

# HISTORIC TIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TOLEDO'S HISTORIC OLD WEST END



## To Do List...

**"Tree Lighting"**

Dec. 1, 4 pm, Commons

**"Winterfest"**

Dec. 1, 2, 3 Libbey House

**"Holiday Night Market"**

December 2, 4-10pm

5/3 Building, 1 Seagate

**"Holidays@Manor House"**

Dec. 2-10, 10am-8pm

**"Handel's Messiah"**

December 3, 7pm

Rosary Cathedral

**"ARJA Cookie P.U."**

P.U. on Sun., Dec. 10

2-4 pm, Coll. Pres.

**"Wine Tastings"**

Thursday, Dec. 14, 5pm

Black Kite Coffee

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

## NBI Grant

By Andrew Larsen

The Neighborhood Beautification & Improvement Committee recently met and approved two grants. One grant will be for benches, trash cans and a bike rack to enhance the community gathering area/basketball court near Collingwood Presbyterian. The other will be for flower planters, benches and trash cans to create a central thoroughfare on Lawrence Ave. in OWE Cushing Utopia Addition. These grant awards represent significant investments into those areas of the neighborhood. Do you have a great idea for making our neighborhood better? Let NBI help make your idea a reality! The grant application is found on the OWE website: [www.toledoodwestend.com](http://www.toledoodwestend.com)

## Old West End Dinner Club



Back by popular demand, the **OWE Dinner Club** will be starting up again in January! Dinner Club connects groups of neighbors for smaller social gatherings shared over food. Groups of neighbors will take turns hosting dinners in their home for the same group of people. New this time around will be a Restaurant Club for those who don't want to cook or host. More info, and sign-up using this QR code or by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/muwnmpxy>. Questions or assistance - call/text Andrew 419-889-8785 or email [a.larsenlmt@gmail.com](mailto:a.larsenlmt@gmail.com) or call/text Mary 419-371-1236 or email [mary.glasmeier@gmail.com](mailto:mary.glasmeier@gmail.com). Hope you'll join the fun!

## Old West End Tree Nursery

The all-volunteer Old West End Tree Nursery received a \$8435 grant from Toledo Rotary Club/Greater Toledo Community Foundation. This grant will fund an infrastructure that allows the tree nursery to raise nearly 2000 trees at a time. Once mature, the trees will be distributed for FREE to homeowners, faith communities, nonprofits, businesses, and anyone else who would like to improve our urban forest. The grant also provides a modest amount of funding for youth work opportunities.

In order to stretch the funding, we are doing much of the work ourselves. This fall and winter, we will build the infrastructure at a workspace donated by Ohlman's Greenhouse. We need volunteers to help with this work.

The tree nursery is on the 400 block of Floyd and receives critical support from **Collingwood Presbyterian Church** and the **Women of the Old West End**. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Michael Szuberla at [mszuberla@yahoo.com](mailto:mszuberla@yahoo.com) or 419-245-4539.

## Top-floor décor

Our November top-floor décor location is 2202 Glenwood. The winners are Mary Glowacki, Bill Frisk, and Kyle Watterworth. Our December top-floor décor picture is shown below. I keep a record of all those who correctly identify the top floor décor by 5 PM on the 15th of each month. **Mary Glowacki** wins the \$100 gift card for Black Kite with 11 out of 11 correct identifications so far; one more will give her a record-breaking perfect performance for the year. Because of his also outstanding performance, **Bill Frisk** wins a second-place \$50 gift card for Black Kite with 7 correct responses so far, aiming for 8 total. No one else can match these records for this year. For our last identification of the year, as always, a correct response identifies the location of the building, by its street address, in an email message to [Donald.godfrey@utoledo.edu](mailto:Donald.godfrey@utoledo.edu), with the subject heading Top-floor décor. The body of your message should have the street address of the building and your name.



## Kudos to:

**Don Godfrey**  
for coordinating and funding the **Top-floor décor** article each month for the last 2 years.

**Jada Burnep & Kids**  
for being Historic Times couriers.

**Jacob Scher and Barb Apple**  
for volunteering to be new couriers.

## Association Holiday Potluck

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 6pm

Ford Mansion, 2205 Collingwood Blvd.

Bring a side dish to share! **EVERYONE IS INVITED!**





## Letter from the President

by Chris Hanley  
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Dear Old West Enders,

Last week our friend Matt Wiederhold, Executive Director of Heritage Ohio, hosted a Zoom meeting for folks working on historic architecture throughout the state. The Cleveland Restoration Society is working on a fund to maintain historically Black churches. The Cincinnati Preservation Association is helping neighborhoods identify what "preservation" means for them and what are their preservation priorities. I filled in for our Preservation Committee, and I got to share updates about the WGTE Toledo Story, the CGL grant for Historic Guidelines for our neighborhood, the plans to improve Glenwood and Romanoff Parks, and the work on 624 Delaware. They were impressed with what we have been able to accomplish as an all volunteer organization, and I felt really proud of our neighborhood. My favorite thing about our neighbor is how engaged we are. We have so many neighbors who are willing to make something happen, and for me that's leadership.

