

Village Events

There is much to see and do in Osgoode Village throughout the year. Our major events are listed below.

Be sure to visit the www.osgoodevillage.com website to keep up to date with what is taking place in the village.

February

Winter Carnival

April

Trade Show

June

Community Garage Sale

July

Canada Day Celebrations

Medieval Festival

Outdoor Quilt Show

Antique Car Show

December

Christmas in the Village

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Walking Tour

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Osgoode

The Honourable William Osgoode was the Chief Justice of Upper Canada. The Township of Osgoode got its name from him and we can only assume that Osgoode Village did as well.

In 1854, the first train passed through Osgoode Township. Its path brought it within two miles of the community of West Osgoode (which was about two miles east of here on Stagecoach Road). Within the year, the train began making a stop at a place that was to become known as *Osgoode Station*. Many of the farmers who retired, moved into *Osgoode Station*. Businesses found it convenient to have their establishments close to the tracks.

Osgoode Station began to flourish. By 1911, there were four passenger trains in operation and at least one freight train. In October of 1957, the last local passenger train made its final run through *Osgoode Station*. It was five more years before *Station* was dropped and the village became known as Osgoode.

Points of Interest

- A The Lighthouse Dancehall**
3432 River Road (now home to *Modern Living Realty* - look for their sign)
- B The Seniors Peace Park**
Dedicated to the Seniors by the *Youth of Osgoode Village* in June 1983
- C Community Centre Park**
Playground and lovely gardens
- D Osgoode Youth Association**
5479 Osgoode Main - Currently our Youth Centre. Formerly the Village Fire station.

5641 Osgoode Main



In 1969, this was Osgoode's bowling alley. Fagioni's has operated their internationally known business here since 1970.

5590 Osgoode Main

Osgoode Public School started at this site in 1956 as a 3-room school. Edward Boyd donated the land.



5559 Osgoode Main



This house was built by the Bower family in 1910. It was the first house in the village with electricity and indoor running water. Dr. Ira Bower operated his dental practice from here.

5551 Osgoode Main

The Osgoode Public School was built here in 1911 of Boyd Block. It was destroyed by fire in 1944. The school board, which had been renting the Foresters Hall, purchased it and moved it to this location in 1956. The Post Office opened here in 1963.



5543 Osgoode Main

This frame house was moved here from the Mountain Township and was used as a school when the school next door burned down in 1944.



5540 Osgoode Main



The first St. James United Church, a Boyd block, was built here in 1925. St. James was a union of Methodist and Presbyterian congregations. The current facility was built in 1964.

5539 Osgoode Main

This is believed to be the first "Moses Block" house built. Records show that it was built in 1906. The blocks were made on the Moses farm at 6121 Log Cabin Road



5534 Osgoode Main



Mr. Rutledge operated a blacksmith shop from this location (where garage sits) and as blacksmithing slowed, he gradually turned it into a general machinery repair shop. The house has seen a confectionery, a Diner and a Pizza shop.

5531 Osgoode Main



Identified as the Forrester's Hall on the map of 1908. The school board eventually bought and moved it to 5551 Osgoode Main. A Boyd block building replaced it and was used as the fire hall. The library operated from here from 1974 until 1990. In the remaining years of its public life, the building was used as a Community Police Centre.

