

Homerun On A Bunt

by Gregg Stambaugh

Aaah! Baseball is now in full swing. Can you hear it, good people? The loud whiffing sound of the \$12 million major leaguer striking out? Can you smell it? The scent of a freshly oiled ball glove. Can you feel it? Sweet memories of my late father showing me how to throw a knuckleball. It's good to have you back, national pastime.

How about a true adventure? 1961. We were the Nathan Hale Spartans playing our crosstown rivals the Blessed Sacrament Pirates. I was eleven. I had hair (no moustache yet), and I played a mean shortstop. We needed a win to get into the tournament. It was a sweltering June Saturday, late afternoon at the now extinct Beatty Park near North Cove Boulevard. It was

the bottom of the seventh (last inning), and we were losing, 1-0. There was one out and my buddy Dale had reached first on a line single up the middle. I stepped up to the plate. The fans (parents) went wild. No...wait...that comes later.

I took the first pitch for a called strike. "Come on, ump. That was outside." I cringed at my dad's voice.

I knew I needed to bunt to advance the runner. I stepped out of the box and tapped my cleats with my 30" Louisville Slugger. For you non-baseball readers, that's my bat. I looked out over the diamond and happened to see the coach's son (who never played) planted high in a tree down the right-field foul line. He was tossing mulberries at their right-fielder.

I stepped back in, squared my body and laid down a beauty. I tore down the first base line while Dale raced toward second. Their catcher pounced on the ball and came up firing towards second. It was a perfect throw, nine feet too high. The second baseman watched helplessly as it soared into centerfield. Dale rounded second as the centerfielder confidently charged the errant ball. You guessed it. No bad hops. That little sucker rolled straight through his legs. Mortified, he gave chase. Our coach waved Dale home, and I headed for third. Cue the parents. Yep. They went wild. The center fielder recovered nicely and made a great throw to third.

I slid hard, the third baseman leaned in and that darn ball slammed into the base on the fly. Dust everywhere. The ball took a high, hard bounce into the parents. Lawn chairs were flying, moms

Kudos to:

Festival Steering Committee

every great event requires dedicated leadership. Thanks to Sara Haynes, Susan Postal, Dan Schmitt, Jeni Belt and Dustin Hostetler.

Jim Logan

for helping out at almost all of the ARJA and Common's Park work days.

In Memory...

Helen L. Robinson

Dec. 30, 1929 - April 20, 2016

Forty six years ago in 1971, my mom, Helen took a detour thru the Old West End neighborhood on her way to work at Flower Hospital on Collingwood Blvd. She noticed a For Sale sign in the yard of a Glenwood Ave. home and became a forever Old West End resident.

My mother loved her home and neighborhood. Our home, the Hinde-Robinson home was featured in the 25th Anniversary of the OWE Historic Home Tours. An article was featured in the Toledo Blade. Sadly, my mother passed away in April and will be terribly missed.

Over the years she was a great neighbor and friend. Also, two other long time residents passed away on our block, Mr. Rueben Bumpus and Mrs. Irene Johnson, both were great residents of the OWE community. Their legacies and memories will live on through our families.

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were screaming and smaller siblings were jumping up and down. I shot up and raced toward home plate. The third baseman, having stomped on two Frisbees and a dog's rubber bone, reached the ball and hurled it home. The ball and I arrived together. I decided to put my shoulder into the catcher's gut. We tumbled while the umpire was starting to jerk his thumb skyward. That silly baseball trickled out of the catcher's hand and rolled three feet away. The ump roared 'SAFE!!!' WE WON!!!

My teammates mobbed me. The coach's son fell out of the mulberry tree while the parents reclaimed their lawn chairs. I overheard the tearful catcher say "Next time I'm throwing to first base".

