

HISTORIC TIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TOLEDO'S HISTORIC OLD WEST END



Holiday Happenings

**Toledo Symphony
A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**
DEC. 16 - First Congregational
(see back page ad for details)

**Vistula VICTORIAN
CHRISTMAS TEA and Open
House** - DEC. 15, 16 & 17
(see back page ad for details)

Association Holiday Pot-Luck
DEC. 19 @ 7:00pm
Black Kite Coffee
(Bring a dish to share)

**Libbey House
HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA**
DEC. 7 @ 5:30-9:30pm
Heavy Appetizers/Wine
(\$25 per person at the door)

LAST MINUTE GIFT IDEA!

**Men of the Old West End
2018 CALENDAR, \$20.00**

Go to: ToledoOldWestEnd.com
Support the Old West End / 2018 Calendar

Good Grief Needs You!

Good Grief needs caring adults (18 & older) who are willing to help make a difference in the life of a grieving young person.

With guidance from Good Grief staff, our volunteers provide safe and caring peer support groups for young people. Our program offers various ways for grieving children and teens to express their feelings and emotions surrounding the death, as well as the time and space for them to be heard and understood.

We'd love to talk with you more about this unique volunteer opportunity. To find out more - call Shanon Bostater (419) 360-4939; or email shanon@goodgriefnwo.org

Thank you!



of Northwest Ohio

gather. grieve. support.

HALLOWEEN HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS



2ND PLACE
Rick Wilkes & Danny Seger
717 Islington



3RD PLACE
Jeffrey & Paulette Mills
609 Stratford

1ST PLACE (most votes)
Gary & Roger Douglas
2540 Scottwood



AND THANKS TO: Toledo Symphony (tickets); Imagination Station (gift item); the YMCA (3 month membership); Alicia Thorpe (Modere Gift bag); and Pumpnickel's Deli (Gift Certificate) for donating our prizes.





Letter from the President

by Courtney Macklin

December is here and that means family, food, neighbors, and cold floors in the morning. I hope everyone has a warm, safe, and happy holiday season!

Please keep and eye out for the OWEA's annual scholarship for high school seniors. This is a \$1,000 scholarship available to students in the 43620 and 43610 zip codes, so please alert the seniors in your life! Details will be online at www.toledooldwestend.com.

Festival will be here before you know it. If you are interested in getting involved, or better yet, putting your beautiful house on tour, PLEASE don't be shy. Visit <http://www.toledooldwestend.com/2018/> to get in touch!

With winter upon us, now is a great time to learn some DIY tips to fix up your house. The **Preservation Committee** will be offering an educational class on stripping woodwork on January 17. For more information please contact Oldwestend1221@gmail.com.



An additional preservation concern is the OWE Historic District Commission's recent delay of determination for a demolition request at 2220-2222 Collingwood. This property, originally built as a duplex, is currently owned by the **Land Bank** (419-213-4293) and if no viable end user is identified within 9 months it can be demolished. To be involved in community discussions please contact the secretary of preservation at (419) 304-3413.

Our Know Your Neighbors for November were Becky Visser and Amy Danforth of the **Toledo History Museum**, located in the Milmine-Stewart House, 2001 Collingwood. The museum has recently started a number of community outreach events including "Unholy Toledo" tours highlighting gangsters and bootleggers, tours of Toledo institutions, and programming related to next year's reintroduction of lake sturgeon to the Maumee River. They are in need of volunteers to assist with staffing the museum and/or with expertise to help with the museum's journal. Please visit www.toledo-history.org for information on upcoming events and to get involved.

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017
O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting
6 p.m. at **Deb Kienzle's Home**
2238 Scottwood Ave.

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2017
Association Holiday Pot-Luck
7:00 p.m. at the
Black Kite Coffee
EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME!

We also held officer elections, and I'm pleased to announce that our OWE officers for 2018 are: Jeni Belt, President, John Kraft, Vice President, Ann Guyton, Secretary, John Shaw, Treasurer, and Sue Postal and Deb Kienzle, Trustees. I'm so excited to see our organization continue to keep the OWE the best neighborhood in the world!

