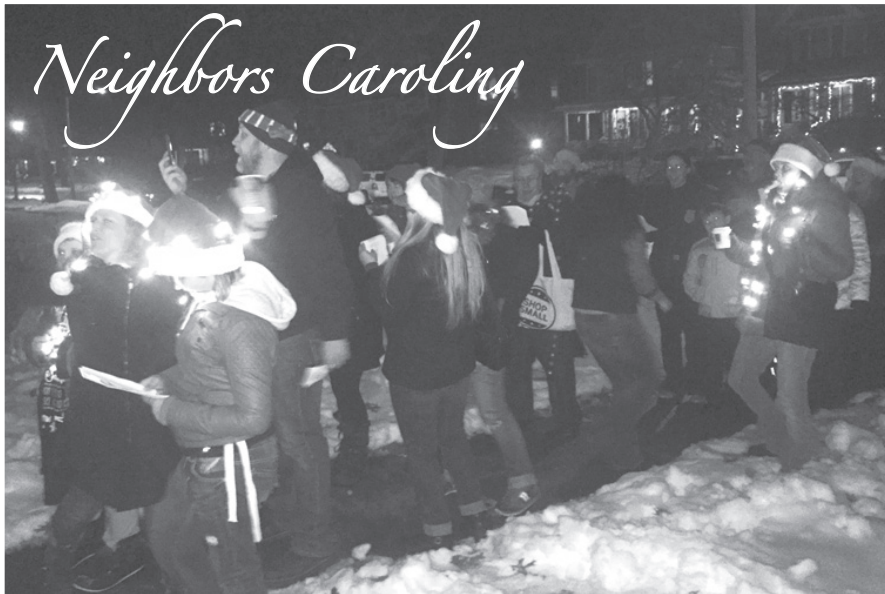


Tree Lighting and Tours de Noel 2016



Neighbors Caroling



Kudos to:
Tours de Noel
 Thank you to *all the Volunteers:*
 House Captains, Tour Guides,
 Cookie Bakers, Physical Setup and Guests



**Letter from
the President**
by Courtney Macklin

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017
O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting
6 p.m. at **Deb Kienzle Home**
2238 Scottwood Ave.

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017
Association Meeting
7 p.m. at **The Libbey House**
2008 Scottwood Ave.

EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME!



Happy 2017 everyone!
I know this is going to be a great year for our neighborhood!

At the Old West End Association December meeting and potluck, the Association voted in officers for 2017. The association voted Courtney Macklin as President, Jeni Belt as Vice President, Ann Guyton as Secretary, John Shaw as Treasurer. John Kraft and Micheline Brewer were elected as Trustees, and join Deb Kienzle, Sue Postal and Dan Schmitt, our three Trustees who were not up for election this year. I'd also like to give a very big thank you to the OWE's own Judge Singer for swearing us in!

I'm sorry to say you are going to have to suffer through my articles for one more year. But have you noticed that they haven't opened with "I can't believe it's already (insert month here)" for a while?

I know it's hard to believe, but **Festival** is only 6 months away! Mark your new calendars for June 3-4 and SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER! This can now be done online at www.toledoldwestend.com, simply click on Festival. Additionally, we would all love to see how truly amazing and unique your house is, so consider putting it on tour!

The new **Entrepreneurship** committee would like to compile a resource of businesses and business owners in the OWE to be made available to our neighbors. Whether you own a brick and mortar shop or are a contractor, lawyer, doctor, instructor, sell knitted, cat-themed wine holders online, or are another type of business owner, please e-mail the details of your business (name, contact information, address if applicable, and what you do) to oweassociation@gmail.com. The directory that comes out of this will be an awesome resource to help support our OWE businesses and business owners.

The **Neighborhood Beautification and Improvement Fund** received really great grant applications this past round, and I can't wait to see what projects that Festival proceeds can help fund. The next round of grant applications is due on **April 30**. I know you all have a great idea for a project that could improve our neighborhood. Don't be shy, and shoot for the moon. We have many great public spaces and institutions and I know everyone has that "wouldn't it be great if..." thought about at least one of them. Whether it's big or small, this is a chance to make it happen! The easy, painless application instructions can be found at www.toledoldwestend.com.

Many exciting things are on the docket for Toledo and the Old West End in the coming year, keep yourself informed and get involved. The next Old West End Association meeting is on Tuesday January 17 at 7:00pm at the Libbey House, 2008 Scottwood. Refreshments are provided. I hope to see you there!



**Be
Informed
in 2017!**

**OLD WEST END
SECURITY**

We are offering a monthly email report to all regular supporters/subscribers. This includes incidents the patrols have encountered, anything reported to us, along with general news and updates. Supporters, please let us know your preferred email address if you would like to receive this in your inbox by emailing us: OldWestEndSecurity@gmail.com.

Save the Date!
Old West End Security's
Superbowl Fundraiser
Sunday, February 5th
Doors open at 6:00 p.m. - Kickoff at 6:30 p.m.
The Attic, 1701 Adams Street (Above Manos)

If you are interested in getting more involved with Old West End Security by possibly joining the board, please reach out to us. Supporters are always welcome at our monthly meetings.

