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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Two All-American National Scenic Byway Mile Markers in Guernsey County

Cambridge, Ohio – (October 8, 2024) – Join the Cambridge/Guernsey County Visitors & Convention Bureau for a momentous occasion as we celebrate the ribbon cutting of two original Guernsey County National Road mile markers. These historical markers, discovered several years ago in Licking County near the Great Circle Earthworks, will be unveiled in a special ceremony on Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

The day will kick off with the first ribbon cutting at 11am at the Edgeworth entrance to Cambridge City Park. This will be followed by the second ribbon cutting at 12:30pm near Entrance #1 to the Guernsey County Fairgrounds on Old National Road in Old Washington.

The National Road—America’s first federally funded interstate highway—stands as a significant landmark in our nation’s transportation history and is proudly designated as an All-American National Scenic Byway. This picturesque route weaves through stunning landscapes, rich history and vibrant communities across Maryland, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois and ten counties in Ohio. Notably, the National Road traverses the heart of Guernsey County, where its historic mile markers served as essential landmarks, guiding travelers from town to town..

Event Highlights:

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: Official unveiling of the mile markers #161 and #171.

Speakers: Local officials, historians, and community leaders will share insights into the significance of the National Road and the new mile markers.

Community Engagement: Opportunities for attendees to share their experiences and stories related to the National Road.

Refreshments: Complimentary snacks and drinks will be provided.

"We are excited to commemorate this important addition to the National Road," said Dixie Lacy, Sales Manager for the VCB. "These mile markers not only enhance the scenic experience for travelers but also honor the rich history and cultural significance of this extraordinary route."

This initiative was made possible through collaborative efforts between Ohio National Road Association, ODOT, Ohio History Connection, Cambridge/Guernsey County VCB, Guernsey County History Museum, Cyndie Gerken, author of four books on the National Road, Old Washington Village Council, Cambridge City Park superintendent, foreman and their board, Licking County Convention & Visitors Bureau and community volunteers. Together, we aim to promote tourism and preserve the history of the National Road for future generations.

Join Us!

We invite everyone to participate in this celebration of heritage and community. Bring your friends and family and help us honor the legacy of the National Road!

For more information about the event and to RSVP, please contact Dixie L Lacy, groups@visitguernseycounty.com before October 20, 2024.

About the Ohio National Road Association :

The Ohio National Road Association, Inc., (ONRA) was formed in 2000. Its mission is to preserve, promote and enhance the Historic National Road in Ohio for present and future generations.

ONRA is an all-volunteer, grassroots organization led by an elected executive committee and a Board of Directors made up of two representatives from each of the ten National Road counties in Ohio, as well as 'at-large' and ex-officio members. www.ohionationalroad.org

ONRA has the responsibility to be stewards of history for "The Road That Helped Build America." The Historic National Road was approximately 228 road miles with only six remaining historic stone S bridges and countless other bridges and culverts in assorted conditions.



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