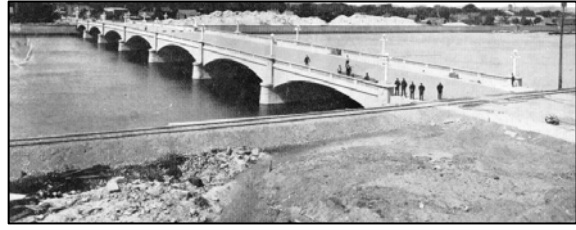


Leonard Street, N.W.

5	06/08/78	5552	Neighborhood Improvement
15	06/27/78	5553	Neighborhood Improvement
17	05/04/78	5503	Urban Renewal--Loader & Dump
21	12/05/77	5328	Urban Renewal--Loader & Dump
29	12/05/77	5417	Urban Renewal--Loader & Dump
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31	12/05/77	5418	Urban Renewal--Loader & Dump
35	12/05/77	5415	Urban Renewal--Loader & Dump
37	12/05/77	5416	Urban Renewal--Loader & Dump
	No water cutoff.		
39	12/05/77	5414	Urban Renewal--Loader & Dump
40-42	<i>Flat.</i>		

Leonard Street Bridge. The log of G.R.F.D. Truck 1, Tuesday, May 7, 1912, 7:35 a.m., notes that the “Leonard Street bridge will be closed from now until the new bridge is



built.” The new bridge was built by the Hillis F. Hackedorn Contracting Co. of Indianapolis, using 8,000 barrels of Michigan Portland Cement, from Chelsea, Michigan. (Photos: Morrow postcard collection. Left: 1912, from the west side of the river. St. Alphonsus Church and the tower of No. 5 Engine House can be seen in the distance. Right: 1913, from the east side of the river. The large open lot behind No. 5 Engine House is at the bottom center and right of the photo, and the Grand Trunk R.R. grade can be clearly seen.)

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282 07/05/66 2200 Urban Renewal
 To reuse sewer line.

286 12/21/61 716 Capitol

300 07/25/62 1243 Capitol
 North End Dairy.

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306-08 Leonard N.W. Royal Theater. (Photo: Morrow photo collection. Also in GRPL 125-E 2045.)



306-08 05/14/62 1093 Capitol
 Royal Theater.

307-09 10/25/66 2296 *Urban Renewal*

309 Leonard N.W. Leonard Auto Parts, a 1-story block building owned by Gordon Cook, suffered an \$8,550 loss in a fire on Thursday, August 26, 1965, at 9:52 a.m.

310-12 01/16/62 778 *Capitol*

310 11/13/2003 9275 *Pitsch*

311 11/30/61 640 *Capitol*

313 11/30/61 641 *Capitol*

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316-18 12/06/61 650 *Capitol*

325 12/27/60 166 *Leonard Kalka*

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328-34 01/06/61 183 Dore

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337 12/27/60 167 *Leonard Kalka*

338-40 01/06/61 193 Dore

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344-46 Photos in GRPL 125-C011032A & C009095.

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347 *Leonard N.W. Eli Remes operated a drug store here from the 1940's until 1960.*

348-50 Photo in GRPL 125-C025711A.

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400 06/15/72 4210 Capitol
400 08/12/2004 9367 Pitsch
Speedway service station being replaced with new facility.

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406 06/15/72 4211 Capitol

408 06/15/72 4212 Capitol
Partial photo in GRPL 125-H014127 (or H011127).

410 Leonard N.W. In July, 1926, a movie ad indicates this building was being used as the Leonard Theater.

418-22 Leonard N.W. Ritzema Building. Built in 1910 on the southeast corner of Leonard & Broadway N.W.

430 07/15/70 3554 DeVries & Sons, Inc.
Porch & garage.

