

HISTORIC TIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TOLEDO'S HISTORIC WEST END



2020 WHAT THE O.W.E. ACCOMPLISHED IN

What a year it has been! Even with the worst pandemic the world has seen since the 1918 influenza pandemic, the O.W.E. didn't let it stop the perseverance to get things done. Here are a few amazing accomplishments! Those that I missed mentioning, please know that everything you do is very appreciated. Thank you to all that "made a difference" during 2020!

Women of the OWE

Members continued to work with the city, which produced a study that concluded that an activated traffic signal will happen at the Scottwood/Bancroft intersection. Volunteers from Lutheran Social Services, Lucas County, as well as faithful neighbors worked in the Commons Park. WOVE featured the "Block Watch" part of our meetings with our Community Service officer, Doug Schwab. WOVE and the OWEA are working on Welcome Packets that will inform new residents and promote our neighborhood. When the decorative stone and brick work in front of a neighbor's home was destroyed by an accident, an individual member reached out and nurtured the repair. WOVE partnered with AIM to do a recycling event, and engaged Bensells Greenhouse for monthly warm weather Commons Park plant sales. We also welcomed Glenwood Church and Pastor Chris for the Blessing of the Animals. WOVE reached out to District Four's interim council person, Vanice Williams who attended the November meeting and answered questions. We also invited Dr. Carla Pattin of the UT Multicultural Toledo and her students to attend our meetings. WOVE pursued communication with Commissioner Karen Ranney Wolkins, of the Division of Parks, about our missing canopy trees. The Libbey House and WOVE produced a "high tea" in December; a first time event; a virtual Tree Lighting Ceremony. We continue to be watchful of Historic District Commission activities and work to protect the vitality of District 4, (which includes the Historic Old West End) for the long run.

Glenwood Lutheran Church

hosted several Food Truck Round-ups, while providing an opportunity for Voter registration. Many members also helped at several Commons Park work days.

O.W.E. Security

Ben Grazzini continues to lead the Security group and along with their committee have heard the neighborhoods concerns and implemented changes in the neighborhood's security patrol. This includes a new, unarmed patrol, US Protection.

Toledo Food Not Bombs

Zach DuVall and his team have been distributing food on Thursday evenings. Throughout the summer they hosted a pick up/distribution at the Collingwood Community Garden. In these colder months they have switched to delivering to peoples' doors. Currently they are only delivering to 43620 (Old West End) and 43604 (Downtown) area codes. They are always looking for volunteers.
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Neighbors making a difference!

Derek Bunch coordinated a photo tribute for all the 2020 Scott High School graduates. Because the Old West End Festival and the Tours de Noel were cancelled this year, Mary Sawers, Marge Dottling, Linda Bigalow, and Judy Winder put their sewing skills to good use by making themed face masks that were then sold to neighbors and beyond and then donating their profits. The Association received approximately \$3500 and WOVE received approx. \$2600.

Amy Stein weeded many of the Collingwood diverters this spring and summer.

Many neighbors decorated their light poles with creative "pole art" and the Kerrigan family shared their musical harmony in front of many neighbors homes.

Macelwane Park

Your support for the Macelwane Festival of Trees was TREE-MENDOUS!

To date, we have raised roughly \$4,800 for improvements to Macelwane Park. Your support of our GoFundMe campaign, Facebook Giving Tuesday donations, contributions collected when food trucks were in the neighborhood and the Macelwane Festival of Trees sale and auction have been simply amazing. The Festival of Trees single handedly raised over \$1,040! Thank you!

This years' accomplishments include: the fencing repaired by ODOT, new picnic tables & grills, trees trimmed or removed. Next year promises to be even better. Visited the Macelwane Park - Toledo Facebook page. You will see the Macelwane Park Master Plan developed by the city with your input. In 2021, we should see NEW fencing, NEW park signage