5530 Osgoode Main

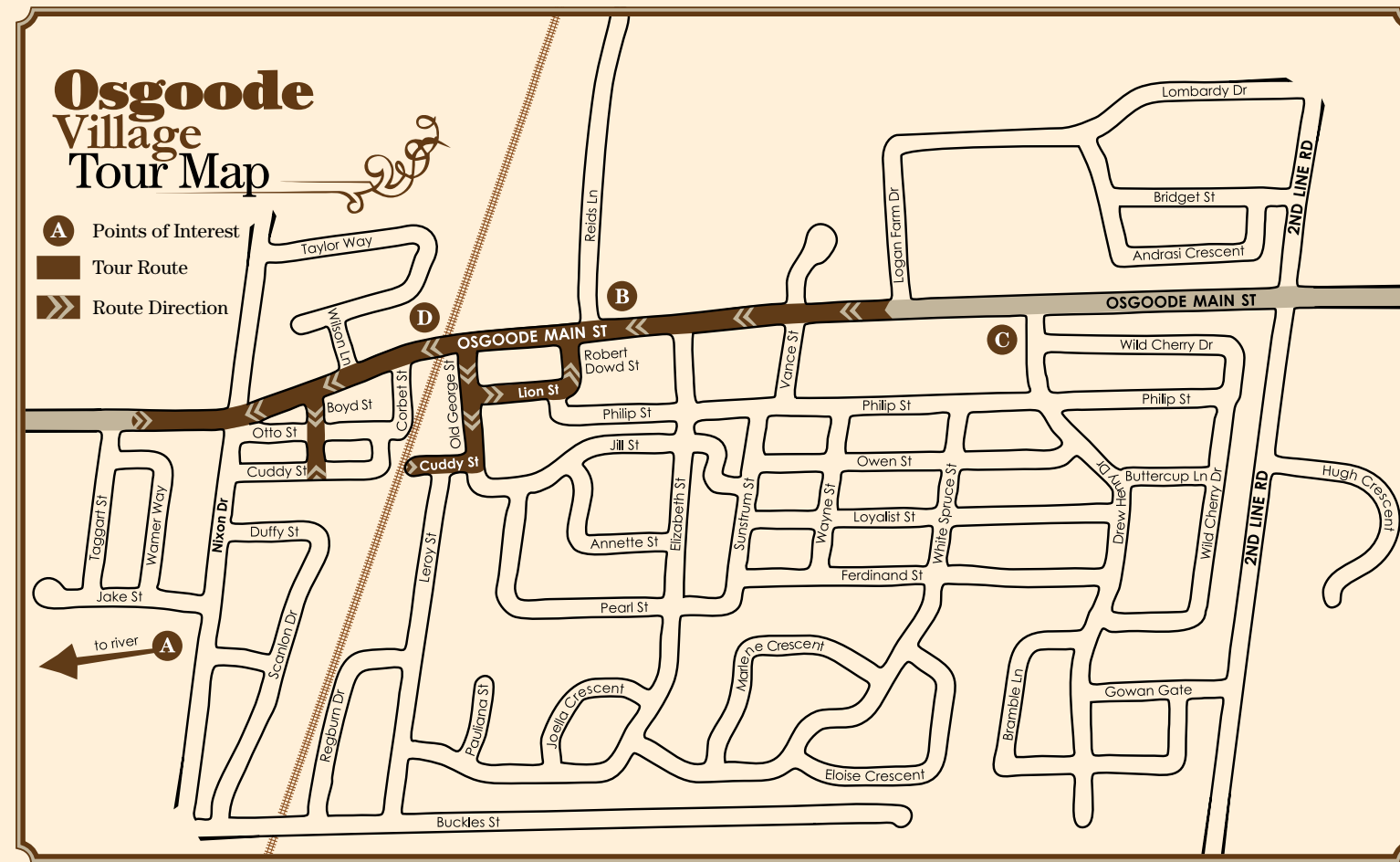
Built in 1910 by George Otto, for \$3000. It was the first sandstone block home that the Boyd Bros. built.



5525 Osgoode Main



Built in 1912 by Joseph Allen Moses with 'Moses Block' made on his farm at 6121 Log Cabin Road. Mr. Moses who was a Notary Public and a Justice of the Peace, retired to this home.



5516 Osgoode Main



This was the site of first school in Osgoode. The Boyd Block building was erected in 1911 for \$4000. It was the Cohen Store. The Post Office took a turn operating from here. In the 1940's, Ross Davidson purchased it and operated the Red & White store. It has housed a variety of business since then.

5515 Osgoode Main

Former Presbyterian Church and Oddfellow Hall. It has also housed a Florist shop and a Bakery.



5514 Osgoode Main



This is the original location of St. Paul's Anglican Church. The old church building was sold to Levi Rae, who opened a garage at the facility. Fire partially destroyed the building and a cement block building was erected in its place. Since the 1980's, a garage or convenience store has leased the property.