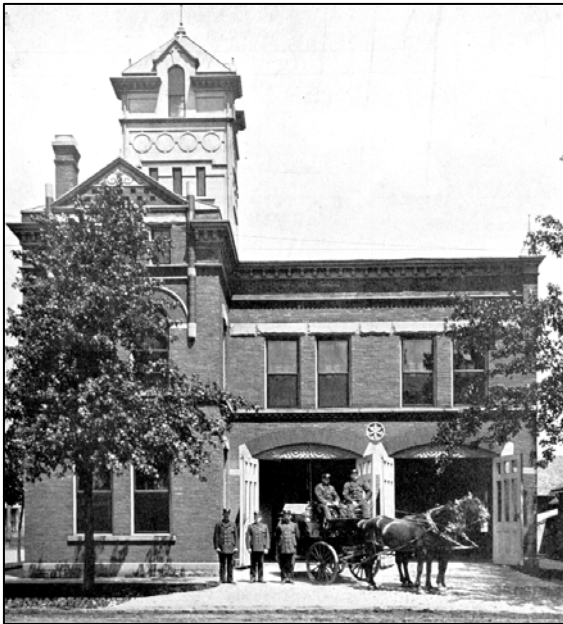
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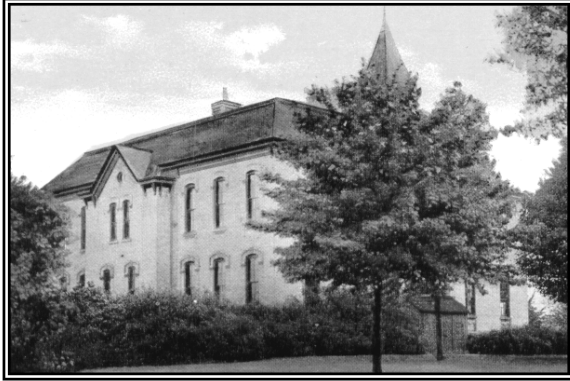
509	10/28/64	1856	Capitol
511	12/09/64	1867	Ed. DeVries & Sons
515	10/30/81	7075	Riverside

527 Leonard N.W. Engine House No. 9 was put in service on December 7, 1891. Designed by architect William G. Robinson, the station was a carbon copy of Engine



House No. 7 on Madison south of Franklin. The station served as quarters for an engine company, a battalion chief (1961-66), and various reserve apparatus until it was decommissioned on September 14, 1966. It was sold to private interests and occupied as Engine House No. 9, home to various professional and commercial enterprises. (Photo: *History, Grand Rapids Fire Department, 1844-1899*, p. 75.)

536 Leonard N.W. West Leonard School. (Photo: Peter Oosse, 1124 Leonard N.W., in Morrow postcard collection, c. 1910.)



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607	10/09/67 No sewer. 10/25/99	2525 Green shed. 8947	Mark Ritzema Cascade
<i>617</i>			
619	06/25/2003	9233	Courtade
619-rear	04/19/72	4161	DeVries Bros.
625	06/25/2003	9232	Courtade
640	07/03/89	7925	
643	05/28/76	5094	Fred Baker
645	05/28/76	5091	Fred Baker

652 08/20/96 8666 Pitsch

657 Leonard N.W. American Legion West Side Post No. 277. (Photo: c. early 1940's, courtesy of Eugene R. Zimmerman, 1406 Fourth N.W., GR; copy in GRPL.)



672-74-rear 12/13/64 1490 E. DeVries & Son

700 05/08/68 2708 Pitsch

708-20 Leonard N.W. This building was built as the headquarters and car barn for the interurban line that served Grand Rapids, Grand Haven, Spring Lake, and Muskegon. From at least 1936 to 1975, it was occupied by West Leonard Upholstery. A disastrous fire at 11:01 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 1975, destroyed the interior and collapsed the roof. The fire started in fur cleaning fluids on the second floor.

710 Leonard N.W. Arnie's Leonard Street Market. The Arne Fahlen family had bought the Buttercup Bakeries business from the family of its founder, Arnold N. Sonneveldt. After a 1975 fire gutted West Leonard Upholstery, the Fahlens purchased this property and renovated the building's shell into a restaurant and outlet for its famous baked goods. A fire at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 2002, did \$65,000 damage and caused the restaurant to close for some time. On Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at 3:30 a.m., the building was totally destroyed in a spectacular \$2 million fire. The only portion saved was the original grease pit area for the interurban cars at the west end of the building, which had served as Arnie's corporate offices. That portion was reopened on December 16, 2011, as a "teaser" restaurant, and rebuilding of the rest of the establishment began shortly thereafter.

715 09/29/70 3621 Cooke

721 09/29/70 3622 Cooke

722 Leonard N.W. Arnie's Bakery Kafe. This is the address of the original grease pit area of the old interurban car barns, which reopened December 16, 2011.

