



HISTORIC TIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TOLEDO'S HISTORIC OLD WEST END



2016 OLD WEST END FESTIVAL

Festival is coming up soon and we have had the first of several meetings. Below is a list of people and contact information if you can volunteer, be a busker (street entertainer), sign up for the Art Fair or Marketplace, 5K run, Children's Activities, etc.

WE NEED YOU!

OWE Festival June 4 & 5, 2016

House Tours - contact Shelly Varelli 419-699-2279 shelly.onelove@gmail.com

Christine Parks 419-450-1292 parkschristine@yahoo.com & Lily Briggs 419-280-2358 lilybriggs86@gmail.com

Yard Sale Information - contact Becky Boone 419-343-7298 r2boone@gmail.com

Buskers - throughout the days of Saturday and Sunday. Contact Michelene Brewer 419-297-6907

5k Race/Walk - contact Tom Guyton 419-242-3433 tomguyton@msn.com or Tim Effler 419-509-1234 teffler@gmail.com

Parade Entries - contact Josh Thurston 419-681-5167 jthurst3000@gmail.com

Information Booth - contact Tami Ernst 419-704-2996 bigskyblue22@aol.com

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Art Fair - contact Tara Hubbard owefestival@gmail.com

Marketplace Vendors - contact Rock Hoffman 419-917-0975 rock_hoffman@yahoo.com

Childrens Tent - Pam Snyder 419-324-5455 gratefulpam@hotmail.com

Physical Set-Up - contact Dan Ankenbrandt 419-340-2727 danankenbrandt@bex.net

Festival Chair Contact - Sara Haynes 419-246-9725 sara.l.haynes@accenture.com

Volunteer and have a blast at this years festival!!!



Advertiser Spotlight

Heritage Home Program of Lucas County is a new program of the Lucas County Land Bank. The Heritage Home Program offers unique to older homes. The technical assistance, maintenance, and repair issues component of the Heritage Home Program is what sets it apart from other programs of its kind. Now any homeowner wishing to do work on their home can have the help and answers they need in order to get the project done properly.

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Heritage Home Program also offers an equity-based low interest loan to qualified homeowners interested in maintaining and improving their older homes.

Qualifications for the program are:

The home must be at least 50 years old and current on Lucas County property taxes. For more information contact: Kathleen Kovacs, Heritage Home Program 419-213-4237. Applications are available online at www.lucascountylandbank.org

The View From the Sidewalk

By a Walker

Going south on Collingwood, across Delaware, on the corner, there was a drugstore with a soda fountain and several more small shops. Norton Hardware was a little further down. It, like many of the other businesses, was owned by an Old West End family. Coyle Funeral Home was next, and then Mary Manse College campus, which also housed St. Ursula Academy and St. Angela Hall grade school. The property extended to the next corner with the buildings being used as the music department, and other uses. The State Theater was across Collingwood. Scott High School is still there and looking very well.

There are many houses of worship in the next stretch of Collingwood. The Jewish Temple took several houses along Collingwood to build their Community Center. One of those taken included the one that housed the Wakelin Family Photography Studio, another OWE business. When the Temple moved out of the area, the Red Cross moved from the brick house on the corner of Bancroft. The building now is the headquarters for another agency, since the Red Cross moved again.

The next stretch of Collingwood has taken many losses, including a group of very elegant brick and stone apartment buildings. The former Toledo Clinic building is now the Toledo History Museum (Milmine Stewart House), and with our support should be there for a long time.

Besides the businesses actually on Colling-

wood, there were many others very close by, such as the post office on Delaware next to the drugstore; it was replaced in 1967 by the current one on Ashland. That post office is next to the AFL-CIO headquarters which had been in a house on Winthrop, I think, the house with the neon airplane with a revolving propeller on the facade above the porch-do you remember that? The Girl Scouts owned the property on Ashland which was the AAA headquarters for many years and is back to being the Girl Scout headquarters. Dietrich's Bakery was on Delaware, near Detroit Avenue. There were a number of small businesses on Central, also owned by Old West Enders.

