

Thomas Wildman has been a **Olde North Columbus** resident in District 2 since 1986. He, his wife and their two daughters currently live on East Maynard Avenue and have been restoring a house on East Blake Avenue. Thomas is recently retired from the Ohio Historical Society, where he worked for over 20 years. He currently spends much of his time looking into neighborhood concerns, helping his wife raise their children and starting his own Home Restoration Business.

Thomas Wildman is completing his third term on the **University Area Commission**, having served as First and Second Vice President, and the Historic Preservation Committee Chair in his second term. He is presently finishing out his second year as the Chair for the **Code Enforcement and Environment Committee**. In the past nine years he has sat on every University Area Commission Committee at least twice and has consistently sat on the Code Enforcement Committee, Safety Committee and Zoning Committee. In addition, he has sat on COTA's Light Rail Advisory Board, the Legislative Committee for the University Area Code Enforcement Task Force, the Mayor's Neighborhood Leaders Group, the Regional Neighborhood Network Conference, Columbus Police Department Neighborhood Safety Group, University Area Safety Committee and the Advisory Board for the Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund for Olde North Columbus.

Thomas Wildman has a great devotion to his community. He has served with the Indianola Middle School Advisory, Findley Avenue Community Watch Collaborative, Family Center, Glen Echo South Civic Association and Medary Elementary Butterfly Garden boards. He is a recipient of two City of Columbus recognition awards, presented for his efforts in exposing neighborhood crime and in having co-sponsored numerous neighborhood festivals. **Thomas** is a stout supporter of **student** involvement in community issues. He is an advocate of neighborhood social, cultural, environment and historic preservation. He is a co-founder and Director of the **Olde North Columbus Preservation Society**, a neighborhood organization devoted to preserving the environment and cultural integrity of **Olde North Columbus** and Co-coordinator of the **Olde North Columbus Blockwatch**. From these platforms, he has introduced **Olde North Columbus** to the City of Columbus and the City of Columbus to **Olde North Columbus**, receiving funding for neighborhood projects such as twice a year community-wide street sweeping, stronger police presence, regular refuse and bulk pick-up, graffiti removal, new Tuttle Park entrance ramps at Hudson St. and Dodridge St., handicap ramps with decorative low retaining walls on most streets, commercial node improvements, safety lights and school crosswalks around neighborhood schools such as Medary Elementary School.

Thomas Wildman's voting record has been consistent with his belief in preserving neighborhood history. Serving on the Planning committee, Thomas helped re-craft the [High Street Design Guidelines](#) to be more reflective of neighborhood needs, yet recognizing the importance of local businesses and organizations. Thomas opposes unnecessary demolitions. He believes a proper

restoration will **increase** property values. He is a sound advocate for home ownership and traffic patterns that mirror safer suburb neighborhoods. He believes in stronger enforcement of Columbus City Building Codes. In the winter of 2004, he logged all neighborhood properties which had graffiti and sent the list on to the appropriate City Department for clean-up. This clean-up continues at present, most recent with the Department of Transportation replacing most neighborhood street signs.

Thomas Wildman has made great strides in trying to re-unite the neighborhood of **Olde North Columbus** (a community founded in **1803** and established as a town in **1842**). **Thomas Wildman** believes it is the **We** and not the me, that rebuilds our communities.