



HISTORIC TIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TOLEDO'S HISTORIC OLD WEST END



PLEASE WELCOME -



OWE Security has hired a new patrol company, **I.D.E.R.** I.D.E.R. is an acronym for **Investigate, Detect, Enforce, Recover** and we are very excited to be working with them. IDER is a relatively young company, established in early 2017 and now is a team of eight. The team is innovative, collaborative and passionate about safety and community as well as being highly trained and experienced professionals. The company's founders are Chief Dale Cliché and his wife, Keanna Cliché. They are Toledo natives and have been married for 9 years. They both worked in the security industry for several years before creating IDER and achieving their dream of becoming business owners. Dale manages the company as well as conducts patrols, Keanna is the Human Resources manager, and they have a team of six qualified patrol officers. All officers are trained in firearms through the Ohio Peace Officers Commission, Subject Control, Chemical Agents, Handcuffing, First Aid, CPR, Baton and AED.

IDER started patrols in OWE early December. You may have seen their car, or IDER officers helping neighbors fix flat tires or helping them gain access to their locked cars. As a side benefit, IDER has other clients adjacent to OWE allowing them easier, more frequent access to our area. Please contact OWE Security if you have any feedback or questions about IDER. We are thrilled to be working with them, and think they are a great addition to our community.

Patrols add an extra set of eyes on our homes and streets, making our neighborhood hospitable for residents and as inhospitable for crime as possible. We depend on our residents' monetary support to pay for these patrols. Churches, apartments, businesses and residential homes are all part of our supporter base.

To Do List . . .
 "No Business Like
 Poe Business"
 7-10 pm, February 9
 Collingwood Arts Center
Fire & Ice Winter Fest.
 Feb. 21-23, Promenade
 Park, Music, Demos,
 Performances, Ice
 Sculptures, Zip Line,
 Crafts, FREE
O.W.E. & Area FUN

Kudos to:


Helen Cooks
 for receiving the *Drum Major for Justice*
Award at the Alpha Phi Alpha
 Scholarship Breakfast

O.W.E. Neighbors
 that contributed to the
 Association Annual Fund

Micheline Brewer
 for clearing out the remaining inventory
 of Historic Old West End Books

Scott Powers
 for clearing the sidewalks around the
 Arboretum.

OWE resident **Brittany Burns** who
 will be performing in the *Little Mermaid*
 Maumee Indoor Theatre
 Feb. 14 & 15, 8:00 pm & Feb. 16, 2:30 pm



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Sunday Brunch & Buffet in the O.W.E.



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**Every 2nd and 4th Sunday
of each month, Noon - 5 pm**

\$16 per person

Includes Beef, Chicken, Fish
 Fried Corn, Greens, Mac & Cheese, Yams,
 Salads, Assorted Breads, Non-Alcoholic
 Beverages, PLUS Entertainment Hosted
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THEN

**Every 2nd & 4th Sunday Evening
7 pm - 10 pm**

JAM SESSION

Hosted by KATCH BAND
FREE Admission for Musicians
 General Admission **\$5.00**
 Lite Refreshments will be available.

**MEETING
REMINDERS**



O.W.E.N.I.
No Feb. Meeting

W.O.W.E.
Feb. 6, 6:30pm
 Diane Duggan, 2369 Robinwod

O.W.E. Association
Feb. 19, 7:30 pm
 CAC Pride Room



Letter from the President

by Jeni Belt



During our most recent Snowmageddon, I wound up at a friend/neighbor's house for some impromptu chili and games, where I met two new (to me, anyway) who immediately felt like fast friends (hopefully they'd agree!). Gratitude washes over me when I think of how fortunate we are to have such a welcoming community. I hope everyone is enjoying their winter, whether it's hunkering down because of the cold, or getting out and playing in it!

I can't think about February without summoning that famous line from Don McClean—"but February made me shiver, with every paper I delivered." Thank you to our neighborhood newsletter couriers—I appreciate your commitment to getting our publication out.

Several (ok, many) years ago, the Old West End Association developed a Strategic Plan to drive the efforts of the neighborhood. Its main objectives were: to increase engagement of neighbors as active participants, attract business/develop strategic partnerships, and to increase preservation efforts. While I believe we've achieved some success in each of these areas, it's time to re-evaluate and re-define. Stay tuned for a new Strategic Plan and concrete measures to implement identified goals.