There were several hospitals very close, Parkview, St. Luke's and Flower, now all gone, and Mercy Hospital, now closed but the site of Mercy College. Mercy-St. Vincent Hospital has expanded. There were several doctors' and lawyers' offices in the area as well.

Swayne Field was close enough to be considered a neighborhood site - although I heard Frank Gilhooley say once that as a boy it seemed like a very long walk with his father from their home at the far end of Parkwood.

I am sure I have missed or left out many things. If you go to the books on Toledo Architecture, for various time periods, you can learn much about our area, and probably appreciate it even more.

Thanks to those of you who keep your sidewalks clear. Us "Walkers" really appreciate it! *(This was continued from the March Issue)*



Letter from the President

by Courtney Macklin

I love how alive our neighborhood is when the weather gets nice. It's nice to see everyone coming out of hibernation and walking their dogs, grilling, and playing outside.

While Festival seems far away still, it is coming up fast and we very much need all of your help to make it the best ever. **Festival lasts the entire first weekend of June, and all we ask is that you volunteer two hours of your time.** There is a job to fit your interests whether it's being a tour guide, working at the beer pavilion, the info booth, or a million other things. If we all pitch in, we all get to enjoy the other 46 hours of festival – more now that there is a kickoff party on Friday.

Festival is also looking for stage acts and street performers (buskers). Do you play in a band? Have a solo act? Walk on stilts? Ride a unicycle? We would love for you to perform during festival, whether your band plays in the Arboretum, or you are a roving caricature artist. Contact Micheline Brewer at 419-297-6907 or michelinebrewer@hotmail.com to apply!

As you all know, the fun doesn't stop when Festival is over. The Agnes Reynolds Jackson Arboretum is celebrating its **30th anniversary this year!** They will be having **SIX** concerts and **THREE** trade n'Post events throughout the summer. The Arboretum needs all of our help to make this awesome, and the first work-day is on April 16. I hope to see you all there enjoying some tasty breakfast and making it look great.

At the March Old West End Association meeting, we heard from Lily Briggs of the **Promise House Project**, an organization that assists and advocates for homeless or housing insecure youth. Whether they need a ride, a healthy meal, or a clean pair of socks, the Promise House Project seeks to add value and dignity to young people's lives. They are currently renovating a building in our neighborhood to offer housing and services to youth who need it. I hope you will consider helping this organization with its important mission.

I am also going to put in another plug for the **Neighborhood Beautification and Investment Fund**. This grant fund is designed for public projects that benefit our neighborhood (think park benches

Tuesday, April 12, 2016
O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting
6 p.m. at **Deb Kienzle Home**
2238 Scottwood Ave.
Tuesday, April 19, 2016
O.W.E. Association Meeting
7 p.m. at **The Libbey House**
2008 Scottwood Ave.

or historic lighting, not new appliances or cabinets). If there is something that you've always thought would make this neighborhood more beautiful or fun to live in, stop talking about it and make it a reality. Visit www.toledoooldwestend.com to apply today, the application deadline is **APRIL 30**.

Also at our March meeting, we voted on and passed updated bylaws. Our bylaws were last updated in 2008, so they definitely needed it! The Bylaws Review Ad Hoc Committee spent many months clarifying and streamlining the existing bylaws, as well as updating them to help our organization be more inclusive and active in our community.

I hope to see you all at our April meeting, Tuesday, April 19 at 7:00 PM at the Libbey House, 2008 Scottwood.



OLD WEST END SECURITY

All OWE Security board meetings are open to the public, but we want to extend an **extra-special invitation to neighbors to attend the May 3rd meeting**. The meeting starts at 7 PM and will be held at 2528 Glenwood. Come see what we do, share your thoughts on how we can improve OWE Security, reach new supporters, or get involved on our board! Hope to see everyone then.