Join your neighbors in adding more eyes on our homes and streets! You can pay for your support online: OldWestEndSecurity.com

**Old West End Historic
District Commission**

Neighbors, if you are planning any exterior alterations please contact Molly Maguire at the City of Toledo Plan Commission for a certificate of appropriateness. Molly can be contacted at 419-245-1200 or molly.Maguire@toledo.oh.gov



2017 Old West End Holiday gathering at the Libbey House on Tuesday December 20th.

WOWE's new & improved Web Site Thanks Jemma Hostetler



The Women of The Old West End

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

flappy New Year!!!

WOWE WISHES EACH OF OUR READERS A HEALTHY, HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 2017

As the years continue to roll by, and much to quickly I might add, I am reminded of all that has happened in the 46 years we have lived here. Police protection in the late 60's and 70's was almost non-existent. Response time sometimes was 45 minutes or longer. For example, a neighbor found someone breaking into a house and held that person there... yelled to a neighbor to call the police. After a half hour of waiting for the police to come the guy who broke in just walked out of the house. It wasn't until Chief Mike Navarre attended a WOWE meeting that things began to change and today this neighborhood has a good relationship with the TPD. During this same time period there was 'red lining' by our local banking industry and some insurance companies. Judge Andy Devine, who lived in the OWE for many years felt that if we could get the wives of the Mortgage Loan officers from each bank to see our neighborhood, meet the people who live here and see the beauty of these homes, it just might make a difference. Andy did all the up front meeting with each of the Loan Officers from all of the banks. That same year in, 1975 WOWE with Judge Devine held a cocktail party in the Dunn-Blair house for the banks and media. The RSVPs came in with many saying they could not stay long. (As you know it was the inner city and many did not want to stay late). The Cocktail Party guests were invited to tour 5 homes. The

Dunn-Blair was, and still is a magnificent home and the guests were overwhelmed by the beauty of its architecture. Piano music and a harpist greeted all the attendee's. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were served and then they were encouraged to tour the homes as they were all within walking distance from the party. They toured a home that a young couple had just purchased that needed so much work. The couple spoke to the guests and expressed their love for the OWE, their newly purchased FHA home and their willingness to put sweat equity into it to make it whole again. It had been a rooming house. It's the home that Dave and Lynn LaPlante now reside in. They saw homes that were finished, some that were getting done and some that were going to take years to make whole again. However, each of these homes had owners who loved the home, loved living in the inner city and each home had great architecture. The wives and some of the men could see it and frankly were overwhelmed by all of it. Before this event ever happened you could not obtain a Conventional Mortgage Loan from any bank in Toledo within the central city. It was either VA, FHA or Land Contract or unless you could put 30% down. Even though the homes cost much less than today, 30% down was a lot of money for the young couples moving in. Oddly enough 90% of a Conventional Mortgage Loan that did happen for the

OWE were secured through First Federal of Defiance. Hugh Bartley, a Real Estate Broker sat on the Board for that bank and knew that this neighborhood and those willing to purchase these homes were worth the risk. Gentrification was on the rise for the OWE. Needless to say, after that event the local banking industry began to loosen up on loans for the OWE and the central city. WOWE held this event two years in a row and I can tell you that the guests were so taken by the people they met and the homes they were able to visit that the second year was even bigger. I must tell you too that many came with camera's ... it was like the re-filming of Ben Hur, and even though they said they could not stay long many guests stayed well after midnight.

This is only the tip of the iceberg of the many things that have continued to help preserve our neighborhood. So many have worked hard and fought many battles. There is so much more to tell and more to do even today. We ask that each of you get involved with the neighborhood ... we need you and your talent to continue the legacy. We are only the stewards of our homes and this neighborhood. Saying that, we must all work to preserve and ensure it remains intact for the generations who will follow.

Next month I will write about the length of time it took to get the neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places. This was a monumental feat.



The Common's Christmas lights are a beacon for all who live and travel through the OWE. Thanks again to Paul Davidge & Todd Ruehle for making us all smile when we see it. Your efforts again are so appreciated.

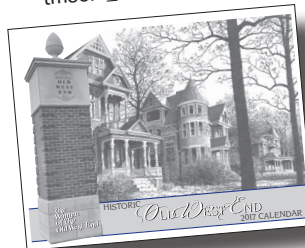
UPCOMING WOWE MEETINGS 6:30 POTLUCK 7:00 MEETING FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH All neighbors are welcome!

- Jan. 11, 2017 Pumpnickels Deli 2489 Collingwood Ave.
Feb. 1, 2017 Melody Brewer 2553 Glenwood Ave.

The January meeting is always scheduled one week later due to vacations.

2017 OWE CALENDAR

Thanks to many Old West Enders and those who use to live here, the WOWE 2017 Calendar was a huge hit. There are a couple left if anyone is still interested in purchasing one. Contact Toni Moore: 419-360-2151 or e-mail her at: tmoore_etfc@hotmail.com



Thank You

DAN ROGERS

Dan graciously blessed and said a prayer for the success of "Tours de Noel" at the Tree lighting again this year. It worked. Thanks Dan...we are so grateful!

DAVE YOUNGMAN

was asked if he would play Christmas Carols on his accordion, and said yes. This made the Tree Lighting and Caroling so much fun and very special ... and he did it with such flair that many asked if he was coming back next year. We hope so ... and please wear that great hat.

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