The Old West End Association

With the Old West End Festival being cancelled this year, the Association continued to work at providing our neighbors with activities and ways to still be involved. NB&I grant applications were reviewed and awarded in the spring and fall. The Education Committee awarded it's yearly scholarship to Caiden Lyons. The Arboretum had monthly work days that included re-grading the park to help eliminate the wet ground by providing better drainage. Tree maintenance continued with the removal of old, dying trees and replacing with new trees along with planting flowers in several beds. Preservation continued helping neighbors by informing them of historical guidelines and information on the COA process. Association Meetings enjoyed hosting "Know your Neighbors" each month including; the Scottwood Inn; OWE Security; Toledo Food Co-Op, Macelwane Park information, District 4 Councilwoman Vanice Williams, and Glean Vintage Furniture. The Association revised/updated their by-laws and supported an anti-discrimination policy.

with a landscaping bed just waiting for your green thumbs to design and plant and NEW playground equipment. In early December, the city released a rendering of the equipment that can also be viewed on the Macelwane Park-Toledo Facebook page. Goals for 2022, a new full size basketball court and Color My Court with The (Toledo) Arts Commission.

Thank you for your trust and gracious support for improvements to Macelwane!

Agnes Reynolds Jackson Arboretum

The ARJA Board was able to host a Haunted Arboretum FREE to OWE neighbors in October. Following the Lucas County Health Dept. Guidelines, many neighbors provided their creative Halloween displays along with candy treats.

Then in December neighbors donated over 3500 home baked cookies. The board was able to sell 102 boxes of Holiday cookies raising just under \$2000.

The ARJA Poinsettia Sale also generated approximately \$800.



Assoc. Meeting
Jan. 19th - Zoom

W.O.W.E.
Jan. 6th - Zoom



Letter from the President

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GOODBYE 2020 – HELLO 2021!

I think we are all glad to say 'goodbye' to 2020. And with the distribution of vaccines, there is a lot to look forward to in 2021. Though, we aren't out of the woods yet, and we all need to remain vigilant regarding wearing masks, washing hands, and staying socially distant...but it does feel like there is light at the end of the tunnel. YAY!

"THEY" CAN BE "YOU"!

Do you ever overhear someone say, or say yourself, "They really should do" or "I wish they would...." Well, the good news is... 'they' can be 'you'! Why leave it to someone else? No time like the present to make your ideas become reality. Keep on reading to find out more.

DO YOU HAVE A GREAT IDEA FOR IMPROVING THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

As we have all been spending more time at home, we have had a lot more time to think and ponder. If you have an idea to improve the neighborhood there is an easy way to make your idea become reality. If you haven't heard, there is an OWEA committee, the Neighborhood Beautification & Improvement committee (NB&I), whose sole job is to review neighbors' applications and provide funds to the projects.

How do I apply? It's easy! You can find the simple one-page application on our website. You describe your project, explain the timeline and how you will make it happen and provide estimated costs, including any maintenance costs. To date, we have put more than \$45,000 into the neighborhood. Past projects / ideas include the historic benches on

Tuesday, January 12, 2021
O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting
ZOOM Meeting
(6 pm)

Tuesday, January 19, 2021
Association ZOOM Meeting
(7 pm)

NEIGHBORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Bancroft, historic bus stop on Delaware, plants for the public planters throughout the neighborhood, and cooking & gardening classes for Glenwood Elementary students, just to name a few. If you have an idea or project and have an outline for how to make it happen, but need financial support, please consider applying for a NB&I grant.

ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW VOICES AND VOLUNTEERS

If you don't have an idea of your own but are interested in getting more involved in the Association, please reach out to me or anyone on the executive board and make your interest known. Contact information for board members can be found on our website. Getting involved in the neighborhood is a great way to connect to neighbors, especially in these isolating times of COVID.

OWEA MEETINGS CONTINUE VIA ZOOM

We swore in three new trustees in December: **Andrew Larsen, Eric Miklovich and Micheline Brewer**. We are excited to have new voices on the executive board. As I mentioned above, there is a lot to look forward to in 2021, however, we continue to monitor state, city, and county COVID-19 protocols and statistics. As such, the OWEA will still be meeting virtually for the foreseeable future.

Future meeting information can be found on the OWEA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/HistoricOldWestEnd>) as well as on the OWEA website: www.toledoldwestend.com. You can dial in or join via your computer.

Make January jubilant, joyous and jocular! Hello 2021!



