



WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE OF WESTFIELD CENTER

We, the elected officials, committee persons and residents, are delighted you have chosen to make your home among us.

The town had its beginning in 1817, when settlers from New England homesteaded by the side of Camel Creek. Their neighbors included the Wolf and Chippewa Indians. Henry Thorndyke and James Fowler became the first landowners of the 25 square miles of the newly formed Township. James Fowler named the new territory after his home, Westfield, Massachusetts.

Westfield Center was established in 1826. The Village was laid out as a typical New England settlement with a central four (4) acre green. The Village Hall facing the commons was built two (2) years later and was soon joined by two (2) churches, a general store and an Inn.

The Post Office came in 1836 and the Village somehow, as folklore tells it, became known as LeRoy. To confuse matters even further, the Village was also called Henpeck, Ohio, mainly by outsiders; a name not appreciated by the Village residents. The name problem was finally resolved in 1971 when the Village was once again name Westfield Center.

Today both the Village Hall and the Post Office are located on Greenwich Road.

No historical sketch, however brief, can ignore the impact of the Westfield Companies. The presence of "The Company" put the tiny Village "on the map".

Chartered by Ohio legislature on February 8, 1848, the Ohio Farmers' Insurance was founded by local farmers. In 1971, in conjunction with the Village's name change, the Ohio Farmers' Insurance became the Westfield Companies and is currently known as the Westfield Group. A company, that critics said could not succeed, celebrated 150 years of success in 1998. Its employees in Westfield Center contribute to the financial stability of the Village. The company is a recognized good citizen of the community.

Per the 2010 census, Westfield Center has approximately 1,115 residents.

Three (3) roads intersect the Village: Greenwich (green-wich, although many pronounce it gren-itch), LeRoy Road (known as North and South Roads) and Westfield Road. Interstates 71 and 76, and Ohio Route 224 provide easy access to Akron and Cleveland.

Westfield Center, described by a feature writer for the Cleveland Plain Dealer as "a stage setting for a play and is more New England than New England". We are proud of our Village, its idyllic

innocence and country charm. We welcome you and hope you will enjoy the many attributes of this wonderful town.

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