Did you know, that the \$25 monthly fee pays for 2.5 patrols? This is why we need everyone to 'do their part' and become a supporter. More supporters, more patrols. Pay for a year in advance and you get 1 month free! As a supporter you also get 1 week vacation check, FREE! For more information check our website: www.OldWestEndSecurity.com.

You can now join, pay, or donate online!! You can also report an incident, no need to call! It's easier than ever to show your support and help keep our neighborhood safe!



Agnes Reynolds Jackson Arboretum 2014
Robinwood @ Delaware

Arboretum Work Day
Saturday, April 16th
9am - noon
Food Provided!!!

No Plant Sale this year

The ARJA had it's yearly planning meeting last month and set the schedule for the work days, concerts, Trade n' Post and projects for the park in 2016. We have 3 new trustees coming on board for the 3 year term. Welcome Connor Finn, Lily Briggs and Chad Coyle!

PRESERVATION REMINDERS

Thank you for all who attended March's preservation meeting. Included in this months issue of the historic times, preservation has added a city code enforcement flyer, which we hope will be helpful. Our next preservation education series will take place in May covering how to repair or replace damaged wood floors in your historic home, details to follow in next months edition.

Preservation will be hosting a neighborhood clean-up in late April or early May, stay tuned to Facebook for further details if interested. Our next preservation meeting will be held at the Kent Branch Library April 11th at 7pm, we would love to see you there!

Neighbors, please continue to be vigilant in watching theft and destruction of our vacant and unattended homes around the neighborhood. If you notice anything suspicious, please contact the TPD non emergency line 419-245-3340 or the city of Toledo neighborhood division at 419-245-1400. If you are in need of further information on salvage or preservation efforts contact Chad Coyle. Email: coylechad@yahoo.com

Old West End Historic District Commission Reminder

Neighbors, if you are planning any exterior alterations please contact Molly Maguire at the City of Toledo Plan Commission for a certificate of appropriateness. Molly can be contacted at 419-245-1200 or Molly.Maguire@toledo.oh.gov



The Women of The Old West End

WOWE Officers: Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore, & Tammy Michalak

Melody Brewer to Chair Children's Day 2016

That wonderful fall, fun filled afternoon for the children of the OWE will happen thanks to the generosity of time and effort on behalf of long time neighbor Melody Brewer and her team. Further information about the date and time will be published in this newsletter in June. Stay tuned, and if you happen to see Melody walking her beloved poodles, be sure to thank her and maybe even offer to volunteer.

BOOK LOVERS

WOWE and the Toledo Lucas County Public Library will partner again with a fundraiser Book Fair during the OWE Festival. Over 1,000 books will be available for sale on both days of festival. All proceeds of this sale will be split with the Library and WOWE. The sale will take place at the home of Carol and Jim Kutsche, 2483 Scottwood Ave. Stay tuned as the finishing touches, gathering of books, and time of sale will be published in next month's newsletter.

OWE CALENDAR 2017

Planning and execution for the WOWE 2017 Old West End Calendar is well underway. The calendars will be available for purchase during OWE Festival and then throughout the rest of the year and of course for Tours de Noel.

As we mentioned in last month's newsletter, this new calendar for 2017 will have a different format from our past calendars, with house renderings from several OWE residents (past & present), pictures that depict who and what the neighborhood is all about and much more. **We are asking for your help as residents.** One of the items listed in the calendar will be "QUOTES" from residents, past and present. We would be so grateful if you would take the time to answer the two following questions with a short thought or remark and then e-mail your answers to: tmoores@hotmail.com.

1. What brought you to the OWE?
2. What are your fondest memories here?

We will try to include as many quotes as possible in the calendar!!

FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD GARDENERS

As we all begin to get our yards and gardens ready for the Spring & Summer, WOWE wishes to share these great Spring Gardening Tips from Kathryn Kattalia of

the Huffington Post!

