



# HISTORIC TIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TOLEDO'S HISTORIC OLD WEST END



## Kudos to:

**The OWE Neighbors**  
for an amazing Festival weekend! Volunteers & neighbors welcomed Toledo back to our OWE neighborhood!!

**The Matt Naujock Family**  
who were selected as the Ability Center's Volunteers of the Year.

**Katie Driscoll**  
for volunteering as a new Newsletter Courier!

**Amy Stein**  
for weeding the Collingwood Blvd. planters before Festival!

**Joyce Singer**  
for receiving the Irene Drouillard Award for her Glenwood Park community service!  
*Glenwood Park Music - 3rd Thurs., ea. month, 6-8:30pm*

**Adam Dawson**  
for his electrical service donation to the 624 Delaware Restoration Project



## Top-floor décor

Our June top-floor décor winner is Ben Clinger; the location of the décor is 2521 Scottwood. Our July top-floor décor picture is shown below. See the Historic Times December 2021 issue for complete information and rules for our game (or go on-line at [www.toleodoldwestend.com](http://www.toleodoldwestend.com)). Whoever wins the most games for the year will receive a \$100 gift card for Black Kite. To win the game for the month, you must be the first person to identify 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. The deadline for responding is 5 PM on the 21st day of the month.



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**OLD WEST END**  
HISTORIC FESTIVAL



July 20, 4-7pm  
(Rain or Shine)  
**Glenwood Lutheran Church**  
**Food Trucks**  
**Baba's Eats, Tutti Fruity**  
**& Lyle's Crepes**  
Music by:  
**CJ Frank** violinist/electric



**W.O.W.E. Wed., July 6**  
**Toni Moore**  
2369 Robinwood Ave.

**Association Tues., July 19**  
**Collingwood Presbyterian Church**  
7:00 pm





## Letter from the President

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Dear Old West Enders,

The 2022 Festival is in the books and what a Festival it was! My a lot of metrics, this may have been our biggest Festival yet. I particularly loved some of the ways we stretched Festival, temporally and geographically. An extra Thursday night gave folks with a lot of responsibilities some extra time to enjoy the transformed arboretum. More importantly, stretching the Festival up to Glenwood Park incorporated all the fun that Joyce Singer and our northern neighbors planned. The 'Rib Off' they conducted in that park is my favorite new addition to Festival. Glenwood Park will also have a concert series on the third Thursday of each month this summer, so the fun continues.

Some people were surprised to discover that the Old West End stretches so far to the north. That made me wonder, what are the boundaries of the Old West End and who decides? A map that used to appear in our bylaws renders the Old West End as the area north of Monroe, east of Detroit, and west of Collingwood in roughly a triangle. The map on the city's neighborhoods site shows a similar map with a top triangle labeled as OWENI, which stands for Old West End Neighborhood Initiatives. So another question might be what are the boundaries of the Old West End in what year? Those of you who know the story of the Old West End better than I do may also point out that the Old West End as a distinct area north and east of I-75 is its own historical construct. The neighborhood used to be continuous around the Museum. And does a historically situated map have the final say on who is or is not an Old West Ender?

The Old West End Association has been having an on-going discussion about a crafting a Master Plan that would seek input from the full breadth of those who we might call and who call themselves 'Old West Enders.' A Master Plan clearly has some traction because at the last Association meeting sixty people attended a presentation by Toledo Design Collective. They explained how they craft a master plan with neighborhoods and how they partner with people to turn those plans into action, through grant recommendations, through inclusion in the city's 2040 Plan, and through mentorship. This process would involve talking to neighbors and stakehold-

Tuesday, July 12, 2022  
**O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting**  
To Be Announced! (7 pm)  
Tuesday, July 19, 2022  
**Association Meeting**  
Collingwood Presbyterian Church  
(7 pm)  
**ALL NEIGHBORS ARE WELCOME!**

ers throughout the whole community and hearing reflected back their dreams for this unique, Historic place.

If you're reading this, I suspect you know how much work it takes to uphold this distinctiveness: both preserving homes and nurturing the community vibrancy of this place. Festival doesn't happen by accident. Year after year, we're reminded that we can only put on Toledo's Best Festival if we're willing to collectively put in thousands of hours of planning and volunteering. And yet for those who put it in those hours, there is nothing like the satisfaction of seeing it come together in one almost magical weekend. Just like Festival, a Master Plan for the neighborhood will only come together through hours of conversations, and then

hard work advocating for years to come. If there's any neighborhood that could turn a plan into exciting new possibilities for Toledo's best neighborhood though, I believe it's ours. If you're interested in this project or in other kinds of leadership in this neighborhood. I hope you'll join me in making the OWE the best that it can be; a Historic, distinctive home for all our neighbors.

Your Neighbor, Chris

## SECURITY SOUNDINGS

Mark your calendars Saturday, Noon July 23 for the **OWE Security Scavenger Hunt** starting at the Agnes Reynolds Jackson Arboretum.

Find shirts scattered about the neighborhood to claim one of many prizes from Carlos' Poco Loco, Balance, Jupemode, Black Kite & more!

**Security Tip:** Most smart phones have a "find my phone" app should you misplace your phone, for instance, at the East Harbor State Park beach. It is also useful to share your location with close friends and family so they can use their app to find your phone!

Check the old west end security Facebook for latest updates on our monthly meetings and security happenings across the neighborhood.



**Sunday, July 10th, 6-8pm**

**The Bradberries**

*Sponsored by:*

**North River Building & Development**

**Sunday, July 31st, 6-8pm**

**Bobbie G & Friends**

*Sponsored by:*

**Black Kite Coffee**

**Arboretum Work Day Saturday, July 16th**  
**9am - noon** Food Provided!!!

## OWE Litter League

Old West Enders Litter League trash pick up **Saturday July 9, 10am to noon.** Meet at OWE Commons, corner of Bancroft and Robinwood. Rain date **July 16,** same time and place. All supplies provided. Questions to Andrew at 419-889-8785.

