



Old West End Celebrates 50 Years!

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OLD WEST END

GOLDEN JUBILEE
HISTORIC FESTIVAL



Kudos to:

- Liz Galiga**
for watering the Glenwood/Collins flower containers.
- John & Kim Howard**
for their generous donation to OWE Preservation Committee.
- Jim Logan**
for once again doing the extra clean-up in the Arboretum after Festival.
- Barbara Hamilton & Kathy Okuley**
for volunteering to be Historic Times couriers on Glenwood.

Live Music at Glenwood Park

July Events

Praise in the Park!

Sunday, July 2nd, 5-7pm.

Enjoy the melodious sounds of gospel and inspirational music from local artists!

The Sounds of Motown!

Thursday, July 20th, 6-8pm

Let's go back to the sounds of the 60's, 70's and 80's with the sounds of Motown!

**City of Toledo Parks presents
Community Movie Night at Glenwood!**

Lyle, Lyle Crocodile!

Come and enjoy a Movie and Fun Activities!
August 3, 7:30pm. Movie will begin at dusk!

Top-floor décor

Our June top-floor décor location is 2373-75 Robinwood. The winners are Mary Glowacki and Bill Frisk. Our July top-floor décor picture is shown below. I will keep a record of all those who correctly identify the top floor décor by 5 PM on the 15th of each month, and the winner of the \$100 gift card for Black Kite will be whoever has the highest number of correct identifications for the year. Building locations are within the region bounded by both sides of Collingwood, Monroe, Maplewood, and Central. A correct response identifies the location of the building, by its street address, in an email message to 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.



OWE LITTER LEAGUE July Events

July 8 - Lawrence ramp at I-75 **July 29** - Detroit ramps at I-75.

This is a collaborative pick up with OWE Cushing Utopia Addition. Both dates are 9:30am to 11:30am. All supplies provided, FREE t-shirt and grocery bag.

Questions? **Andrew 419-889-8785** **OWE Litter League on Facebook**

MEETING
REMINDERS



W.O.W.E.
Wed., July 5, 6:30pm
OWE Commons Park

O.W.E. Association
Tues., July 18, 7pm
Coll. Pres. Church



Letter from the President

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So many of you mentioned to me that it was your favorite Festival so far. One special memory for me made it to the front page of the Sunday, June 4th, Toledo Blade: King Wamba (**John Howard**) next to Queen Sancha (**Kim Howard**) knights the Duke and Dutchess of Stratford, (**Jeff and Paulette Mills**), for their heroic service on the parade committee, while long-time, Royal Herald (Eric Hillenbrand) looks on in his kilt. While I'm not in the picture, my sword (a replica English Longsword from a Renaissance faire) is, making it one of the few swords to ever get on the front page of a newspaper named after swords. That's got to be a lifetime achievement for swords.

Our Royals also created special merchandise for the 50th Festival which they sold, using design ideas as wide-ranging as the 1909 King Wamba Carnival iconography and a tee shirt inspired by a John Lennon photograph. They gifted the proceeds from this sale – over \$3200 – to the Preservation Committee, who further supported their work with a pancake breakfast. And Preservation has been hard at work! 624 Delaware has a new roof as work steadily continues on this pioneering project. If you want to join your neighbors in saving a fascinating house, speak to Michael Walker or come to the Preservation meeting on July 17th.

Two other transformative endeavors are also now underway. WGTE has begun filming a 'Toledo Story' about the Old West End. They captured footage from Festival and will continue to gather anecdotes and photos to present a full picture of our neighborhood (and not a Libbey biopic.) Many thanks to **Dan Finkel**, our liaison to WGTE!

Furthermore, **Dave Kosmyna** from the Historic District Commission received word that the City of Toledo received the full \$25,000 grant we had requested to create a Historic Style Guide. Simon Nye and Dave applied for this grant, sup-

Tuesday, July 11, 2023
O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting
Ford Mansion, 2205 Collingwood (7 pm)

Tuesday, July 18, 2023
Association Meeting
Collingwood Presbyterian Church (7 pm)

ALL NEIGHBORS ARE WELCOME!

ported by Jonathan Latsko from the Toledo Planning Commission. To give you a sense of how important this is, I want to share an excerpt from the letter the OWE Association sent to the City to submit with the grant application.

We believe the development and implementation of Style Guidelines, taken from the comprehensive recommendations from the National Park Service, will better enable the Old West End Historic District Commission to advocate for Preservation within City governance and the community, better educate the residents of the Old West End on the value of Preservation and instill a greater sense of neighborhood pride and enthusiasm for Preservation, and better empower the community, from all walks of life, to serve on a peer-governing board that aims to be inclusive and representative of its neighborhood residents.

Specialists will undergo a rigorous process to distill guidelines for our historical, architectural niche and to determine best practices for preservation. The tool then will serve to educate both our leaders who serve on the OWE Historic District Commission and to simplify and clarify for all of us what counts as preservation.

