

NEWSNET5 - PAINESVILLE, Ohio - The recent 2010 US Census revealed one of the fastest growing Ohio cities in our area is Painesville. It sits in the shadow of a nuclear power plant and its only hospital was closed and torn down.

Painesville does offer a small town feel with its many churches, historic buildings and open park areas. This Lake County city has been determined to be the fastest growing city between Cleveland and Niagara Falls.

Residents preparing for Tuesday's opening of the Lake County Fair made it clear why they like living here. "We're a little bit country and a little bit city," said Eve Guinn. "I think it's a really charming town; it's friendly and warm," said Carole Cooper. "A lot of recreational opportunities and a lot of employment in this area," said Neil Wilson.

Painesville City Council President Joe Hada credits the 500 jobs created and the new businesses moving in like Cintas, PCC Air Foil, and Core Systems. "Its been tough economically for everybody in the country, but Painesville has been holding its own," said Hada.

The comeback of Painesville has been astonishing. Old buildings are being brought back to life. A new library was built and popular programs like Party in the Park with classic auto shows are filling the downtown park.

The Downtown Painesville Organization has more information on their Facebook page. Click like on the page to see 30 before and after pictures. <http://www.facebook.com/downtownpainesville>