Our officers will be sworn in at the December meeting, which is our annual **HOLIDAY POTLUCK!** Please bring a dish to pass and the Association will provide the main course. I will see you all at the **Black Kite** on **Tuesday December 19 at 7:00pm!**



OLD WEST END SECURITY

As of December 1, 2017, Old West End Security will no longer be contracting with Signal 88 to patrol the neighborhood. We are beginning a contract with **Securitas**, an international private security company expanding its coverage in northwest Ohio. Their regional base is in Cleveland, and they have a permanent mobile patrol team in Toledo. We are confident that Securitas will provide an effective deterrent to crime in the Old West End, and better customer service and support. They have a state-of-the-art tracking and reporting system to log patrols and incident reports, as well as direct contact between OWES and the mobile patrol unit. Patrol officers are fully licensed and trained, and undergo regular recertification.

The mobile patrol officers are encouraged to get to know neighbors as well as the neighborhood, so don't be surprised (and please don't be offended) if they stop to chat. They'll be in white Subaru vehicles with the Securitas logo. This is not about additional surveillance, it is about an alternative and safer form of community policing.

Our mission remains the same: to provide a deterrent against crime in and around the Old West End by hiring a private security firm to run regular patrols through the neighborhood. Patrols provide an additional layer of security, between what you do to secure your own property (locks, lights, alarm systems, barking dogs) and the Police Depart-

Agnes Reynolds Jackson
Arboretum 2017
Robinwood @ Delaware



Thank You Cookie Bakers and Cookie and Poinsettia Buyers

The Arboretum Board is once again very grateful to **ALL of YOU** for your help baking and your financial support in these two ARJA fundraisers. We would not exist without your continued support. Also a big shout-out to:

Judy Winder, Dennis Lange
and **Jackie Rogers** (Cookie Walk)

and
Dan Schmitt (Poinsettia Sale)

These ARJA Board Members go above and beyond to make these two fundraisers a success.

Entrepreneurship Committee Business of the Month

House of Dow

1501 Adams St., Toledo, OH 43604

House of Dow is a fun vintage resale shop with something for everyone! From vintage kids clothes to plus sizes, the shop carries a variety of styles to fit all figures. A large variety of accessories decorate the walls of the shop, and there are knick knacks, books, and toys throughout the store. Stop in for a fur collar for your coat, a designer tie for the perfect gift, or an ugly Christmas sweater to be the hit at your holiday party! Open 7 days a week or online at www.houseofdow.com

ment's response to crime in the neighborhood. We are not primarily an emergency response service. In an emergency or active crime situation, call 911 first. Patrols can be directed to particular locations, but that is not the main purpose of the patrols as a deterrent. The more supporters OWES has, the more patrols we run, and the more effective the deterrent is. More supporters = more patrols = more security. It's that simple.

Please note that OWES Board meetings are the first Tuesday of each month, and open to the public. If you have questions, suggestions, or are looking for ways to get involved, please let us know at oldwestendsecurity@gmail.com.

The Women of The Old West End

WOWE Officers:
Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore & Tammy Michalak

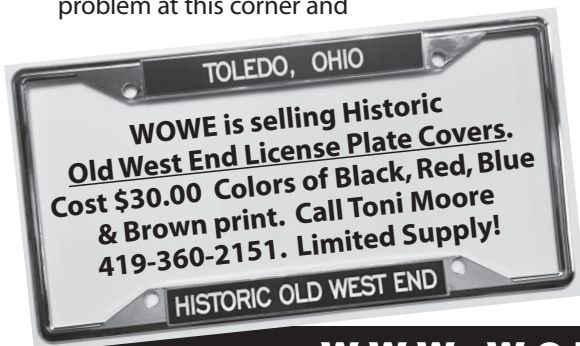


STOP SIGNS on BANCROFT

For those of us who were part of the Bancroft Beautification Committee and who worked with the City Engineering Dept. to make sure that Bancroft had a better outcome than Collingwood Ave., we had many concerns about several things. WE questioned the City of Toledo's Engineering Dept. about the removal of the Traffic Light at Parkwood Ave. We were skeptical that there would be nothing to stop cars from speeding down Bancroft without a traffic light to slow traffic down.

The reasons given to the committee that this would not be necessary were: there would be a bike lane and additional parking on Bancroft, next to Ann Manor and near the Willy's house ... and all of this would calm the traffic. We were assured that this would calm the traffic on several occasions. WE were also told that according to studies that were done that Bancroft did not need a Traffic Light or Stop Signs. WE (the committee) were still not convinced that any of that would calm the traffic. WE (the committee) asked for a traffic study to be done after the Bancroft Bridge over 475 was completed and were told by the Engineering and Transportation Depts. that this would happen after Festival (2015)... 2 1/2 years ago ... to determine IF Bancroft warranted a stop sign. This traffic study happened.

