



## QUICK FACT FRIDAY



***Pirates Cruze***

Within the Old Village Historic District, adjacent to Alhambra Hall, is the horseshoe-shaped road Pirates Cruze. The name originated with the Osgood family. Dana Osgood and Laird Branch Osgood purchased this portion of the old Hilliardsville Tract fronting the harbor in 1929. They then built a concrete seawall along their waterfront and developed a series of gardens they named Pirates Cruze. This larger garden was designed as a collection of seven distinctively themed constituent gardens: "The Sea Garden", "Wind'll Blow", "Little Wheel", "Twyfy's Garden", "Eight Bells", "Wiggins Walk", and "Amalfi". Filled with prize-winning camellias and azaleas, along with a variety of flowers, shrubs and trees, the Osgood's creation was opened to the public in 1943. Pirates Cruze continued as a tourist attraction until 1959. With the deaths of the Osgood's, the land was subdivided and sold in 1961. Small remnants of the gardens endure: columns that stood in the Amalfi remain; a belled wall (photo above) was destroyed by Hurricane Hugo in 1989, but reconstructed with the original bricks.

Pirates Cruze is Stop #19 on the Old Village Tour available on the Historical Commission's website and app, [linked here](#).


For more information: [Historical Markers in Mount Pleasant \(#24\)](#), [Historical Markers Map \(#24\)](#), [mountpleasanthistorical.org](#), and [Town of Mount Pleasant website](#).

Image credit: Amalfi Garden "Belled Wall" (Alhambra Garden Club) from the Old Village Historic District page on the Town of Mount Pleasant website, [linked here](#).

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