N.B.I. Fund

The Neighborhood Beautification and Improvement ("NBI") Committee has awarded 4 grants totaling \$12,805 for the following neighborhood projects:

- \$2500 to **OWENI (Old West End Neighborhood Initiatives)** for a mural to be placed on the fire station at Central and Detroit
- \$2500 to the **Libbey House** for porch repairs
- \$305 to **Carol Stolarski and Lynn LaPlante** for planting the planters at the Virginia/Scottwood divertters
- Up \$7500 to **Old West End Security**, to increase patrols in the boundaries of the neighborhood, and for a challenge grant to encourage new memberships

We are very excited about the breadth and diversity of projects for which we received applications. We encourage you to think big and submit a request for that neighborhood project you've always wanted! To be eligible for consideration, a project must:

- be public (they can't be for improvements to private property).
- be within the Old West End boundaries (roughly defined as Detroit Ave., Monroe Street, Collingwood Ave., and Berdan Ave.)
- include volunteer commitment. The Grant is intended to fund materials, not services (additional donations are a plus).
- Materials might include paint, wood, or other constructions materials, printing, postage, or supplies. The grant can pay for labor in circumstances where professional expertise is required, but the projects should involve volunteer labor when possible.
- be sustainable and include a plan to ensure sustainability
- have a specific and attainable timeline for completion with measurable progress markers

Applicants must be renters, owners, business owners, or organizations in the neighborhood.

The NBI Fund derives from each year's festival proceeds. We appreciate all of our volunteers who help make Festival happen and enable us to raise these funds to put to good use in the neighborhood! We can't wait to see what the next round of applications may bring!

The next round of applications must be submitted by October 31 for consideration this year.

Please do not hesitate to contact Dan Schmitt taipandan@aol.com or Jeni Belt jbelt@sklaw.com if you have any questions about the NBI Committee or Fund.



Letter from the President
by Courtney Macklin

It's August and summer is in full swing! I hope to see all of you at the annual **Old West End Association picnic on Tuesday August 16 at 6:00 PM at the Arboretum.** We will supply the main course, but please bring a dish to share and come meet your neighbors.

August also has TWO concerts in the Arboretum: one on August 14 and one on August 28. These beautiful summer evenings won't last forever, so please come out and enjoy this free entertainment with family and friends. Bring a picnic and your favorite beverage and make it a great evening.

At the OWEA July meeting we heard from the owner and managers of the building at 2500 Collingwood. They are working hard to get the building ready for retail spaces and apartments by the fall or winter. They already have at least one business excited to move in to the Old West End, and I am excited to see this building put back into use.

Speaking of businesses, the new bylaws of the OWEA call for the creation of an **Entrepreneurship Committee.** If you are a business owner in the Old West End or an entrepreneur living in the Old West End, I would love your help in getting this committee started and helping shape what it does. If you, or someone you know, may be interested please contact me at **567-686-5545** or **Courtney.macklin@hotmail.com.**

I am also delighted to say that the first round of Neighborhood Beautification and Improvement Fund grants have been awarded. Please see the article on the projects that will be funded through this new grant. I hope to see more ideas submitted for the next round, **due October 31.** If you are thinking of something that would be done in the spring, this would be the time to submit it. The grant application is super easy and can be found online at www.toledooldwestend.com.

While festival just happened in June, it is never too early to start thinking about next year. If you are interested in getting more involved, or interested in having your house on tour, it is certainly not too early to reach out. Sara Haynes, Sue Postal and Dan Schmitt make up the Festival Steering Committee and would be happy to talk to you about the different opportunities to get involved or wine you and dine you to put your beautiful house on

Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2016
O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting
6 p.m. at **Deb Kienzle Home**
2238 Scottwood Ave.
Tuesday, August 16, 2016
O.W.E. Association PICNIC
6 p.m. at **Arboretum**
Robinwood at Delaware
Bring a side dish and a chair.

tour, even just for one day of festival.

The Education and Scholarship as well as the Preservation Committee have been busy planning ideas and activities for this year and next year. Both are looking to be more involved in having a positive impact on our neighborhood. Stay tuned, or come to an association meeting to stay up on the latest news from all of the committees.

