

HISTORIC TIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TOLEDO'S HISTORIC OLD WEST END



SAVE THE DATE

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presents Fall 2018

Edward & Florence Scott Libbey

"Salon Lecture Series"

in conjunction with the
200th Anniversary of Libbey Glass.

- Sept. 6** with Barbara Floyd,
Toledo glass companies
- Sept. 20** with Julie McMaster,
"The Libbey's"
- Oct. 4** with Diane Wright,
museum glass collection
- Oct. 18** with Ted Ligibel,
OWE Historic District
- Nov. 8** with Tina Moffat and
Steve Shrake, Ojai, California
- Nov. 15** with Robert Zollweg,
Libbey Tableware Collection

One hour lecture and conversations
followed by light refreshments.

6:00-7:30 pm at the

Libbey House Grand Salon

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\$50.00 for six

Call **419-252-0722** for reservations

More details in the September Historic Times.

Why Have Your House on the Old West End House Tour?

By Dave Hanson

We hosted our house in the most recent Old West End House tour, and we were asked why people should want to open up their houses for tours. We have lived in the Old West End for 14 years, and, although we have enjoyed going on tours, and I have enjoyed volunteering as a tour guide, we really hadn't considered much having our own house on tour. Our first reactions when someone asked us if we'd want to put our house on tour were "how can we compete with these mansions we've seen?," "but our house is too small..." "why would people be interested in seeing OUR house?," "would our house be save?" and, of course "wouldn't it be a lot of work and a headache?"

I then thought about why I liked to go on tours and why I liked to volunteer to be a tour guide. I liked learning about the history and architecture. I liked the guided tours where the docents would give information about the details in the house I would have missed otherwise. I liked how each house I saw was unique in its own way. I realized that, although mine was not one of the huge mansions in the Old West End, if I were a visitor, I would be very interested to see it. I recalled that one reason I moved to Toledo and to the Old West End was the façade that caught my eye, and then the arts and crafts details of the house. What made the house special for us was the way we decorated it, with furnishings we had collected while living overseas, and we realized that other people would like to learn more about the architecture, and the history behind our furnishings and decorations would make for interesting scripts for the docents showing our house, and would fascinate visitors.

Would this be a daunting experience? There was a lot of work involved for us, because we were in the middle of stripping paint that had covered our paneling since the 50's. I spent months stripping paint, sanding, restaining, and finishing woodwork. We had some floors redone and some repairs made to the ceiling and woodwork. These were projects that we were going to do anyway, but we did it on a more compressed time frame. We had some help from a friend to show the house, and the house tour committee and our house captains met with us offered help with cleaning windows, power washing, and tips for showing the house well. They met with us several times to plan the logistics of the tour, put us at ease on security issues, and assured us that everything in the house would remain intact.

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It's Back!

Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018

Noon - 6pm

Same day as the last ARJA Concert
(Rain Date **Sat. Sept. 15, 10-4pm**)

Booth Spaces = \$15 pre-sale

Day of Sale = \$20

Non-Profit Table = \$10 (Info. Only)

Contact: oweec419@gmail.com

Online sign-up:

[www.toledoooldwestend.com/
trade-n-post](http://www.toledoooldwestend.com/trade-n-post)

Have items to sell or trade?
Space only, you provide tables,
tents, set-up.

**All proceeds benefit Old West End
Entrepreneurship Committee**

Kudos to:

Friends and Neighbors

for helping to move Dave & Lynn LaPlante
into their new home.

Pat Hasenfratz and Amanda Lyons

for being two of the three Delivery People
for the Historic Times. You helped make
the 30+ couriers job go smoothly.

Nick Stolarski for trimming all the
bushes at Scottwood & Virginia.

Randy Blair & Bob Schiel

for laying mulch at Scottwood & Virginia.

Amy, Bev, Bill Stein

for beautifying the median garden beds
on Collingwood at Collins
and Boston

EDITORS CORRECTION

Jack Wilson (not Jack Smith)

created/fabricated the beautiful new
ARJA Gates to be installed at a future date.

To Do List . . .

Natural Living Fest.

10am-5pm, Aug. 4

ARJA (Arboretum)

Unity Picnic 12-5pm

Aug. 12 ARJA

Dorr Street Live

Sat. Aug. 25

Dorr@Collingwood

OWE Security Scavenger

Hunt - Aug. 25, 5pm

OldWestEndSecurity.com

O.W.E. & Area FUN

MEETING REMINDERS



O.W.E.N.I.
Aug. 21, 6 pm
Kent Branch Library

W.O.W.E.
Aug. 1, 6:30pm
Brocks @ 3 Tremain

O.W.E. Association
Picnic - Aug. 21, 6 pm
ARJA (Arboretum)



Letter from the President

by Jeni Belt



A friend of mine has been staying in Toledo and the OWE in particular for an extended period of time. Like so many of us, he was struck by the grandeur of the houses the first time he came to visit. He happened to be staying during this year's Festival and was inspired by our burgeoning community and our stellar event. He has been seeking properties in the neighborhood and hopes to put an anchor here. This is our success story as a neighborhood.