Each of these projects has taken leadership. Each one began as "someone should really work on this" or "the Old West End Association should really do this" and each time a person or a team has decided that, instead of telling someone else what they should be doing, they would just get to work on it.

Each of these projects has become bigger than it was first imagined. In 2021, few people predicted how energizing the work on 624 Delaware would be for the Preservation Committee and for the whole neighborhood. I've heard project manager Tom Guyton say that this project is worth much more than the house itself. It's become a place to learn, to share talents, and, since it began, Preservation Committee meetings have tripled

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023  
**OWE Executive Board Meeting**  
Ford Mansion, 2205 Collingwood (7 pm)

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023  
**Association Holiday Potluck**  
Ford Mansion, 2205 Collingwood (6 pm)  
Assoc. provides meat and beverage.  
Bring a dish to share.  
**ALL NEIGHBORS ARE WELCOME!**

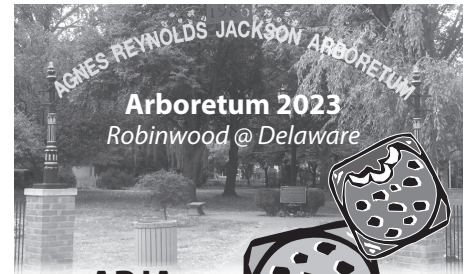
in size, in part due to excitement about actually preserving a house. Their vision, as they expressed at this past Association meeting, is to finish and sell the house, using proceeds to begin work on the next project.

Leadership in our neighborhood also looks like trying new things. Jackie Lay, Kira Alvitre, and Judy Stone hosted a fantastic 'Newbies' party for folks who have come to the neighborhood in the past three years. Leadership looks like asking challenging questions about how we plan to fund our growing projects like our Treasurer, Kim Howard, has been asking and challenging us to prioritize. Leadership also looks like accepting a formal role on the OWE Association Board so that each of these projects has oversight and support from neighbors who are willing to meet monthly to carry out the objectives of the Association.

Last month we held an election for our Board. I want to thank everyone who accepted a nomination to be a leader in this neighborhood organization. I want to congratulate our new trustee, Laure Hammond, and our new Vice President, Nick Malenda. Kim Howard will return as treasurer, and I will return for one more year to the role of President where I commit to listening to the center and the margins of the OWE, to implementing our new strategic plans, and to collaborating with more excellent leaders in our neighborhood to keep our momentum going.

Your neighbor,  
Chris Hanley

PS: I hope to see you at the Ford Mansion for our Holiday Potluck Meeting of the OWE Association! Thank you so much to **Chuck Madrigal** and **Finley Gleason** for hosting us!



## ARJA HOLIDAY COOKIE SALE

You can still order on-line at:

[www.toledooldwestend.com/cookie-walk](http://www.toledooldwestend.com/cookie-walk)  
by **December 6th**. Drive thru pick-up is Sunday, December 10 (2 - 4pm) at Collingwood Presbyterian Church.



## OLD WEST END SECURITY

The mission of Old West End Security has always been to make the Old West End a safer and more secure neighborhood for all our neighbors. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in that effort. Times change, technology changes, and our neighborhood has changed. The current model, using supporter fees to hire a private company to provide patrols as a deterrent against crime, has run its course. As neighbors have focused on community networks for sharing information and responding to issues, as well as shifting to new methods securing their private property, numbers of supporters have dwindled. We no longer have sufficient support or engagement to provide patrols at a rate that serves as an effective deterrent.

**THIS IS A GOOD THING.** The majority of the Old West End no longer feels a need for third-party patrols in the neighborhood... **which means that after 30+ years, OWES has fulfilled our mission.** As such, OWES is in the process of winding down operations. **We are hosting a community meeting to discuss our plans and answer any questions on Monday, December 4, at Kent Branch Library (Central and Collingwood), from 7-8 pm.** We welcome you to join us and to take part in the conversation. You can also contact us at **(419) 504-5465**. This is a new number, and your call will be forwarded to one of the Board members. We will respond within 24 hours. You can also email us at [oldwestendsecurity@gmail.com](mailto:oldwestendsecurity@gmail.com).

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023

## Glenwood Park Coalition

Kent Branch Library, (6:00 pm)

Discussing neighborhood concerns and Glenwood Park Improvements. Guests: Councilwoman **Cassandra McPherson** and **Joe Fasnaugh**, Director of City Parks & Youth Recreation.

## O.W.E. Preservation Meeting

There will not be a December meeting. Please join fellow neighbors at the Association Holiday Potluck on December 19th instead. Preservation will resume in January.