I hope to see you at the annual picnic on **Tuesday August 16 at 6:00 PM** in the Arboretum at the corner of Robinwood and Delaware. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy a beautiful summer evening with our neighbors!



OLD WEST END SECURITY

Don't forget to reserve your spot on the Sandpiper on August 20th for the annual Margarita Cruise fundraiser! It's a great time and a great way to support Old West End Security. It's \$40 for one ticket or \$75 for a pair which includes a Mexican buffet and plenty of drink tickets. For additional information about the please see the insert or go online: OLDWESTENDSECURITY.COM/CRUISE.

As many people leave the neighborhood for vacation, please keep an eye out for anything strange and call the police first and OWE Security second.

GO WITH YOUR GUT! If you think something is strange...listen to your instincts and take action. Don't over think it. It is proven that your instincts are correct 90% of the time. It is now even easier to let OWE Security know what is happening and we can pass that along to the patrols. Just go to <http://www.oldwestendsecurity.com/report-crime>.

Upcoming months: Meet the Signal 88 patrols. In upcoming articles, we will feature some of people that regularly patrol our neighborhood.



Agnes Reynolds Jackson Arboretum 2016

Robinwood @ Delaware

Arboretum Work Day

Saturday, Aug. 13th
9am - noon

Food Provided!!!



Music IN THE Park

Sunday @ 6 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 14:

The Kirbys

(Sponsored by John Shaw Eye Care)

Sunday, Aug. 28:

The Grape Smugglers

(Sponsored by OWE Neighbors)

SPECIAL THANK YOU!

As of the last July concert, the Music in the Park bottle donation total to help with the **Jason Finn Rehabilitation fund** is at: \$1366.25 - **WOW!**

PRESERVATION REMINDERS

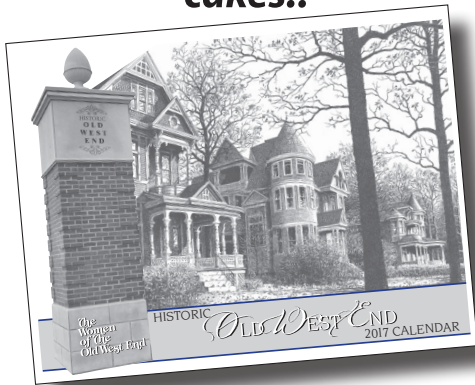
Our next meeting will be held at the Lucas County Library DOWNTOWN, on August 8th at 7p.m. MEET ON THE THIRD FLOOR outside the local history section. Thanks to all of the supporters who have been attending the meetings, we look forward to seeing you downtown in August. Our August meeting will include a tour of the 3rd floor section of the library that contains the historical documentation of architecture and a demonstration on how to utilize a the resources there to help with the preservation and restoration of our own Neighborhood. If interested in participating arrive at the library BEFORE 6:55. The tour will begin promptly at 7 and it may not be possible to participate if you are not on time. We are in process of working to save the integrity of a home here in the OWE that has been damaged by a falling limb which caused considerable damage to the roof. This intervention should help to keep the house from being further damaged by rain and vulnerability to unwanted guests. We continue to garner ideas and resources to help preserve and protect our beautiful and one of a kind neighborhood. We hope to see you downtown on the 8th. Do not hesitate to share any ideas or concerns you have about preservation with us then!



The Women of The Old West End

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

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and selling like hot
cakes!!**



2017 OWE CALENDAR

*Don't miss out on purchasing
the WOWE 2017 Calendar*

The holidays will be here before we know it and you would not want to miss out on this calendar for yourself, family and friends as an Appreciation Gift, Christmas Present, Birthday Gift or a gift "just because"

This Limited Edition ART Calendar was available during the OWE Festival and was a huge success and it will be available through December 2016. To purchase your calendar/s contact Toni Moore - 419-360-2151 or e-mail tmoore_etfc@hotmail.com Also you can contact Carol Kutsche - 419-243-2848 or e-mail cjksutsche@bex.net

This beautiful Art Calendar includes "quote's" from neighbors (past & present) and their thoughts about the OWE, why they live/d here, what brought them here etc. AND it also includes pictures of some of our neighborhood pets. Of course no OWE calendar would be complete without house renderings by David "RC" Oster and Kent Illenden (OWE residents past & present). A big thank you to all neighbors (past & present) who gave us their thoughts about why they live/d in the OWE and to our pet owners who fully cooperated in helping Kent Illenden get those pesky pet pictures taken.