Part of the intrigue for this friend is the diversity and untapped potential of our community. In the course of his real estate search and his own community-building, he spoke to some of our neighbors. These people, who live in the neighborhood, remarked that they didn't attend festival because they didn't feel welcome. I was dismayed to learn this but not entirely surprised. This is one of our many challenges as a neighborhood.

Our historic district (the Old West End Historic District) was created at a fixed time in a somewhat arbitrary fashion to ensure historic preservation of homes of a certain age. Our neighborhood (the Old West End) was developed to identify a community who shared location in common. Our neighborhood association (the Old West End Association) was developed to promote a shared set of values on behalf of the residents of the Old West End. Among these core values is the creation of a community atmosphere to celebrate our diverse neighborhood, as well as ensuring dissemination of accurate information about the neighborhood.

One current initiative to accomplish these two goals is greater distribution of our newsletter within the neighborhood. At present, the Historic District is fairly well represented at our neighborhood events, while many outside the Historic District do not receive our newsletter and accordingly, aren't necessarily aware of what's happening in the neighborhood. I'm hoping that sharing our official means of communication will encourage others to participate. Please contact me if you'd like to help with this endeavor.

The OWEA's July meeting featured Analese Alvarez, Executive Director of Equality Toledo. Analese shared with the group the important work by Equality Toledo in our neighborhood in the form of a Food Pantry that serves hundreds of families, largely from our area. Our August meeting will be our annual picnic, and will take place August 21 at 6:30 in the Arboretum. The Association will provide a main dish and beverages, so please feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share (and a chair!). Hope to see you there.

Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018
O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting
 6 p.m. at **Deb Kienzle's Home**
 2238 Scottwood Ave.

Tuesday, August 21, 2018
Association Picnic
 6:00 p.m. at the **Arboretum**
Meat/Beverage Provided
Bring dish and a chair
EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME!

OWENI and volunteers were able to knock on 150-200 doors and have lengthy conversations with 30 different neighbors this month. As we gather and analyze the results of our neighborhood survey, we will be keeping you informed on our next steps! Our August community meeting will be dedicated to painting two of the six benches that we will be installing at the most frequently used bus stops in the neighborhood. We will be outside at Kent Library in the side lot. If you're elderly and/or disabled, there's still time to sign up to get your lawn mowed by Ernest Sawyers and his grass cutting team. Meanwhile, if you get a chance, be sure to check out the pollinator garden at Detroit and Central Ave. The flowering plants are coming up really nice!



Entrepreneurship Committee

The next OWEA Entrepreneurship Committee Meeting is **Thursday August 9** at 6:00 at **Black Kite Coffee** (2499 Collingwood).

See ft. page for **Trade N'Post** information. Sign up early for discount price.

House Tour (Continued from Page 1)

They used my input and research they did to create script narratives for the tour, and I was happy to learn about some of the residents who lived in or nearby my house.

We were so happy when we had all the projects finished and felt pride to show our house. The house is interesting and we felt we were doing a service to the community by helping to portray our house and the Old West End in its best light and sharing our house, its furnishings, and history with the community. To cap it off, we got a plaque which we display proudly in front of the house, and the feedback we had is that the thousand or so visitors to our house enjoyed it as much as we do.

I would encourage you to show your house for either the Old West End Festival or Noel Tours. You get a sense of pride and community sharing your house with your neighbors, the Old West End, and Toledo.



Agnes Reynolds Jackson Arboretum 2018

Robinwood @ Delaware

Arboretum Work Day
Saturday, Aug. 11th
9am - noon Food Provided!!!



Sunday, August 12

Rocky's East

Sponsored By: **Shaw Eyecare**

Sunday, August 26

Zodiak Click

Sponsored By:

Todd & Deb Kienzle and Dan Finkel



OLD WEST END SECURITY

Scavenger Hunt Fund Raiser

August 25 5:00 pm

It's not too late to join in the fun! Explore the neighborhood, locate the checklist items, and join in the after party! Information found on our website.

August security tips: Make sure your house number is easily visible from the street. When an emergency strikes, every second counts. Make sure that police, firefighters, and/or paramedics can quickly find the right house by keeping your house numbers visible.

Have a solid front door and make sure you can see who is at the door before you open it. Over one third of burglars enter a home through the front door. A flimsy or hollow door can be kicked in within seconds. Have a solid front door and install a peep hole. Wide angle peep holes are best because they offer the greatest range of view. Ring doorbell or similar video doorbell technology are also a great idea.

