



## Helen Knipe Smith, Resident

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Resident

**OCCUPATION:** President, HKS Consultants

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** BA Maryville University, St. Louis MO.  
MA Case Western Reserve University

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN/HAD A BUSINESS IN OHIO CITY?:**

I moved to Ohio city in 1970.

**WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO SERVE ON THE OHIO CITY INCORPORATED BOARD OF TRUSTEES?:** I was elected to City Council in Ohio City for 5 terms, from 1979 to 1997. Following Council, the County Treasurer chose me to serve on the Board of Revision and head the innovative Housing Enhancement Loan Program. With this background and experience along with the 45 years of living in Ohio City, I could make a contribution to the OCI Board.

**DESCRIBE YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS, COMMITTEES, PROJECTS OR BLOCK CLUBS:** With other neighborhood residents, we formed the Ohio City Block Club Association in 1982, so I have been active with Block Clubs for many years. I served on the Ohio City Incorporated executive committee, as well as the housing safety and merchants committees.

**DESCRIBE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:** I have served on the Board of Lutheran Medical Center, the West Side Community House, the Cleveland Housing Network, West Side YMCA, and as ex-officio on May Dugan Center, Clark Metro Development Corp., and Neighborhood Housing Service.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SEASON IN OHIO CITY AND WHY?:**

I love all seasons in Ohio City.