community Watch Collaborative, City Year & Indianola Middle School Park Construction Project, Medary Elementary..Indianola Middle School..Family Center..Holy Name Church..North United Methodist Church..Calumet Presbyterian Church..Medary Elementary Butterfly Garden - Advisory Boards; Meetings: Columbus School Board, University Community Business Association(UCBA) & Campus Partners, Glen Echo Neighborhood, University Area Review Board(UARB), Mayor, and Columbus City Council. Added upgrades to Old North Columbus neighborhood infrastructure: wrote grant proposals for Gas-line, Water & Sewer-line complete replacement {lines initially laid around the Civil War era}. Sat down with AEP Vice President to replace and upgrade all Substations, Transmission Lines, Private Property Lines and install Smart Meters. Worked with Parks & Rec to install a State of the Art Skateboard Park at Tuttle Recreation Center, Tuttle Park Entrances at Hudson & Dodridge St. Bridge, Maynard/Summit Park Improvements. Worked with Refuse Division to create a Bulk Trash and a Recycling Program for the entire City. Wrote with Chief Jackson, City Attorney & past Commissioner Diel, the current City's Noise Ordinance and Couch Health Law. Worked with then Councilman Hearcel Craig to resurface all ONC streets and alleys. Helped Code Enforcement establish what became Neighborhood Pride, by addressing blighted properties in the U-District. Authored new Grants for Pocket Parks, Bike Trails, Wall Murals, street amenities (Old North Columbus Arches, benches, recycle receptacles, banners, plant containers, historic signs), curb replacement & street paving, worked with gentleman who filed a City & State Lawsuit to create Handicap Ramps, Old North Columbus was the first neighborhood to receive them(now it is City Code to build them before a City street is repaved); wrote current grant to replace all original handicap ramps with new.

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