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## OLD WEST END HISTORIC FESTIVAL

OWE Festival May31-June 2, 2024



**Volunteer & have a blast  
at this year's festival!**

**Scan the above QR Code to  
volunteer to sign up**

**Volunteer Coordinator** - Stas Krukowski  
owevolunteers@gmail.com 419-265-7150

**House Tours** - Shelly Varelli  
shelly.onelove@gmail.com & Stas Krukowski  
owevolunteers@gmail.com

**Yard Sale Information** - Michelle (aka VOD)  
Atkinson michelleransomatkinson@gmail.com

**Buskers** - throughout the day of Saturday  
& Sunday. Contact Justin Bays justin.s.bays@  
gmail.com

**Parade** - Jon Kuhlman  
kuhlman.jon@gmail.com

**Information Booth** - Kent Illenden  
illendenk@gmail.com

**Beer Pavillion** - Gloria Menard  
419-699-6781 gloryrose@gmail.com

**Art Fair** - contact Tara Hubbard  
tarahubbard@juno.com

**Marketplace Vendors** - Jane Petitjean  
janepetitjean@bex.com

**Childrens Area** - Jackie Lay jackielay@gmail.  
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**Physical Set-Up** - Dan Ankenbrandt  
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**Glenwood Park** - Joyce Singer  
joycesingjoyce@aol.com

**PR** - contact Dan Finkel 419-351-5808  
finkel@savageandassociates.com

**Friday GLOW-ROLL** - contact Keith Cook  
koolcomedy@hotmail.com

**ON-LINE**

[www.toledoooldwestend.com/  
contact-volunteer](http://www.toledoooldwestend.com/contact-volunteer)

**W.O.W.E.**  
**Wed., April 10, 6:30pm**  
The Oliver House 27 Broadway

### OWE Social Circle Committee

Announcing the new **2024 OWE Social Circle Committee!** Many here have already been participating, in some capacity over the last year or so, and are now taking on a larger role to coordinate and plan our 2024 neighborhood social events. Please give lots of love and a warm welcome to **Mary Glasmeier, Summer Glasmeier, Chuck Madrigal, Justin Scott Bays, Andrew Larsen, Stas Krukowski, Gary Douglass, and Shelly Varelli.**

As a reminder, we are an independent group of neighbors coming together with a mission to, "create and foster a sense of belonging, safety, and connection among ALL neighbors living in the Old West End through community social events".

We will be making announcements each month, informing you of all events that will be happening to encourage a bond between all of us Old West Enders.



### OWE Dinner Club

The OWE Social Circle Dinner Club has been a lot of fun. Between 50-60 neighbors (depending on SO's/guests attending) participated in this year's dinner club. There were five groups of neighbors who hosted dinners in their homes (one of which was a vegan cuisine only group), and four groups of neighbors who went to restaurants to share a meal. During the slow winter months, Dinner Club offered an opportunity to promote neighbor connectivity and friendship in smaller social settings. Be sure to join the fun in winter 2025 - look for sign-up to happen beginning in November later this year.

**OWE Association**  
**Tuesday, April 16, 7pm**  
Collingwood Pres. Church



### STOCK THE SHELVES FOOD DONATION EVENT

**Friday May 17, 11am-1pm**

Bring your donation for our Emergency Choice Food Pantry to our Toledo Office 2149 Collingwood and let us unload it!

**WISH LIST** - Canned Meats, Canned Fruits, Canned Soups, Peanut Butter, Ceareal, Oatmeal & Grits, and more ...

For info. contact Jeremy at  
**419-243-9178** [www.lssnwo.org](http://www.lssnwo.org)



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### To Do List...

**"Scottwood Community  
Garden Kickoff"**

Sunday, April 7, 2pm

**"Wine Tastings"**

Thurs., April 11, 5pm

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**"Caravaggio"**

Now - April 14, TMA

**"Unbirthday Party"**

for OWE Tree Nursery

Thurs., April 18, 6:30

Attic on Adams St. \$\$

**"Sacred Steel Concert"**

Sat., April 27, 2-5pm

Collingwood Presbyterian

**"Glenwood Park Clean-up"**

Saturday, May 4, 9am

**O.W.E. & Area FUN**



**MEETING  
REMINDERS**

After reading,  
please recycle.





## Letter from the OWEA Treasurer

by Kim Howard



Hello Neighbors!