736 08/13/62 1333 *Bernard Bott*

737 Leonard N.W. The Our Theater was built in 1928 by Herbert Boshoven, Sr. It featured carpeting, aisle lights, a domed ceiling, and 725 upholstered seats, along with



six offices and two stores, with a basement. It was a completely new concept for a neighborhood theater. Situated on a lot 85.5' x 100', the depth of the property did not allow the theater to be positioned in the usual way. Instead, patrons entered on Leonard, went up several stairs and down a corridor, where they turned to the right to enter the auditorium, which stretched all the way to

McReynolds Avenue. The theater was air conditioned, and had both concrete and wooden floors. The hot water heating system was fueled by gas. Willer & Boshoven, Inc., sold the theater to the Grand Rapids Civic Theatre on March 4, 1964. The Civic Theatre reduced the seating to 450, adapting the auditorium for stage plays. The building was sold to Hyatt Productions on April 25, 1979, and is now used for commercial photography. (Photo: GRPL 287, February 6, 1964, C 1765.)

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744-46 Leonard N.W. This building likely dates from the 1880's, and for a decade or more around the turn of the century was occupied by the blacksmith Jacobus Bakker. It



later became a furniture store after being purchased in 1915 by Henry Laban, a city councilman. In the next few decades, it changed hands several times, functioning as a retail store, a beauty shop, and a dentist's office (Dr. Richard S. Hazen). From 1971 until late 1991, it was the site of the Yum Yum Café, famous not only for the noontime fare prepared by Ed and Bertha Hincir, but as a haven for chess enthusiasts. Mark Miller bought the building in 1992, with plans to establish his business, Just Roofs, at the location. (Cf. Tom Rademacher, "Old Store Sign Takes Folks Back in Time," G.R. Press, Tuesday, September 28, 1993, pp. A7 & A9.) (Photo: T.J. Hamilton, *ibid.*, p. A7.)

Cooke

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06/25/71

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747-49 06/25/71

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Cooke

748-50 Leonard N.W. Built in 1890, this structure was renovated and a brick front added by Hoek in 1922. As the Nite Zone, a dancing and cocktails establishment, it was ruined by a \$70,000 fire on Tuesday, November 23, 1993, at 3:00 p.m.

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06/25/71

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Cooke

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Cooke

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Cooke

800	03/17/92	8240	Courtade
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806	03/17/92	8239	Courtade
808	03/17/92	8238	Courtade
809			
813			
814	11/27/91	8205	Courtade
816	11/27/91	8206	Courtade
817			
819	09/25/87	7679	
820-24	11/27/91	8207	Courtade
821-23	09/25/87	7680	
836	03/27/69	3008	Riverside
837	12/02/70	3717	Pitsch
838			
839	12/02/70 No cutoff.	3718	Pitsch
840	08/14/61	446	Quality Builders
841	02/14/61 05/13/76 No water cutoff.	225 5087	De-Van Company Loader & Dump
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902-10 Leonard N.W. Grand Rapids Lumber Company, Inc. (west yard). Photo in GRPL 125, Robinson / Capitol.

902 Leonard N.W. West Y.M.C.A. Built 1957.

923 Leonard N.W. The Fortuin Pastry Shop was torn down by Capitol City Wrecking in about 1935. A gas station was built in its place. (Photo: GRPL 237 [Pitsch], Box 1, Folder 56.)



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10/24/67

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Staggs

1007	11/21/85 Church.	7447	Courtade
1009	05/24/85	7376	Courtade
1013	12/27/60	163	Capitol
1014	12/20/78	5684	Parker Brothers Builders
1017	12/27/60 Sewer main left open to rebuild. 06/12/2001	164 9093	Capitol Pitsch
	Mr. Fables Restaurant, demolished for a new Public Library branch.		
1020	05/04/78	5471	Pitsch
1021	08/18/61	448	Jack Dykstra
1022	07/21/61	423	Staggs
1024			
1027	10/01/64	1844	Capitol
1031	03/27/85	7354	Courtade
1033	09/23/2004	9372	Pitsch
1034	11/12/69	3268	Capitol
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1039			
1045			
1047-rear			

1053 Leonard N.W. West Leonard Street Christian Reformed parish house. Built c. 1912. (Photo: Morrow postcard collection, c. 1913.)



1057 Leonard N.W. West Leonard Street Christian Reformed Church. The congregation was organized in 1888 on Crosby Street near Garfield. After the church burned in 1908, it was rebuilt on the northeast corner of Leonard and Powers in 1912, with J. & G. Daverman as architects. (Photo: Morrow postcard collection, c. 1913.)