Don't wait too long ... we will not be re-ordering the 2016 calendar.

It's Happening! Children's Day in the Park

Sun., Oct. 2nd 1 to 4 PM

Volunteers are needed to assist Melody Brewer, Children's Day Chair for the Bounce House's, Face Painting, Games, Craft Table.....if you are able to give some time for this event please call or e-mail Melody at 419-944-4141 or melody.brewer@utoledo.edu

Melody and team are planning yet another great day for the children of our neighborhood. Also included again this year is a petting zoo from the zoo, a photo opportunity area will again be available, Crafts, Games, Face Painting, Free Books for all who attend, Bounce Houses (2) one for the little ones and one for the older children, Kazoo Parade, Music, the Fire Dept. will bring a fire truck for the children to sit in and the Police Dept. will send one of their cars for the event. No need to make lunch or dinner as Jeanie's Weenies will again be available with food for sale. We will post the menu in the next newsletter. Mac & Cheese will be on the menu too.

NUMBERS TO KEEP ON HAND

We've noticed several posts on social media about who to contact regarding nuisance issues like illegally parked cars, off leash dogs, and poorly maintained properties. Well, here are just a few of those important numbers you should have on hand. When in doubt call 419-936-2020

- Code Violations** 419-936-2020
- Unfit living conditions, high grass, overgrown hedges, deteriorated property, sanitary conditions, illegally parked cars on private property, etc.
- Junk Vehicles** 419-245-3323
- Parking Violations** 419-245-3255
- Street Lights** 800-447-3333
- Trash Pickup** 419-936-2511
- City / Street Trees** 419-245-3357
- Stray Dogs** 419-213-2800
- Chickens/Livestock** 419-213-4100 extension 3

We've included the contact information for the Department of Health regarding chickens and other livestock in the City of Toledo. While individuals may

keep chickens and other livestock, there are certain rules that must be followed to ensure a safe and clean environment. Make sure you have the necessary permits if you have any of these animals and are following the requirements for proper enclosure locations and cleanliness.

Lastly, we want to remind all dog and cat owners to kindly keep your dogs and cats confined to your own yard and/or on leash and to pick up after your pets. There have been several complaints specifically about loose dogs and the ever increasing feral cat population.



**Your help is needed so please
volunteer, even if it is only for an
hour. Any and all time is
very much appreciated.**

A very grateful **Thank You** to Carol Kutsche, Mary Sawers, Ken Schumaker, Shirley Johnson, Tammy Michalak, Sandy Frank and to Nate Michalak who continues to cut the grass at the Commons and does a great job and to George Lemble who continues to help by edging the sidewalks around the Commons. If you see any of these people be sure to thank them for continuing to make the Commons a value added asset for our neighborhood.

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Next Workday - August 13th

Breakfast served to all who volunteer!

We are again grateful for all who help to keep the Commons Park so beautiful!!

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 3** **Ginny & Bill Began**
2041 Robinwood Ave.
 - Sept. 7** **Diane & Dennis Duggan**
2369 Scottwood Ave., UP
 - Oct. 5** **Carol Kutsche**
2483 Scottwood Ave.
 - Nov. 2** **Toni Moore**
2369 Robinwood Ave.

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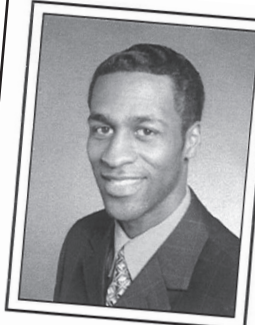
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