I am Kim Howard, and I am the Treasurer of the Old West End Association. I am married to my high school sweetheart, John Howard, and we have 4 amazing children and two sons in laws. Our nephew Ben Howard introduced us to many people here, and from there we ended up buying a house at auction and fixed it up over several years before we finally moved to the area in 2019. Since that time, two of our children have moved to the neighborhood!

Three years ago, I decided to leave the corporate world early to enjoy what other things life has in store for me while I am still active and healthy. Since that time, I became a yoga instructor, Reiki and Sound Healer; and I am currently attending culinary school. John and I also took two years of our life to live in an adventure van and visit all the National Parks across the US. It was an amazing journey; one we will never forget!

John and I own and operate a real estate development and property management company, Red Doors of Toledo. We are passionate about rehabilitating neglected houses into beautiful homes and being the best landlords we can for residents and their families. Our current OWE project is The Glenwood Terrace at the corner of Delaware and Glenwood, and it is slated for occupancy very soon!

My focus in the neighborhood has been on creating connection through volunteerism. I offer donation-based Yoga at the Ford or the Arboretum and am a newsletter carrier, but my biggest contribution is being your Treasurer. In this role, I want to create understanding, transparency, and ownership of our financials. We are stewards of the money we have received through donation and fundraising, and I want to ensure everyone is comfortable with how we are using these funds to better this community and our world. It has allowed me to meet so many amazing people. The opportunities to get involved in this neighborhood are endless, and the rewards in friendship, connection,

Thursday, April 4, 2024

### O.W.E. Cushing Utopia

New Hope Missionary Church, (6:00 pm)  
833 Nesselwood Ave.

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

### OWE Executive Board Meeting

Ford Mansion, 2205 Collingwood (7 pm)

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

### OWE Association Meeting

Collingwood Presbyterian Church (7 pm)

**ALL NEIGHBORS ARE WELCOME!**

and purpose are everywhere!

If you ever have any questions about me, the work I do for the neighborhood, or how you can get involved in things you are passionate about; please email me at [oweatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:oweatreasurer@gmail.com). I look forward to serving and helping to make this neighborhood a better place!

Happy Spring! Kim Howard

## NB&I

### Neighborhood Beautification and Improvement Committee

Do you have a great idea to help beautify and improve the neighborhood? NB&I awards grants to help make your great ideas a reality. Recently, NB&I has granted Old West End Cushing-Utopia Addition money to purchase benches, trash cans and flower planters for Lawrence Ave. The committee also granted Collingwood Presbyterian money for enhancing the area around their basketball court. We are waiting to help YOU get your ideas off the ground too!

The grant application has been updated and can be found at <https://www.toledoldwestend.com/nbi-grant>. The deadline to apply for a project grant is **April 30th**. If you're looking for assistance with planting flowers in public spaces, please use the same application.

## SCOTTWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN

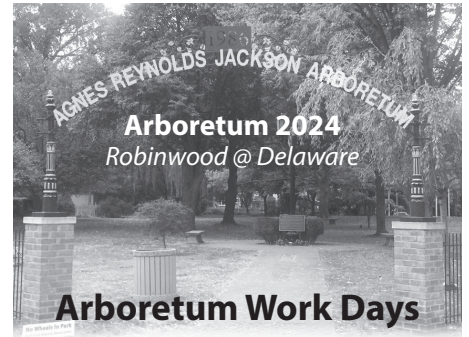
Hi neighbors! If you are interested in volunteering to help maintain Scottwood Community Garden, our annual season kickoff meeting is on **Sunday, April 7th** at 2 pm at the garden (2501 Scottwood). Please email us at [scottwoodcommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:scottwoodcommunitygarden@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend because we will inform you of a different location if weather does not cooperate.

Our regular work days will be on the **4th Sunday of the month from 9 am until noon from April thru October**. We will keep you posted on other events throughout the growing season.

Thursday, April 18, 2024

### Olde Town Neighborhood

Kent Branch Library, (6:00 pm)



**Arboretum 2024**  
Robinwood @ Delaware  
**Arboretum Work Days**  
**Saturday, April 20th**  
**9am - noon**  
*Food Provided!!!*

## OWE Litter League

This year's focus will be on the Bancroft ramp. All Clean Up Times are Saturday mornings 9:30 - 11:30 unless otherwise noted. For more information or to organize your own clean up in the neighborhood, contact **Andrew at 419-889-8785 or [a.larsenlmt@gmail.com](mailto:a.larsenlmt@gmail.com)**.