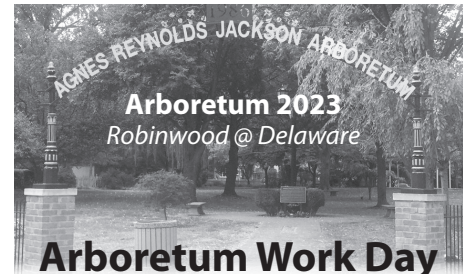
At the next OWE Association meeting, July 18th, the theme will be '**trees.**' **Michael Szuberla** will be our guest to discuss the social impacts of trees, why a thriving neighborhood must plant trees, and how we might do so together. We'll also get an update on strategies to re-grow our historic canopy.

We're on the way, Old West End.

Your neighbor, Chris Hanley

Business Network Group

The Autumn Market Vendor Kick-off Event is **Wednesday, July 26, 2023** at 7:00 PM at the Flamb-OWE-nce House at 2492 Scottwood (corner of Scottwood and Delaware), 43620. The **Autumn Market** is moved to **Saturday, October 7, 2023**. Please come check out the opportunities for volunteering, being a vendor, and having a good time!



Arboretum Work Day
Saturday, July 15
9am - noon
Food Provided!!!



Sunday, July 9th, 6-8pm
Madison Ave. Band
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Sunday, July 30th, 6-8pm
Ice Cream Militia
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Do you know your neighbors' phone numbers? One of the best ways to build a strong and safe community is to know your neighbors and be able to get in touch with each other. One of the best things about our neighborhood is that we are a friendly bunch! 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!

Old West End Security is a volunteer-run non-profit organization dedicated to making the Old West End a safer and more secure place for all our neighbors.

For more information visit **oldwestendsecurity.com**, call **(419-902-0982)** or email us at **oldwestendsecurity@gmail.com**. There will be no July meeting.

Thursday, July 6, 2023
O.W.E. Cushing Utopia Meeting
Kent Branch Library, (6:00 pm)

Monday, July 17, 2023
Preservation Meeting
Ford Mansion, (7:00 pm)



The Women of The Old West End

WOWE Officers:
Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore
and Tammy Michalak

New Police Chief Speaks to WOWE

"Organizations like (WOWE) are a critical concept, looking out for neighbors..."

~ Chief Michael Troendle.

On June 7, WOWE met at the home 12 a neighbor shared an account of her young daughter and friend being assaulted by two teen girls in April. 911 was called twice. It was three hours before anyone came and this Old West End mother was terrified of the lack of police response. The parent was ready to move out of the neighborhood - but for the care and concern shown by other neighbors.

What followed at the meeting was no tidy planned speech by Chief Troendle but real "get to the heart of it" police work. He explained that 911 calls are prioritized and sometime they don't have enough officers to respond immediately. The chief apologized for the response and inquired if there was a police report taken? ~ No ~ because they were told, if there is no video, not much can be done. The chief replied that they could still take a report. If pictures were available for identification, it would still be an option to press charges. "It is not just my kid, it is all the kids that live around here." ... was the reply from the responsible parent seeking to feel safer for the children in the neighborhood. ~ The moment had passed to confront the known bullies by the police. ~

The group attending the meeting was thrown into real gut wrenching, lively, question and answer-seeking discussion about this real situation, threatening safety in our neighborhood, with Chief Troendle.

Following are some of the hurdles that were shared later about the police department by Chief Troendle: They are trying to get more officers out on



the streets, they are continually trying to hire, having a hard time filling their academies, and losing officers faster than they can be replaced. The priority is having officers out on the streets. They

are looking at downsizing all the specialized units ... (911 is outside of the police). They are looking at other progressive police departments for inspiration. Time management is the biggest issue. Overall there are more good days than bad days. He deals with so much negativity. The police department has the same personal issues that arise as any organization.

Getting the officers out is having an effect. Foot patrol is having an effect. They have chosen two areas where they walk around the neighborhood. They hear that people are more afraid of the police than of the criminals. His goal is building trust. "On Patrol: Live" (the TV reality show on Reelz) started back up in February and one of their sergeants hosted the show - is having an effect on recruiting.

Chief Troendle was so generous with his time and covered current crime statistics besides addressing a host of questions from those who came to the meeting.

As an aside; a police report was filed that evening, a photo of the bully was put on the record. WOWE stands up to protect those who live here. Did you know we always have a "Blockwatch" portion of our meeting, more frequently than not, with a Community Officer? Please join with us!



COMMONS PARK

The Commons Park could not have been more beautiful for neighbors and guest to enjoy over the Festival weekend and beyond!! This is due to the continued efforts received from dedicated volunteers who give their time in making it stunning for all of us to enjoy. WOWE is grateful to the following who continue to support the Park initiative.

We are so very grateful to the following who volunteered for the June workday

- Tammy Michalak,
- Carol Kutsche,
- Toni Moore
- Brian Miller
- Mike McMahon
- Ken Schumaker
- (And pictured our
Lucas County Volunteers)
- Brittany Long
- Cassandra Johnson
- Shekeia Murray
- Seantoya Braggs

Volunteers are always needed! Thank You to all who continue to give of their time, talent and treasure in maintaining this beautiful asset.

Will you volunteer?
Our next workday is
Sat. July 15th,
9:00am - Noon



UPCOMING WOWE MEETINGS
6:30 POTLUCK 7:00 MEETING
 FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
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