

LA DENEY DRIVE HISTORIC DISTRICT



MAP OF LA DENEY DRIVE



La Deneby Drive runs east – west from the east side of Euclid Avenue. It is between Fifth and Sixth Streets near the northern City Limits. The La Deneby Drive Historic District consists of the 100 East and 200 East blocks of East La Deneby Drive and 304 East Sixth Street. The Street has mature trees in the parkway and in the yards of most of the homes. The street curves to the south through the 100 East block and then straightens out at the 200 block. The majority of homes on the street are Mediterranean Style. There are also 4 tract homes and homes in several other styles.

HISTORY

J.C. Snodgrass purchased Lot 732, Ontario Colony Lands, around 1895. It consisted of 10 acres of orange groves. Several other people owned the land until 1927. Robert J. and Sylvia L. Kidney bought and subdivided the land into 20 lots as part of Tract No. 2218 on August 11, 1927.

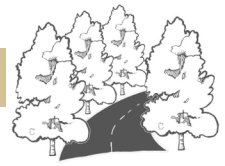
At the same time the Kidney's purchased the 10 acre lot to the east, Lot 731, where he built his own home (304 East Sixth Street). La Deneby Drive is named after Sylvia Kidney, using her middle initial, L.



LA DENEY DRIVE LOOKING WEST



LA DENEY DRIVE LOOKING EAST



SIGNIFICANCE

The Historic District meets the following designation criteria as contained in Section 9-1.2615 of the City's Development Code:

The subdivision is 50 years old and:

1. It exemplifies or reflects special elements of the City's history.

This subdivision reflects the early development of Ontario, the conversion of orange groves into homes.

2. It is identified with persons or events significant in local, state, or national history.

Robert J. Kideney made his fortune back east with the Wildroot Hair Oil Company. He formed Ar-Jay Laboratories, Inc. when he moved to Ontario. Other significant people owned homes on La Denev Drive. They are:

Ruben S Minkell - Co-owner of Draper's Mortuary

Mr. & Mrs. Robert White - Owner of the Ontario-Upland Creamery

S. Earle Blakeslee - Music Director Chaffey College

Sidney Herzberg - President of the Ontario Fertilizer Works

Various other local business owners, managers and educators.

3. It embodies distinguishing architectural characteristics of a style, type, period, or method of construction.

The neighborhood has many excellent examples of Mediterranean style architecture.

4. It has a unique location, a singular physical characteristic, or is an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community or the City.

The curving of La Denev Drive is unique and familiar feature for the community. That portion of La Denev Drive is also known as one of the premier residential streets in Ontario.

5. It is one of the few remaining examples in the City, region, state, or nation possessing distinguishing characteristics of an architectural or historical type or specimen.

The cluster of Mediterranean homes is one of the few remaining in Ontario.

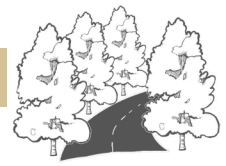
6. Contributes to the significance of a historic area, being a geographically definable area possessing a concentration of Historic Resources or thematically related grouping of structures which contribute to each other and are unified by plan, style, or physical development.

Practically every house within the La Denev Drive Historic District would qualify for Designation as Local Historic Landmarks on their own merits.

7. Reflects significant geographical patterns, including those associated with different eras of settlement and growth, particular transportation modes, or distinctive examples of a park or community planning.

La Denev Drive is an example of early development of Ontario, the conversion of orange groves to residences.

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115 East La Denev Drive – The Grover C. Mitchell House

1047-352-09

Architectural Style: Mediterranean Revival

Date Built: 1923

Significance: This house predates the subdivision of the La Denev tract. Its owners from 1928 to 1945 are the same as those listed for 123 E. La Denev Dr. Residents included postmaster Carl J. Hase from 1934-45.



118 East La Denev Drive – The Rex A. Cooper House

1047-351-18

Architectural Style: Vernacular Wood Frame

Date Built: 1945

Significance: The lot was originally part of a 10 acre orange grove, owned by J.C. Snodgrass 1895-1918. Mary Rivers built the house in 1945. It was sold to Rex A. Cooper in 1946. He was associated with the Community Bakery in the late 1940's.



123 East La Denev Drive – The Lester Stroh House

1047-352-08

Architectural Style: Mediterranean Revival

Date Built: 1923

Significance: This house predates the subdivision of the La Denev tract. It was used as a rental and was sold many times until 1957 when Lester Strohl, Director of the Southern California Kaiser Permanente Medical Group, bought it.





124 East La Deney Drive – The Second S. Earle Blakeslee House

1047-351-19

Architectural Style: Vernacular Wood Frame

Date Built: 1953

Significance: This house was built by S. Earle Blakeslee. He also owned the house at 130 La Deney and lived there until this house was completed. He was music division head at Chaffey College.



130 East La Deney Drive – The William R. Sidenfaden House

1047-351-20

Architectural Style: Vernacular Wood frame

Date Built: 1941

Significance: William and Maxine Sidenfaden bought the lot in 1941 and built this house. He was associated with an appliance store at 124 W. A St. (Holt). Pharmacist Harold McKean and his wife bought the house in 1946 and sold it to Blakeslee in 1950.