### Bancroft/I-175 Ramp Clean Up Dates

- April 20 (rain date Apr 27)
- May 11 (rain date May 19 - Sunday)
- June 15 (rain date Jun 22)
- July 20 (rain date July 27)
- August 10 (rain date Aug 17)
- September 14 (rain date Sept 21)
- October 12 (rain date Oct 19)

## OWE Preservation

The Old West End Preservation committee is sponsoring:

**The Lucas County Land Bank**  
**April 15th at 6 PM**  
**Kent Branch Library.**

The Home Preservation Initiative presentation will include information about low-interest loans and personalized visits available to qualified home owners to review the maintenance concerns of your home, available loan programs and guidance with contractor estimates.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about contractor estimates and the process for obtaining low-cost loans for the bigger projects you have on your list. This includes, roofs, driveways, insulation, furnace, kitchen & bathroom remodeling and more, for the long-term care and enjoyment of your home into the future.

Please come join us for this special presentation.

Monday, April 15, 2024

### O.W.E. Preservation Meeting

Kent Branch Library (6:00 pm)





## The Women of The Old West End

WOWE Officers:  
Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore  
and Tammy Michalak



### An Unbirthday Party Benefit for Urban Trees

Thursday, April 18th 6:30pm  
Downstairs at the Attic on Adams  
(sliding scale \$10-\$100)

Celebrate your Unbirthday and show your support for the Old West End's tree nursery.

Your support will help purchase tree seedlings, soil, fertilizer, and other supplies for our all-volunteer nursery. When fully operational, the tree nursery will be able to nurture close to 2000 trees, which will be distributed free of charge for homes, non-profits, faith-based organizations, and other groups. **The tree nursery is a project supported by volunteers, WOWE, Collingwood Presbyterian, and Tree Toledo.**

Please come out and enjoy a Lewis Carroll themed party with movies, drink specials, music, movies, and more. To volunteer, host an Unbirthday party, or donate -- contact Michael Szuberla (mszuberla@yahoo.com or 419-245-4539).

**UPCOMING WOWE MEETINGS**  
**6:30 POTLUCK 7:00 MEETING**  
SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
*All neighbors are welcome!*

Attend our meetings and find out how WOWE is working to preserve the integrity of our neighborhood. You make not know this, but WOWE is the Legal Arm for the neighborhood.

*(Please note that we have moved our monthly meetings to the second Wednesday of the month.)*

**April 10th The Oliver House**  
27 Broadway

**In last month's issue WOWE included information regarding Code Enforcement. To report any of those issues you are advised to call 419-936-2020.**

### FYI from the MetroParks:

#### Total Eclipse MetroPark Viewing Party Events

**1:00-4:30 pm, April 8, 2024**

For more information and to reserve your spot, visit our website at [MetroparksToledo.com/plan-your-event](http://MetroparksToledo.com/plan-your-event)

#### Glass City Metropark

A family-friendly event at Glass City will offer prime views of the eclipse on the riverfront of downtown Toledo. Watch the sky through telescopes with solar filters and enjoy a Kids' Zone with eclipse-themed activities. Eclipse-viewing glasses will be available to borrow. Food and beverages are available for purchase at The Garden by Poco Piatti. **Duration of totality: 1 minute, 56 seconds.** This event is rain or shine. Even if clouds block the eclipse, stop by the Kids Zone to learn about what's happening above the clouds.

#### Oak Openings Preserve Metropark, Beach Ridge Area

Enjoy a casual eclipse viewing session in a stunning natural setting. A naturalist will be on hand to answer questions and offer limited eclipse-themed activities. Eclipse glasses will be available to borrow. Food and beverages are available for purchase at Heavy Wheelhouse.

**Duration of totality: 1 minute, 5 seconds.** This event is rain or shine.

The Libbey House Foundation and The Women of the Old West End Present

## Mother's Day Tea

Sunday May 19th  
(The Weekend after Mother's Day)



Seatings @ 11am, 1pm & 3 pm  
Tickets are \$40 per person

Reservations are required, with limited seating  
Visit our website for reservations at [www.libbeyhouse.org](http://www.libbeyhouse.org)

The Historic Libbey House 2008 Scottwood Avenue  
Accessible Entrance



### COMMONS PARK

We tried for March 9 but it rained so the next maintenance for the Commons Park was held on Saturday, March 30th. Rain predicted for this date too. Darn it!!

Our next maintenance day will be **April 13th - 9:00AM - 12:00N.** Food & Beverages served to all volunteers.

Again this year we are fortunate to welcome the Lucas County Volunteer Team who have been a huge help.

If you have an hour or three to spare join us as we continue to provide a beautiful park setting for our neighborhood.

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