One of the goals from the prior plan, attract businesses/develop strategic



partnerships, is a long game, rather than a short step. To implement this goal, the Entrepreneurship Committee was created. This committee began its work in 2016 and continues to evolve as its participants identify their needs and goals. Most recently, it changed its meeting format to a networking and development concept. Thanks to all who attended the meeting and who help to strengthen and carry this committee forward.

Our January meeting of the Association featured **IDER**, the new security company hired by Old West End Security to patrol the neighborhood. I was happy to learn of the diversity of the staff of this company and its practice of walking patrols to get to know neighbors. Join the **Security Fundraiser at the Attic on Feb. 3** to learn more.

Festival 2019 planning has been underway for some time. We are in the midst of lining up volunteers, so start thinking about how you can help us throw the biggest and best neighborhood party of the summer!

February's meeting of the Association takes place February 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pride Room at the Collingwood Arts Center. See you there!



OLD WEST END SECURITY

Thank You ...

... to all who came to the OWES Super Bowl Sunday fundraiser at The Attic! Thanks to **The Attic** for providing all the food, drink specials and the location. It was a great time. The funds raised will pay for OWES' administrative needs which enables all supporter monies go directly to patrols.

More supporters = More patrols.

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

February Security Tips: When it snows, shovel your driveway and walkway. It reinforces that someone is alert and maintaining the home, as well as it doesn't leave "tracks" of when you leave or return.

Old West End Business Network Group

(Formally known as the Entrepreneurship Committee)

The entrepreneurship committee will be hosting the OWE Business Network Group this month in the home of Susan Doktor at 2439 Scottwood on February 13, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Heavy networking and light refreshments provided. We're laying groundwork for the Autumn Market, and discussing other points of order. Bring some business cards and ideas to share!



With strategic planning and capacity building initiatives for OWENI in full effect, **we have moved to a system of community meetings every 2 months instead of every month.** No community meeting for the month of February, but if you'd like to stay up to date, please 'like' us on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/OWENIToledo>. Planning for our March community meeting is now in motion. We will be hosting a community conversation **"On Distrust Between Law Enforcement and the Community"** on **March 19, 2019, 6pm at Kent Library**. This will be a panel discussion that consists of community leaders and law enforcement where we will discuss how to mitigate some of the distrust and tension that exists between the two. You won't want to miss it! More details to come. If you have any contacts that you think would be interested, feel free to message the OWENI Facebook.

Support Your Local Coffee Shop!





The Women of The Old West End

WOWE Officers:
Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore
& Tammy Michalak

BANCROFT STREET

A few months ago the Bancroft Beautification Committee was able to secure Stop Signs at the three corners of Scottwood and Bancroft. Please know that this committee was unable to secure another Traffic light in the restructuring of Bancroft as the City Engineering Dept. informed us that a Traffic Light was not needed due to the findings of a study that had been done on the Bancroft traffic flow. At that time, we asked to revisit this situation if needed. We observed that it was truly needed as Bancroft became a racetrack from Monroe to Collingwood with nothing to slow down the cars. While the stop signs have helped to quiet the traffic, the Transportation Dept. has now informed us that they will be removing the Stop Signs and replacing them with those traffic signs that tell you how fast you are going. **Not Good!!** That corner needed to have the street marked as a cross walk so that drivers knew where to stop and to also guide pedestrians where to cross. The Beautification Committee still has issues of where the crossings take place since the sidewalk is offset at the corners. Additionally, there is still a "line of sight" issue at Scottwood (going south) where you have to pull out into the intersection to see where traffic is! We have asked for police to enforce the Stop Signs..... that did not happen. Instead we face the loss of the Stop Signs, speeding traffic and no place to safely cross Bancroft in the heart of the neighborhood. The BBC is continuing to resolve this situation and while the Stop Signs may not be the answer we still need a Traffic Lights or another set of Stop Signs at Glenwood and Bancroft. The need also is to have the Scottwood at Bancroft marked as a crosswalk and that cars are to stop. The BBC through WOWE will continue to keep you informed. Stay tuned.

THE HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS TASK FORCE MEETING

On Jan.14th the final meeting of the Historic District Commission Task Force was held at the Land Bank Office. This meeting was to glean information from the Historic Districts which comprised of 2 Reps. from the OWE, 2 from Vistula, 2 from Westmoreland, 1 from City Historic and 1 from Preserve Toledo. The meeting/s held were to discuss the continuance of Historic Districts and to glean information pertinent to the continuance of Historic Districts.