Monday, Dec. 4, 2023

**O.W.E. Security Meeting**  
Kent Branch Library, (7:00 pm)



# The Women of The Old West End

WOWE Officers:  
Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore  
and Tammy Michalak

A HAPPY & HOLY HOLIDAY SEASON TO ONE AND ALL FROM  
**WOMEN OF THE OLD WEST END**



Tours De Noel

## WINTERFEST

**Tree Lighting • Tours de Noel • High Tea**  
**(a trifecta of holiday events)**

### COMMONS PARK SIGN

Many of you may not know but the Commons Park sign is the last of these kind of sign in all the City Parks. This sign was installed in 1976. WOWE went to the City in the early 70's to request that the vacant land become a park for the OWE. The city agreed and a park was built and dedicated with this magnificent sign.

We have been concerned about this wood sign, and this past year two things have happened to preserve it. One being Dave McIntyre, who spent countless hours saving the wood, sealing it and recently adding an additional application. In the meantime we contacted neighbor Jack Wilson who works in metal to put a cap on the sign to continue to preserve it.



A grateful & heartfelt thanks to Jack Wilson and his apprentice Hanna Lehmann for spending a day preparing and installing metal around the sign helping us to preserve this "one of a kind" sign. The sign has taken on a new look. It's beautiful!!



It's the Christmas Season and WOWE begins it with another wonderful Tree Lighting in the Commons Park. Santa & Mrs. Claus, Caroling, Fellowship, Hot Soup, Cookies and warm beverages greeted all who attended. The huge Christmas Tree was lit at 5:30pm to the delight of all who attended.

Home Owners Jen Teschner & Joe Tafelski where recognized for opening their home for the Tea. The annual High Tea was held at the Libbey House with 100+ attending. The Libbey House Foundation and WOWE have partnered for the High Tea's. The Libbey House, was again given many compliments on how beautiful the home was decorated and especially how wonderful the Tea and Lunch as well.

**The beautiful home of Jennifer Teschner & Joseph Tafelski**, 2120 Robinwood Ave. was on tour for this day for those who purchased tickets with their High Tea reservation. Each room in the home was themed ie; The Nutcracher, The Night Before Christmas etc. This home was a work of art! So much thought and effort was put into this Tour.

A very special Thank You to: **Joe & Jen** and also the House Captains, **Kathy Jarret & Marge Dottling**.

Photo below is from September's Harvest Tea



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

Attend our meetings and find out how WOWE is working to preserve the integrity our neighborhood.

**December**  
**Jan. 10**

**No Meeting**  
**Toni & Dave Moore**  
 2369 Robinwood Ave.

### OWE TOTE BAGS



Do you need a special gift for someone or even for yourself? WOWE is selling these beautiful Canvas Tote Bags. They have an inside pocket and snap closer. Size 16Wx13H. The house on the bag is the Zahm House which is an OWE Lost Treasure!

These beautiful bags sell for \$20.00.  
Call: 419-360-2151 or e-mail: tmoore\_etfc@hotmail.com

**First Congregational Church**  
 2315 Collingwood Blvd.  
**The Women's Fellowship**  
 is holding a  
*Christmas Boutique*  
**at the Church**  
 Sunday, December 10th  
 11:00am - 2:00pm

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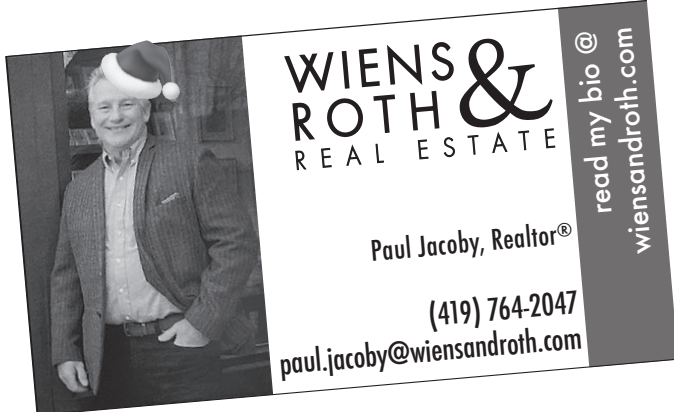
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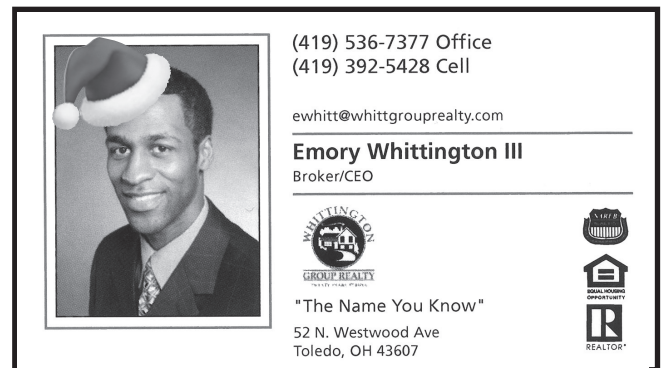


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