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Oberlin Heritage Center Offers History Walks
and More during College Parents & Family Weekend

As part of Oberlin College's Parents and Family Weekend activities, the Oberlin Heritage Center has expanded its public guided tour schedule Friday through Sunday, November 8-10. Out-of-town visitors and residents of the area are welcome to take part in one or more of the following:

Freedom's Friends Underground Railroad & Abolitionist History Walk:
Learn about the historic decisions that shaped Oberlin's growth as one of the most active stations on the Underground Railroad. Hear stories of some of the freedom seekers who came to Oberlin and the people who helped them find freedom. Offered Friday and Saturday, November 8 and 9 at 3:00 p.m.   The 90-minute history walk begins near the steps of The First Church of Oberlin, U.C.C. at the intersection of Main (SR 58) and Lorain Streets (SR 511).

Scholars & Settlers History Walk: Explore the roots of the town and college in this 75-minute walking tour that features the legends and landmarks surrounding Tappan Square. You'll hear about community founders, protagonists of change, and a scandal! Offered Saturday, November 9 at 11:15 a.m. History walk begins near the flagpoles at the southeast corner of Tappan Square (intersection of Main/SR 58 and College Streets).

Oberlin Architecture History Walk: Find out how the landscape of campus and town developed since Oberlin's founding in 1833 and learn which architectural styles prevailed, which were criticized by the community, and how several renowned architects came to work in Oberlin. The 60-minute walking tour begins near the flagpoles at the southeast corner of Tappan Square (intersection of Main/SR 58 and College Streets).

Reservations are recommended for each of the history walks as space is limited. There is a fee of $6 for adults, while the tour is free for Oberlin Heritage Center members, college students with current ID, and children accompanied by an adult. (The tours are best suited for ages 9 and up.) Online registration may be found at www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call (440) 774-1700. In case of rain, the history walks may be cancelled and refunded.

Two other Heritage Center tours are available on a drop-in basis throughout the weekend:

Oberlin Origins/Sneak Peek Tour: This 30-minute tour of the first floor of the 1866 Monroe House features stories about the events and individuals that shaped Oberlin's first 100 years. Guided tours are offered every half-hour on Friday, November 8 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Saturday, November 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Last tour begins a half hour before afternoon's ending time.) Fee is $3 for adults, and free for OHC members, college students and children. This tour begins at the Monroe House (73½ South Professor Street).

Self-Guided Tablet Tours: Visitors can also move at their own pace around town exploring Oberlin history through an iPad digital tour. Borrow an iPad between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Friday or Saturday, November 8- 9, or between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 10. The fee is $5/hour or $20/day no matter how many are in your group (with a 20% discount for OHC members). Choose from two tours: *Freedom's Friends*, which leads you to local landmarks connected to Oberlin's abolitionist history, or *Picture the Past*, which covers a one-block radius of historic downtown Oberlin. Stop in to the Monroe House (73½ South Professor Street), e-mail (tourinfo@oberlinheritage.org), or call ahead (440-774-1700) to rent a tablet.

For more information, visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org, call (440) 774-1700 or stop by the Monroe House at 73½ South Professor Street, at the back of the Conservatory of Music parking lot (behind the Kohl Jazz Building). OHC parking is accessible off of 20 West Vine Street in Oberlin.

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