5511 Osgoode Main



Built in 1910 as a private residence. Moses Murdock operated a butcher shop and grocery store here. Earl Stinson purchased it in 1950 and opened the Lucky Dollar groceries until 1968. It was then a private residence until 1996 when Sweet Peas Café operated as a tea room until 2008.

5505 Osgoode Main

Built by Edward Boyd, this housed the Union Bank of North Gower in 1906. It became the Royal Bank in 1925. It closed in 1966 and in 1969, the Bank of Nova Scotia moved to this location.



5502 Osgoode Main



City of Ottawa records this house as being built in 1850, making it the oldest in the Village. It has housed an ice cream parlor, furniture store, newspaper, heating and air conditioning business and a quilt shop and has also been a private residence throughout the years.

5497 Osgoode Main

This building once housed Ambrose Skuce's garage and a barber shop, which was added to the west side of the building.



5493 Osgoode Main



The original building was of frame construction. It was partly destroyed in the fire of 1911. The main part was moved to 5500 Cuddy. The new hotel was made of Boyd blocks. It was known as the St. Lawrence Hotel. Prohibition became its downfall and as business dropped off, the property was sold in 1945 to a private party.

5488 Osgoode Main



James Veitch operated the first blacksmith shop from this location. He sold the property to Geo. Craig who built a general store. Fire destroyed the building in 1926 and it was rebuilt using Boyd block. A feed store and grist mill also operated from this lot. It was sold to Haggett and Beveridge who operated the Foodliner from 1983 to 1989.

5473-75 Osgoode Main



This home has housed many businesses – the Post Office was here from 1884-1911, the library started here, it has been a store, ice cream parlour, millinery shop and a hotel. The barns at the back of the building, were struck by lightning and burned down in 1889.

5470-72 Osgoode Main

This building served as a general store and a feed and seed supplier. The Post Office was located here in 1911. This home was erected in 1900.



5469 Osgoode Main

The Post office operated from here with Alonzo Daley as the first Post Master. The post office was at the east side of the house.



5462 Osgoode Main



In August of 1924, the cornerstone of the new St. Paul's Church was laid, using Boyd Block. Three years and 28 days after it opened, it became free of debt.

5459 Osgoode Main

This small building was Jonathan Kerr's Cobbler shop. The house on this lot was erected in 1880.



5432 Osgoode Main



The Boyd family homestead. Edward & Dolly Boyd had seven children, Alfred, Beatrice, Donald, Billy, Lillian, Grace and Harry.

5375 Osgoode Main



In 1883 Edward and Mary Ann Nixon bought 140 acres in the Broken Front Lot 28 from John Smith. The land stretched to the Rideau River. In 1898 Edward gave the east half to his son Albert. The barn was built in 1894 but he had to save his money to build this beautiful turn-of-the-century home for his new bride.

3258-68 Old George Street

This was the location of the C.W. Moses Lumber Yard. William John Moses moved his lumber business here from West Osgoode. Cheese boxes were also made here.

5450 Cuddy



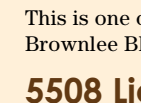
The Boyd family started making concrete blocks in 1907 after purchasing the Ideal machine Model A16. This machine had a unique feature which allowed one to make different 'faces' on the blocks. The original plant was built on the NE corner of Albert and Boyd. It was later replaced with this larger factory. Although the blocks are no longer made, the company still produces concrete products.

5500 Cuddy



The main part of the St. Lawrence Hotel was moved to this location after a fire had partially destroyed it. It was faced with Brownlee block. Records show that the original structure was built in 1890.

5529 Lion Street



This is one of the few homes in the Village built from Brownlee Blocks.

5508 Lion Street



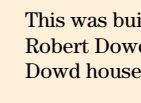
The Orange Hall originally stood on this site. It was used for many community functions. The Boyd Block house now at this location was moved here from 5566 Osgoode Main.

3240 Robert Dowd



Erected in 1930, this quaint building has operated as Saunderson's blacksmith shop and then as Frank Dagg's Garage. Bert Bower purchased it and continued the garage business. It is now a private residence.

3247 Robert Dowd



This was built by James Moses. The Village Doctor, Dr. Robert Dowd lived here and it is still referred to as "the Dowd house".

