



HISTORIC TIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TOLEDO'S HISTORIC OLD WEST END



The Glenwood Choir: A place for Old West Ender's to sing

Singing in a choir is such a fulfilling and intimate activity. It allows us to gather a diverse group of people for the singular purpose of sharing ourselves. In a choir, people of different skill levels and backgrounds can work together blending their unique voices in perfect harmony. At **Glenwood Lutheran Church**, we recognize the power of singing for all people regardless of religion, or personal circumstances. Beginning in July, Glenwood will open up for community singing. We would love for you to join us on Thursday evenings to make music with absolutely no obligations. We will sing sacred music but you don't need to be Lutheran or even Christian to sing with us. We will follow Glenwood's building policies and continue masking and social distancing in this choir. Singing provides deep emotional healing and happiness, something we could all use these days. This is a chance for you to sing, whatever your music background is. If you are interested in hearing more about this opportunity please email **Christian Longberry**, Glenwood's music director, for more information at: c.longberr@gmail.com



Knowing Our Neighbors! The Old West End Post Office

2280 Ashland Ave.

by **Tonya Cole**
Ashland Avenue Postal Clerk

The Old West End Post Office, located at 2280 Ashland Ave., would like to introduce you to your new friendly clerk, **Tonya Cole**. As a cornerstone of the Old West End, the residents have fought to keep this station in the neighborhood. First of all **"Thank You!"** Hours of operation are 9am-5pm (closed 1-2) for lunch Monday-Friday). Please feel free to stop in with all your mailing needs, or to see the beautiful holiday decorations. I insist on having a friendly, comfortable and uplifting atmosphere. Attitude is everything. This office will be well stocked for your needs and help is available. You will soon see a facelift to the building. So come on over and let's work together to make "our" post office the Best!! Again, Thank You for choosing The Old West End Post Office for your mailing needs.



To Do List . . .

- "Scottwood Inn Tours"**
Last Sat. ea. mo. 12-4
- "Lone Wolf Hippies"**
ARJA Concert, Sunday
July 11th, 6-8pm
- "Swingmania"**
ARJA Concert, Sunday
July 25th, 6-8:30pm
- "YOGA Zoom Classes"**
Every Saturday, 10am
- OWE Facebook group
Donations Accepted
- "Glenwood Lutheran
Food Truck Rally"**
July 21, 4 - 7pm
- O.W.E. & Area FUN**

Scottwood Community Garden

The Scottwood Community Garden work days will be the 1st Saturday of each month from 9 am until noon. All neighbors are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact:

**Jen Robertson at 567-249-8560 or
jenrobertson619@gmail.com**

Happy July 4th

Kudos to:

- Amy Stein**
for weeding/planting the Collingwood Blvd. median flower pots and beds!
- Bradley Powell**
for the Juneteenth OWE community trash clean-up sponsored by the United Way
- Toni Moore, Tammy Michalak and Carol Kutsche**
for volunteering to be the docents for the Toledo History Museum walking tour on Saturday, June 19

MEETING REMINDERS

W.O.W.E. July 7 | **Assoc. Meeting July 20**
Tammy Michalak | In ARJA & Zoom
 2040 Scottwood Ave.



Letter from the President

by Sara Haynes
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VIRTUAL & IN PERSON OWEA MEETINGS CONTINUE

We held our second in-person and virtual meeting in June. We have worked out the kinks...and are able to successfully conduct both virtual and in-person meetings. It was great to see people in person and the socializing after the meeting made it seem almost 'normal'. We will plan on meeting in the Arboretum again in July...weather permitting as well as continuing with ZOOM. Meeting information and Zoom link can be found on the OWEA website: www.toledoodwestend.com/events/ as well as on OWEA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/HistoricOldWestEnd>). OWEA meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM.

CHANGES IN MEETING FORMAT TO PUT MORE EMPHASIS ON DISCUSSION

As part of our strategic plan, we are seeking to reformat our meeting structure. Instead of each committee member giving a verbal report, we will be distributing at the meeting and on the Zoom link a WRITTEN summary for each committee. The thinking is that we can have people read the summaries and ask any pertinent questions or initiate discussion regarding the summary. We had our first trial at June's meeting and the entire meeting lasted ~1 hour...which is a record in the past year. Given the new format, it gave more time for the Know Your Neighbor presentation as well as provided more time for socializing after. If you haven't come to a meeting in a while now would be a great time to come and see what we are doing and, more importantly, join in the discussion.

WATCH OUT FOR A SURVEY...

The OWEA will be sending out a survey asking neighbors to prioritize our strategic plan focus. Our strategic plan has 3 main priorities: Increase preservation efforts, Increase engagement of neighbors as active participants and Market the Neighborhood internally & externally. Each of those main priorities have sub-

Tuesday, July 13, 2021
O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting
Location TBD (6 pm)
Tuesday, July 20, 2021
Association Meeting
In the ARJA & via ZOOM (7 pm)
NEIGHBORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

bullet points and we want to hear from YOU what your priorities are....or if there are other priorities that need to be added. The Strategic Plan was created ~2 years ago...and we want to make sure we keep it fresh and current....so be on the look out.

GENTRIFICATION WILL BE A TOPIC IN THE FALL

We will be focusing a meeting in the fall to cover the topic of GENTRIFICATION. It will be the focus of the general meeting (3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM), and is designed to educate us on the topic. Look forward to more details as we get closer to the date.

NEW NEIGHBOR PACKETS ARE HERE!

In conjunction with WOWE we have created some new neighbor packets to introduce neighbor organizations, businesses, churches and other key information. If you are a new neighbor and would like one, please contact me, Sara Haynes, or Toni Moore and we will get a packet to you.