133 East La Deney Drive – The James A. Ross House

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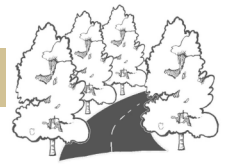
Architectural Style: Vernacular Wood Frame

Date Built: 1939

Significance: This lot passed to Robert Kidney's heirs in 1938, and they sold it to James and Sylvia Ross in 1939. The house was built the same year. Henry Harbordt resided in this house in 1951.



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134 East La Denev Drive – The H.R. Torrance House

1047-351-21

Architectural Style: Mediterranean Revival

Date Built: 1928

Significance: A.C. and Lulu Switzer bought the lot in 1928 and sold it the same year to Beatrice and Sidney Herzberg. Records do not indicate which Couple had the house built. The City Directory shows H.R. Torrance lived there in 1931.



135 East La Denev Drive – The Albert F. Holmer House

1047-352-06

Architectural Style: Mediterranean Revival

Date Built: 1932

Significance: Robert J. Kideney had this house built in 1932, and rented it to Charles Warren, president of the Bank of America. Albert F. Holmer of Elite cleaners and dyers bought the property in 1937.



205 East La Denev Drive – The Robert F. Bradshaw House

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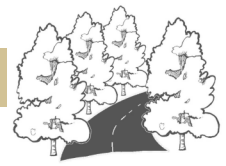
Architectural Style: Mediterranean Revival

Date Built: 1929

Significance: A.C. and Lulu Switzer bought this lot in 1928, but it reverted back to Kideney in 1929. The house was built in 1929 and owned by Kideney until he sold it to Robert and Helen Bradshaw in 1938. Ruben Minkell lived here in 1931.



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206 East La Denev Drive – The Thomas White House

1047-351-22

Architectural Style: Mediterranean Revival

Date Built: 1928

Significance: A.C. and Lulu Switzer bought the lot in 1927 and sold it to Thomas and Elizabeth White. Records do not indicate whom had the house built. Mr. White was the owner of the Ontario-Upland Creamery.



212 East La Denev Drive – The Sidney Herzberg House

1047-351-23

Architectural Style: Mediterranean Revival

Date Built: 1928

Significance: A.C. and Lulu Switzer bought the property in 1928. The Hammond Lumber Company became owner in 1929. Sidney and Beatrice Herzberg became owners in 1930. He was president of the Ontario Fertilizer Works.



213 East La Denev Drive – The Marius F. Biane House

1047-352-04

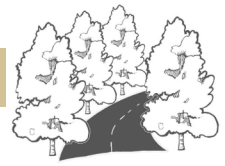
Architectural Style: Monterey

Date Built: 1931

Significance: This building was built by Charles and Eva Edland in 1931. Marius and Mareline Biane purchased it in 1934. He was a winemaker from the Mission Winery as was his son Philo who became the owner in 1943. William & Maxine Betty purchased the house in 1946



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217 East La Denev Drive – The K.W. Hall House

1047-352-03

Architectural Style: Vernacular Wood Frame

Date Built: 1959

Significance: K.W. Hall was owner in 1964. This house is one of the newest on the block but still contributes to the significance of the neighborhood.



218 East La Denev Drive – The Ora E. Bacon House

1047-351-24

Architectural Style: Mediterranean Revival

Date Built: 1931

Significance: James and Jesse Quagle bought this lot in 1931 and built this house. He was Asst. Manager of the Bank of America. Ownership reverted to Kideney in 1933. Ora and Alma Bacon purchased the house in 1937.



223 East La Denev Drive – The Maurice Grossman House

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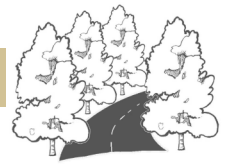
Architectural Style: Mediterranean Revival

Date Built: 1938

Significance: William Cline bought this lot in 1929 and sold it to Maurice and Esther Grossman in 1936. They built this house in 1938. He was manager of the Bestile Manufacturing Co. They resided here at least through 1951.



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224 East La Denev Drive – The D.H. Frontz House

1047-351-25

Architectural Style: Vernacular wood Frame

Date Built: 1954

Significance: This house is a newer edition to the district, but its style is in keeping with its period of construction. D.H. Frontz was the homeowner from 1958 through 1964.



230 East La Denev Drive – The Edwin P. Clements Jr. House

1047-351-26

Architectural Style: Vernacular Wood Frame

Date Built: 1946

Significance: Edwin P. Jr. and Catherine Clements bought this lot from Robert J. Kideney in 1944. The house was built in 1946. Mr. Clements was the owner of the Clements Lumber Company.



231 East La Denev Drive

1047-352-01

Architectural Style: Modern Tract

Date Built:

Significance: This home is a non-contributing structure in the district.





304 East Sixth Street – The Robert J. Kideney House

1047-353-01

Architectural Style: Mediterranean Revival

Date Built: 1927

Significance: This house was built by Robert J. and Sylvia Kideney. They subdivided part of lot 732 into 2218, La Denev Drive. He founded the Ar-Jay Laboratories, Inc. which specialized in shampoos for curing baldness. They owned four business buildings along Euclid.