Windows account for a quarter of all break-in entry points. That's because they are frequently left unlocked, or out-fitted with cheap window locks make them vulnerable to attack. Make it difficult for anyone to get in with help from secondary locks and window sensors.

More supporters = More patrols. You can now join, pay, or donate online!! For more information check our website: www.OldWestEndSecurity.com. It's easier than ever to show your support and help keep our neighborhood safe!



WOWE Officers:
Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore & Tammy Michalak

The Women of The Old West End Children's Day in the Park

Volunteers Needed for:

Thanks again to the leadership of **Melody Brewer**, Children's Day is set for **Sunday, October 7**, in the **Commons Park**.

We need your help to make this big event for the kids happen! Please call Melody at **419-944-4141** and tell her you would like to help. She also is looking for someone to share her expertise for next year. Show you care about our neighborhood and volunteer today!



Maintenance Day
Saturday, Aug. 11
9:00a - 12:00p
Breakfast served to all who volunteer.

WOWE HISTORIAN HAS A HISTORY

At the July meeting, Henry Doder, WOWE historian, announced that he was hanging up his historian hat. Henry has faithfully brought stories about the Old West End from it's past to the monthly meetings. He has brought colorful remembrances of past residents and shared them with we current Old West Enders. His reports have been a reminder of the great people that lived in these homes. Henry has provided us with this perspective for many years. WOWE is going to miss his stimulating stories and reminder that we are the History for tomorrow.

Thank you, Henry!

(If you think that you would enjoy being a new historian for WOWE, please contact WOWE President, Toni Moore.)

Celebration of Life for neighbor Ellen Langel

Saturday, August 25

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Commons Park

Come share your memories of Ellen with others.

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

August 1, GERALYN & DON BROCK
3 Tremain

(Park in the Girl Scout Parking Lot. The Gate to Brock's will be open and marked for entry.)

Sept. 5, MARY SAWERS & KENT ILLENDEN
2702 Parkwood Ave.

Bancroft Decorative Street Lights Finally Installed

It's hard to believe the lights along Bancroft are finally installed. We all knew it would be difficult, but never, in our wildest dreams, did we imagine it would take this long.

The process began in 2013 with the first public meeting held by the City where volunteers were asked to sit on the Design Review Team (DRT). Over the next 18 months, the DRT worked with City staff and residents to develop a conceptual design for Bancroft. In 2014 final designs were complete and construction commenced. Several volunteers (now known as the BBC) continued to meet to ensure the plans were implemented. The biggest item of concern was the lights. The project budget financed the cost of purchasing and installing the lights, but someone had to cover annual maintenance costs. Multiple approaches were considered. The chosen approach required our council representative at the time to put forth legislation. Unfortunately, our council representative became our mayor and legislation was never completed. After 2 years of persistent follow up by the BBC the City agreed to bear the ongoing assessment cost. This was accomplished through participation in a special LED pilot program and the legislation was passed in July 2017. Unfortunately there was another roadblock. First Energy changed the selection of lights and the BBC was told the chosen fixture was no longer available.

For the next year, the BBC pushed back on First Energy and the City until the originally chosen lights were installed.

When members of the BBC agreed to volunteer they never imagined their service would be for such an extended period of time. These individuals deserve a big THANK YOU! For without their persistent efforts Bancroft would not be what it is today. Please take time to personally thank each and every one of the BBC members: Lisa Kerrigan, Martin Jarrett, Carol Kutsche, Tammy Michalak, Toni Moore, Dave Neuen-dorff, Sue Postal, and Ken Schumaker.



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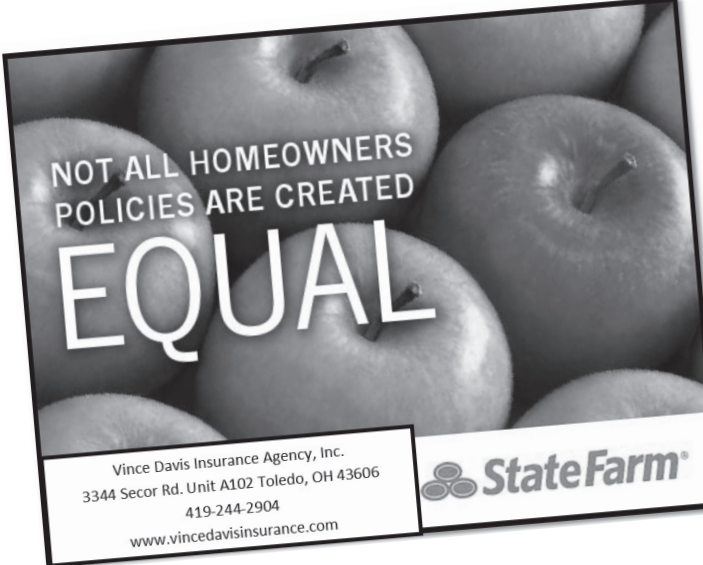
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