1100	10/02/97	8760	Valentine Excavating
1103	06/20/79	5753	Pitsch
1107-09	06/20/79 No water cutoff.	5755	Pitsch
1108			
1113	06/20/79	5756	Pitsch
1114	05/17/91	8150	Courtad
1117	06/20/79	5754	Pitsch
1121	07/05/66 07/10/79	2199 5764	Cooke Pitsch
1124	10/02/97	8761	Valentine Excavating
1133	06/02/67	2426	E. DeVries & Sons
1141	03/05/69 02/10/77	2986 5244	Clinton Co.--Donald L. VandenBerg Ed Klein
1144	09/22/92	8295	Courtad
1145	03/05/69	2987	<i>Clinton Co.--Donald L. VandenBerg</i>
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1149	03/05/69	2988	Clinton Co.--Donald L. VandenBerg
1152 Leonard N.W. River City Saloon. Built as the Post Building.			
1153	04/23/75	4814	Clinton Corp.
1154			

1203	09/07/67	2489	Cooke
1209	09/07/67	2490	Cooke
1211	07/21/67	2464	Cooke
1215	07/21/67	2463	Cooke
<i>1215-rear</i>			
1221	11/06/64 10/17/83	1860 7232	Staggs Pitsch
1226	09/07/67	2491	Cooke
1227	05/02/95	8492	Ny-Ko
1230	09/07/67	2492	Cooke
1233	05/02/95	8493	Ny-Ko
1234	09/07/67	2493	Cooke
1236	01/13/88	7718	
1240	01/02/67 To reuse sewer line.	2347	Houting & Meeusen
1242	09/25/2000	9031	Courtade
1245	11/14/74	4730	Lewis Parks / Brumels Excavating
1249	01/31/67	2358	Staggs

1307	07/08/92	8281	Courtade
1310	10/22/70	3652	Staggs
1315	07/08/92	8282	Courtade
1317	06/25/64	1795	<i>Ed. DeVries & Sons</i>
1325	08/28/63 No sewer.	1639	<i>Diamond Iron & Steel</i>
1330	12/05/66 To reuse sewer line.	2330	E. DeVries & Sons
1336	01/23/67	2354	<i>E. DeVries & Sons</i>

1351 Leonard N.W. West Leonard School was built in 1917.

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1401 Leonard N.W. Greenwood Cemetery. The City of Grand Rapids purchased Greenwood on February 16, 1859. Located in the northwest area of the city, Greenwood consisted of 20 acres of land and was purchased for \$1,000. Today the cemetery has 76.3 acres of land and is known for its rolling hills, especially beautiful in the fall. Captain Charles E. Belknap, a city father, is buried here, along with financier and politician Frank D. McKay, who is buried in one of the two private mausolea. Greenwood has many beautiful family estates and single lots available, and provides a special area for infant burials. There is a significant Jewish burial section, Beth Olam, in which interments are arranged by Ahavas Israel Congregation.

1598	07/23/93	8349	Ottawa Excavators
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1601	09/09/64	1826	Capitol
1604			
1608			
1617			
1620			
1625	08/13/62	1332	Capitol
1627-29	07/21/61	419	Capitol
1630			
1631			
1633	08/16/79	5794	Pitsch
1691			
1960			

2000

2047 05/01/81 7020 DeVries

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2151

2161 12/14/67 2586 Riverside
No sewer.

2205 07/18/68 2786 Riverside

2503 07/05/84 7287 *home owner, Arthur Susan*
 No cutoff.

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2715 Leonard N.W. The Highlands Golf Club was established in 1908, with a course designed by Donald Ross. The Elks purchased the property in the mid-1960's, when their clubrooms and bowling alley on Ottawa Avenue just north of the City Hall were demolished for urban renewal.

2715 09/17/90 8083 Riverside

2759 02/27/67 2374 Capitol
 No sewer.

2759-rear 02/27/67 2375 Capitol
 No sewer.

2807 11/04/69 3255 *Dykema Excavating*
 07/01/70 3547 *Harlan Chard*

2807-rear 07/19/66 2204 First Presbyterian Church
 No sewer.

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2825 Leonard N.W. First Prebyterian Church. Dedicated Sunday, May 5, 1963. Architects Wold & Bowers. (3 photos in GRP Sat. 05/04/1963 5.)

2825 12/08/80 6043 Riverside
 No cutoff.

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