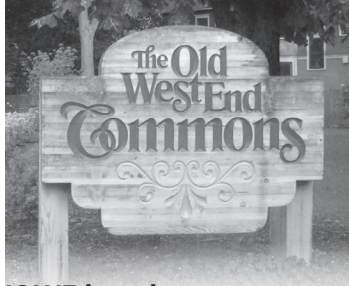
## Business Network Group

Hey everybody! It's that time of year! Vendor registration kickoff event will be held at the Agnes Reynolds Jackson Arboretum on **Wednesday, July 27th, at 7:00 p.m.!** If you're interested in a space for the **Autumn Market**, show up at our kickoff event! See all up-to-date information at the Old West End business networking group Facebook page event tab and at [Toledooldwestend.com](http://Toledooldwestend.com)



## The Women of The Old West End

WOWE Officers:  
Carol Kutsche,  
Toni Moore and  
Tammy Michalak



**WOWE has done many great things for our neighborhood and in this newsletter we want to share with you one of our earliest accomplishments.**

### **THE COMMONS PARK Robinwood at Bancroft!!**

A team of dedicated volunteers continue to share their time and talent keeping the Commons Park a place of beauty and "value added" for our Old West End neighborhood. If you have time to spare, join WOWE volunteers on the second Saturday of the month from April through November. Additionally, two very talented volunteers, Paul Davidge & Todd Ruehle are also responsible for the lighting and decorating of the Commons Park for the Christmas Holidays.

#### **A HISTORY OF THE COMMONS PARK**

In the 60s and 70s there was little green space or park area in the Old West End where neighbors could gather. In 1974, Women of the Old West End (WOWE) approached the city to have a park built for the Old West End at the corner of Bancroft and Robinwood where a house once stood. This was before the entire neighborhood was placed on the National Register of Historic Places and empty lots became gas stations or carry outs. Women of the Old West End were very aware of this situation and implored the city to help build a park for the residents. We held our breath, as the central city was not always a place for the city to spend their money in the 60s and 70s. We persevered, and the city agreed to help. WOWE made the park a reality. The first park was designed as an amphitheater with a stage at one end and a raised sitting area with flower beds at the other end, near Robinwood. The center of the park was a bowl shape for lawn sitting.

## **CONGRATULATIONS OWEA!!**

**The absence of Festival for two whole years was painful for all of us here in the neighborhood and those who attend from near and & far. You did not disappoint!!**

**It was ONE AWESOME WEEKEND!!**

**Take bow - All of your efforts paid off and were very much appreciated!!!**

This was a remarkable accomplishment for WOWE and our neighborhood.

In 1976, the newly built Commons Park was dedicated with music, food and a play called, "The Spirit of the Commons". The Commons was filled to capacity. From that time on, all food vendors for the Old West End Festival, (which WOWE chaired from 1969 to 1985) were placed in the Commons Park instead of on Bancroft.

By 1998, the Commons was in much need of repair. The stage and sitting area had been designed with timbers and were beginning to deteriorate. There were also ADA issues for the park as well. WOWE, again met with the City of Toledo, Department of Natural Resources to discuss how the park could be upgraded. At the same time, the city was looking for neighborhoods to adopt their neighborhood parks. WOWE agreed to adopt the Commons Park if the city would be willing to use CIP (Community Improvement Funds) to help rebuild the Commons. WOWE also matched a \$10,000 Urban Forestry Grant to add additional decorative trees for the newly designed Commons Park.

WOWE wishes to recognize: Richard Boers and Steve Day of the City of Toledo, Natural Resource Dept. for their help in the design of the Commons Park. WOWE also recognizes Doug Truman and Barb Lane of the City Parks Dept. for helping with any issues and concerns. We also recognize the City of Toledo, Forestry Department for lighting the large fir tree every year for the Christmas holidays.

Richard Boers was also responsible for the design of the beautiful Commons Park sign. When Richard submitted the design for the sign to the Parks Committee, he was met with much resistance. The fear was that this formidable sign would be vandalized. Richard held firm and the sign has been intact, with no damage, since it was initially installed in 1976.

Many people continue to rent the "Commons Park" for weddings, anniversaries, engagements, showers, birthday parties and memorials. Also many students have had their pictures taken in the Commons.

**For information:**

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## **Children's Day 2022**

It will happen. Details are being made and more information will be shared in the August newsletter.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

## **HIGH TEA**

Hosted by WOWE &

The Libbey House Foundation

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 25TH**

More details in the August newsletter.

## **COMMONS PARK**

**Thank you** to everyone who volunteered in the Commons Park for April, May and June.

**OWE Residents:** Brian Miller, Jim Logan, Tammy, Scott & Nathan Michalak, Carol Kutsche, Toni & Dave Moore, Mike McMahon, Dave & Leslie Neuendorff, Ken Schumaker, William Farrell, Mary Sawers, and Pastor Chris Hanley

**Lucas County Volunteers:** Jerry Fowler, Tonya Geer, Shanon Bodi, Sheena Woods, Cassandra Rodriguez, and Christina Binns

### **The Sign at the Commons!**

With help and expertise from Dave McIntyre, the sign has been saved, hopefully for another 46 years. Dave brought to WOWE his knowledge and enthusiasm and went about the business of saving this rare beauty of park signs.

**THANKS A MILLION DAVE!!**

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

**July 6**

**Toni Moore**

**Aug. 3**

**2369 Robinwood  
TBD**

**Collingwood**  
ARTS CENTER

**2022 SEASON**  
July 8th  
July 29-31st

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