As mentioned in last month's column, I also have OWE Walking Tour brochures. If you would like one or many, please let me know. They are a great way to learn something about the architecture of the OWE and a good excuse to get outside and get in your steps!

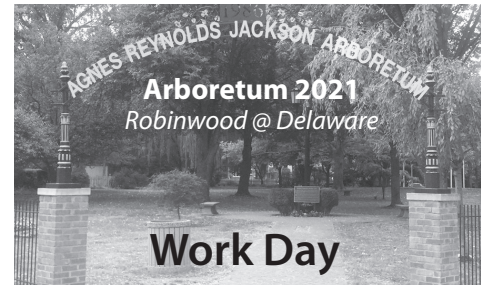
Make July jovial, jocular, and just!
(AND "jabby" too a.k.a. vaccinated!)



OLD WEST END SECURITY

Do you know your neighbor's phone numbers? One of the best things about our neighborhood is that we are a friendly bunch! One of the best ways to build a strong and safe community is to know your neighbors! Moved here a decade ago and forgot to introduce yourself? This is your official excuse to break the ice and say hello, it is never too late to do it!

Interested in Old West End Security? Visit oldwestendsecurity.com or come to our next monthly meeting at the Arboretum **Tues, July 6th at 7pm** – just remember to bring a chair!



Saturday, July 17th
9am - noon Food Provided!!!



Sunday, July 11th, 6-8:00pm
Lone Wolf Hippies

Sponsored By: **Shaw Eyecare**

Sunday, July 25th, 6-8:30pm
Swingmania

Sponsored By: **Schmitt & Co.**



Business Networking Group

This year's Autumn Market will be **Saturday October 9th** in conjunction with the **OWE Neighborhood Garage Sale** that will be both Saturday the 9th and Sunday the 10th. The Agnes Reynolds Jackson Arboretum will be filled with vendors and artists for Saturday from 9:00 to 5:00. We will have music in the gazebo, including a special appearance by Jean Holden in the afternoon. Food trucks will take over Robinwood between Delaware and Islington. As we draw crowds into the neighborhood for this event we are also advertising and supporting residents who wish to set up yard or garage sales at their homes, like during Festival! Be part of the neighborhood commerce and clear out your basements and attics!

Registration for both the ARJA vendor/artist spots and for the Neighborhood Garage Sale support will go live in person, and online through the OWE website, at the Business Networking Group mixer on July 22, 2021. Follow the Business Networking Group Facebook page for the latest information!



The Women of The Old West End

WOWE Officers: Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore & Tammy Michalak

Children's Day 2021

Sunday, Oct. 3rd

1:00PM - 4:00PM

More information in the August newsletter.



(Located at Bancroft & Robinwood Ave.)

In the 60's and 70's there was little green space or park area where families could gather in the Old West End. In 1974 Women of The Old West End approached the city to have a park built for the Old West End where a house once stood at the corner of Bancroft and Robinwood. 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 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 60's & 70's. 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 at the other end, near Robinwood, a raised sitting area with flower beds. The center of the park was bowl shaped for lawn sitting. This was a remarkable accomplishment for WOWE and our neighborhood.

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

In 1998, the Commons was in much need of repair. The stage and sitting area were designed of timbers and both areas 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 this same time the city was looking for citizens 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 matched a \$10,000 Urban Forestry Grant to add additional decorative trees for the newly designed Commons Park.

Dear Neighbors,

We have the privilege of living in a National Historic District and the responsibility for working to preserve our neighborhood for future generations. Currently Columbia Gas is restoring gas lines to properties within the neighborhood and moving gas meters from inside houses to locations outside.

The Historic period when most of these homes was constructed preceded the use of gas as fuel. At one time most of the homes were heated from a central steam plant.

<https://www.ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p16007coll33/id/178569>

See a photo, i one of over 200 photos in the Toledo Edison Yaryan Heating System Collection of Toledo Edison's plant on Water Street, places in Toledo's Old West End that were heated by the Yaryan System and replacement work done on the Yaryan System from 1921-1923.

At issue is the fact that our historic neighborhood is protected by Toledo Municipal Code rules that require that any "environmental change" in a Historic District to a structure or landscape needs a Certificate Of Appropriateness from the Old West End Historic Commission. Columbia Gas is currently destroying sandstone sidewalks and curb stones, and wanting to place gas meters in the front of properties that defy the historic period within the Old West End. Columbia Gas already found by court order that they needed to work with the Historic German Village in Columbus Ohio. You as a property owner are expected to obey the rules, and so should Columbia Gas.

To read more about the Columbus issue :

<https://www.columbusmonthly.com/news/20170529/columbia-gas-safetv-only-rationale-for-meters-to-stay-indoors>

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COMMONS PARK

Once again wonderful volunteers weeded, pruned, swept etc. during the June workday. *Thank you to neighbors:*

David Neuendorff, Carol Kutsche, Mike Saad, Ken Schumaker, Jim Logan and the County Volunteers: Terrance Andrews, Paul Tunison, Tony Porter & James Neal

Next workday is July 10th.
9-12 - Will you help?

Bancroft Scottwood Traffic Light

We are still waiting for the promised May installation of the Traffic Light @ Bancroft & Scottwood Ave.

HARVEST HIGH TEA

Mark Your calendar

Sept. 25th & 26th

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Women of The Old West End & The Libbey House Foundation

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www.libbeyhouse.org end of July!

UPCOMING WOWE MEETINGS

7:00 MEETING

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

All neighbors are welcome!

July 7th

Tammy Michalak

2048 Scottwood Ave.

August 4th

Toni Moore

2369 Robinwood Ave.

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