Agnes Reynolds Jackson Arboretum 2021
Robinwood @ Delaware



by Judy Winder

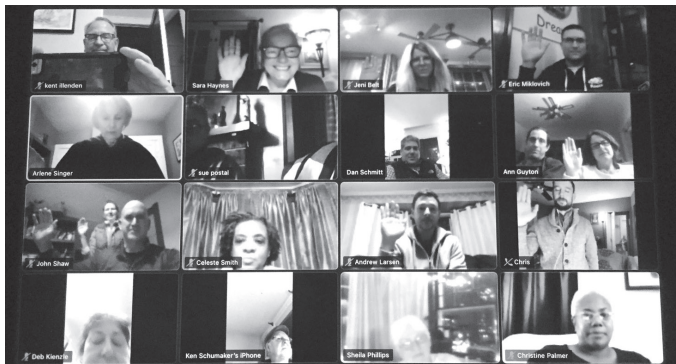
You may think it takes a village; but in our neck of the woods, it just takes the neighborhood.

Since the annual Christmas Cookie Walk was cancelled due to the virus, we asked for volunteers to bake cookies for a drive-by event Sunday, Dec. 13th. What happened? In a world gone crazy, 35 bakers from the OWE and three professional bakers rolled up their sleeves and rolled out the dough to produce over 3,500 Christmas/Holiday cookies to raise funds for the Agnes Reynolds Jackson Arboretum. Every imaginable cookie type was there: snickerdoodles, sugar cut outs, raspberry schnitten, vegan pumpkin, pistachio, rum and pecan balls, chocolate s'mores, Mexican wedding cake, and lemon sables-just to name a few. If you could imagine it, it was there.

It's truly hard to find enough words to thank everyone who participated: the bakers, the people placing all those treats into red-ribboned boxes, and the Guyton, Snyder and Kerrigan boys, who directed traffic and hauled boxes. Thanks also go to Pastor Christine Palmer for letting us use the kitchen and foyer of Collingwood Presbyterian Church to stage the event. In all, it was a total success.

Next year we will hopefully be back to our traditional community Christmas cookie bake nights; but given the current situation, it was remarkable what we were able to accomplish.

Thanks, Neighbors!
The Board of the ARJA.



2021

LET'S MAKE THIS YEAR EVEN BETTER

2021

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The Women of The Old West End

WOWE Officers: Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore & Tammy Michalak

Happy New Year!!!

WOWE WISHES A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2021 TO OUR OWE FAMILY.

GOT A RECIPE TO SHARE?

WOWE IS STILL CALLING ON ALL OLD WEST END BAKERS & COOKS!!

WOWE is planning the production of an **OWE COOKBOOK**, and we would love to have your recipe's and a picture of your finished product to publish in the book.

Please send your recipes to:

Carol Kutsche: cjkutsche@bex.net or
Toni Moore: tmoore_etc@hotmail.com

**Come on foodies,
I know you are out there!**



COMMONS PARK

If you see **Paul Davidige** and **Todd Rühle**, thank them for another spectacular lighting of the Commons Park.

WITH MUCH GRATITUDE TO: DUSTIN & JEMMA HOSTETLER

The Annual Tree Lighting in the Commons Park would not have happened without the technical assistance of neighbors Dustin and Jemma. Their technical abilities went beyond anything any of we WOWE'S knew or could execute. When we asked for their help to produce a virtual event for the Tree Lighting they graciously jumped in to help. In real time it was sent to WOWE'S facebook page so that neighbors who have always attended could take part in this Annual Event. It's been a year!!!

UPCOMING WOWE MEETINGS
7:00 MEETING
FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
All neighbors are welcome!
January 6th Zoom
February 3rd Zoom
Zoom info will be sent out.

UPDATE:

THE LIBBEY FOUNDATION & WOWE DICKEN'S TEA

On two Sundays in December, a Dickens Christmas Tea was held in the Libbey House. There was much anticipation not only by those organizing it, but also those who were able to attend. It was magical!!! Although the number of guests needed to be scaled down and tables were socially distanced, those who attended could not stop talking about dining in this amazing home. The tea was a feast of scrumptious tea sandwiches, over the top desserts and an amazing variety of tea's and wassel. Many plan to attend next year and bring others.

Both organizations were very pleased and proud with the outcome and plan to do more ... perhaps a Spring Luncheon in May.

Let's hope all is going well by then.



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AND WOWE!!**



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