Kathryn writes: Ever notice how some people just seem to have that special touch when it comes to spring gardening? Their flowers end up blooming faster, their vegetables growing bigger, and there never seems to be a weed in sight. Not all of us were born with green thumbs, but that doesn't mean we can't have fuller, healthier gardens. It doesn't take fancy tools, expensive products or even special skills to get your plants to thrive — just a few helpful tips you would never guess to do on your own.

From the positioning tip that leads to better-tasting veggies to why you should plant by the light of the moon, help your garden flourish this year by following these 8 unusual steps, perfect for flower beds and vegetable patches alike.

Cucumbers Are Sweeter When Planted Near Sunflowers. It may seem like an odd pairing, but sunflowers make great growing companions when it comes to planting sweeter cucumbers. Not only do both plants require similar soil conditions, the tall stalks of the sunflowers give cucumber plants something supportive to climb.

Use Egg Shells As Fertilizer. Rich in calcium carbonate, dried egg shells work as a great natural fertilizer. Try crushing them in your blender before throwing them on them on your garden to enrich the soil.

Water Plants with Chamomile Tea.

Chamomile tea is great for keeping your plants healthy. Use it when watering to ward off bacterial and fungal infections and to prevent young seedling from damping off. Make sure tea is completely cooled off first before you use it.

Plant In Odd Numbers. To make your garden more balanced and pleasing to the eye, be sure to plant in odd numbers. This composition looks more natural than even numbered groupings and gives off the illusion that plants are bigger and healthier.

Plant Crocuses Near Lavender. Protect your crocuses by planting lavender nearby. Birds are more attracted to the fragrant flower, and it will prevent them from pecking away at your blooming bulbs.

Garden by Moonlight. Night owls rejoice! Experts say that plating by the light of the moon actually causes gardens to grow faster and stronger than they do if you plant by day. Moonlight gardening also minimizes water waste.

Consider Plant Placement. Keep your shorter plants on the south side of your vegetable garden and tall plants toward the north. This will prevent taller plants from casting unwanted shadows over smaller crops, shading them from the sun.

Use Cooking Water For Plants. The water you use to cook pasta or boil vegetables is full of left over vitamins and nu-

trients. Instead of throwing it away, let it cool to room temperature and then use it to water your plants. You'll be left with a happier, greener garden.



The following dates are scheduled to ready the Commons Park for the Old West End Festival and all of us to enjoy as well. Your help is needed so please volunteer, even if it is only for an hour. Any and all time is very much appreciated.

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

April 9, May 14, May 28

The May 28th mass planting day will begin at 9:00am and finish when the last flat is planted.

Breakfast served to all who volunteer!

The Commons Park first workday on March 12th could not have gone any better. The weather was perfect and so many energetic volunteers arrived with great vigor, enthusiasm and dug right in, literally, as we moved 70 sedums, weeded, pruned and enjoyed seeing one another again. Grateful appreciation goes out to, Jim Logan, Carol Kutsche, Lynn LaPlante, Shirley Johnson, Mary Sawers, Mike Saad, Ken Schumaker, Jon Slawson, Tammy Michalak & Toni Moore. And of course to George Lemble who keeps a very close eye on the Commons. You are all just the best!

FROM WOWE TO:

JASON FINN & JENI BELT

WOWE continues to send positive thoughts, much love, and good wishes to both of you. Keep the updates coming as you both begin this next journey of recovery in Chicago. We know your strength and positive attitude will continue to make the difference. We hold you close and keep you both in our thoughts and prayers.

UPCOMING WOWE MEETINGS ...

6:30 POTLUCK 7:00 MEETING

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

All neighbors are welcome!

Please join us and learn how WOWE is making a difference for our neighborhood

April 6 **Debbie Stambaugh**
2636 Parkwood Ave.

May 4 **Melody Brewer**
2553 Glenwood Ave.

June 1 **Tammy Michalak**
2056 Scottwood Ave.

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