After many e-mails, calls and meetings we were told the Traffic study would be done this year after the Monroe St. reconstruction was done. This did not happen either. In the meantime, and without a Traffic Light or Stop Signs, several accidents have happened mostly near the intersection of Scottwood and Bancroft. After repeated calls about a "line of sight" problem at this corner and



2017 Tours de Noel

With much gratitude we say a heartfelt Thank You to **Homeowners, House Captains, Sponsors, History Museum & OWE Antiques, Churches, Cookie Bakers** (both for the Tree Lighting & Cookie Walk), **Golf Cart Parade Chair & Participants, Light the Neighborhood Chair & Participants** who took the time to light up their homes, **Central Catholic Alumni Glee Club** (who sang at the Tree Lighting) and this year's **Amazing Committee** ... **THIS YEAR'S TOUR WAS JUST PLAIN OUTSTANDING.**

HATS OFF TO

Homeowners, House Captains, Churches, Toledo History Museum & OWE Antiques

The Marshall - Exton Home

House Captains:

Phil Klunk & Crystal Rogers

The Taber-Urbank-Bodkin Home

House Captain: *Carol Kutsche*

The Edward Ford Home

House Captains:

Tim Bexton & Michael Walker

The Bour-Sawers Home

House Captain: *Marge Dottling*

The Milmine-Stewart Home

Jan Hemsoth

First Congregational Church

Pastor Larry Vriezelaar

Glenwood Lutheran Church

Pastor Chris Hanley

because of parked cars on Bancroft next to Ann Manor, we again asked for the traffic study. Along with this, individuals were having difficulty crossing Bancroft during the busy time of day.

One month ago and feeling very frustrated, a call was made to someone who understood what we were dealing with. This individual made a call ... a brief traffic study was done on Scottwood and 3 days later 3 Stop Signs were installed! It has definitely calmed traffic since Bancroft was a speedway from Monroe St. to Collingwood Ave. Needless to say WE are pleased with the outcome. While some OWEnders grumbled about it ... it has truly made it safer for pedestrians and cars crossing Bancroft. The Stop Signs on Bancroft at Scottwood have definitely slowed the traffic down.

In January's Newsletter we will recognize neighbors who offered their home, volunteers, churches etc. along with pictures of Tours de Noel.

Please Support the TOURS de NOEL SPONSORS!

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LIBBEY GLASS OUTLET MANOS

SWESEY FLORIST

Thank You also to everyone who supported "Tours de Noel" our annual main fund raiser. **Consider giving a "Christmas Donation" to Women of the Old West End** so that we are able to continue our quest to impact the OWE.

Proceeds from Tours de Noel are used to support WOWE'S mission. This year we were able to put \$18,000 back into our neighborhood. The largest amount ever thanks to the generosity of many.

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

Jan. 10, 2017 **Debbie Stambaugh**
2636 Parkwood Ave.
The Jan. meeting is one week later than our usual day.

Feb. 7, 2017 **Melody Brewer**
2553 Glenwood Ave.



Many thanks to our hearty volunteers who helped rake out the Commons Park. Even if all the leaves did not fall....darn it. Grateful for the efforts of **Jim Logan, Carol Kutsche, Bob Bogantz, Rick Reisner, Dave & Toni Moore, Ken Schumaker and Pastor Chris Hanley**

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First Congregational Church
presents

A Christmas Celebration

Toledo Symphony Orchestra
Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 3:00pm
2315 Collingwood Blvd. (43620)
Ticket Donation - \$15 in advance
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FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

the last Sunday of each month from 4 - 5 pm at Collingwood
Presbyterian Church, 2108 Collingwood Blvd. Entrance off Floyd
Street, Handicapped Accessible. Info. call Lynn LaPlante 419-244-4921

Vistula VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS TEA and Open House - DEC. 15, 16 & 17

Matthew Brown House, 1107 Superior St., Toledo
Seats are \$30.00 / Call Richard 419-266-8039

German 1/4-hr. 8-day GRANDFATHER CLOCK ca. 1920

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