(This information in the next column is a draft only. No decision on it yet.)

From Mr. David Kosmyna, a neighbor on Collingwood and member of the Task Force and a representative of OWE Historic District Commission.

David Mann, Ex. Director of the Land Bank will finalize a list of recommendations and actions steps sometime in March to submit to the Mayor and City Offices. The primary recommendation is to keep the Historic District Commissions as they currently exist for the time being, in order to create Handbooks and give this operational model a few seasons to evaluate its anticipated efficiency and consistency.

DAVID KOSMYNA requested the following measures be included:

1. The City of Toledo take active steps to communicate with the State to remove tax-exempt status for "ghost" churches, in order to prevent blight and ensure tax-exempt churches have active congregations in order to retain such status.
2. The City will coordinate with the County to document on all property transfers that any property in a Historic District Overlay will include a disclosure stating such.
3. The City will implement a policy that requires all internal offices and external contractors to acknowledge that work is being done in a Historic District Overlay and must be compliant with specific regulations (TBD), such as curbs, sidewalks and trees. For all of these measures, the thinking is a ZIP code alarm will trigger a map to see where an overlay occurs.

(REMEMBER THIS IS JUST A DRAFT. DAVID KOSMYNA WILL GIVE AND REPOST TO US THE FINAL DECISION WHEN HE RECEIVES IT.)

YET ANOTHER GROUP HOME REQUEST FOR DISTRICT 4

Warren Common's, a proposed 65 unit facility at the corner of Franklin & Woodruff TASC of Northwest Ohio, Eden & Pirhl have partnered to develop this project. This group said this was to address the homeless issue but were reluctant to say that it would include individuals coming out of jail, drug and alcohol addictions, mental healthiness etc.

On Tuesday, Jan. 22 a Meeting/Open House was held at Ebenezer Baptist Church to in-

form neighbors of Warren Sherman, OWENI and OWE residents about this project. Councilwomen Yvonne Harper also attended to hear what the "Warren Common's" developers and service agencies would present. *By the way they claim it is not a group home.*

There was conflicting information about this meeting.....1. that it was not a meeting and... 2. it was only an Open House for people to just stop and pick up information about this project. An Open House is not a meeting. The Plan Commission would expect a meeting of ALL to allow information for dialog.

The Open House issue was met with many questions and residents from all of the above neighborhoods had questions. One Warren Sherman resident who is a Police Officer was very upset as were many of her neighbors who never received a notice of the "Open House/ Meeting". Yvonne Harper then spoke and informed Sylvester Gould and the group that she had been told it was a meeting and that was why so many people attended to have dialog with the Developers and Task. Needless to say it got a little contentious and the groups were told that the District 4's issue's could be discussed at the Plan Commission meeting at 9:30AM the next day. This meeting was then cancelled because of weather and the fact that the Plan Commission Board did not have a quorum. As of the writing of this newsletter we have not heard yet when this meeting with the Plan Commission will be rescheduled.

However, this e-mail was just received and was sent to the developers of Warren Commons today...Jan. 23.

From Tom Gibbon, Ex. Dir. of the Plan Commission Gentleman,

Based on information provided at last night's neighborhood meeting for the Warren Commons development you will be required to obtain a Special Use Permit. The material provided (see attached documentation) to the public stated that on-site services (substance abuse treatment) will be provided at the proposed Warren Commons site. This is contrary to what was explained to me at our earlier meetings that this will only be an apartment complex and no drug treatment operations will transpire at the site. Given this new information this project will be required to have a Special Use Permit for a residential drug and alcohol facility. In addition, there is currently a moratorium on accepting applications for these types of facilities in Council District 4 and the Plan Commission cannot accept the application at this time. The application for a major site plan review will not be placed on the agenda until a Special Use Permit application can be processed.

If this was in error and is not going to have on-site treatment then an additional neighborhood meeting will be required to clarify this issue. I suggest a larger venue than what was provided last night so the neighbors can be seated and be provided a presentation clearly describing the project.

Regards,
Tom Gibbons, Director Plan Commission

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

Feb. 6, Diane Duggan
2369 Robinwood Ave. (Upstairs)

Mar. 6, Debbie Stambaugh
2636 Parkwood Ave.

April 3, Geralyn Brock
3 Tremain

May 1, Carol Kutsche
2483 Scottwood Ave.

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