



Kudos to:

Old West End Festival Committee
for coordinating another
GREAT Festival

Old West End Neighbors
for welcoming all the thousands of
visitors to our amazing neighborhood

Dan Schmitt
for coordinating the water upgrade
in the ARJA



Hitting the Nail on the Head



by Dan Schmitt

For close to two decades I have been involved with the Old West End Neighborhood. A question asked often was what can the various groups do to help an individual homeowner in need of house repair. Although there were some avenues available the options and depth of funds were somewhat limited....

UNTIL NOW.

At the April Old West Association meeting we asked Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity to speak on the topic. One of the many programs they have to offer is a custom fit for this issue, **The Home Repair Ministry (HRM)**.

If you own your home and need help completing or affording health and safety related repairs, Home Repair Ministry (HRM) might be the right program for you.

Approved applicants only pay for the cost of the required materials to accomplish the repair plus a small administrative fee. Most approved applicants use the 0% interest, 1-2 year payment plan that we offer. Your payment plan is based upon your income, ability to pay, and the scope of your repair. All labor is donated. Some of the repairs we can assist you with include installation of insulation, fixing water damage (and preventing it from occurring again), replacement of exterior doors and windows, and repair of porches and railings. We do a limited number of roof replacements each year and also provide exterior painting, grading and landscaping.

As the homeowner, you will complete "Sweat Equity" or volunteer hours. The amount of hours you will be asked to complete depends on the size of the project and your abilities but usually involves helping with prep and actual

work as well as being present during the repair. You can ask family members and friends to help you achieve some of your hours.

We select eligible homeowners based on three qualifications.

1. Need Your income must be below 60% of the Average Median Income (AMI) for Lucas County and the scope of your repair must be health or safety related. In addition:

- you must be living in the home and the legal owner of the property
- you cannot own additional property
- you must intend to remain in your home for at least two years
- your home must be in Lucas County
- the overall condition of your home must be sound enough to justify the cost of the repair

2. Ability to Pay You must demonstrate your ability to afford a repayment plan.

- Your income must be steady, reliable, and documented and normally more than 25% of AMI.
- Your collection debts normally cannot be more than \$2500.
- Your bankruptcies must have been discharged for more than two years.

3. Willingness to Partner, You must be willing to fulfill the requirements of our program.

- You must meet deadlines, attend your scheduled appointments, and demonstrate your willingness to partner with our staff and volunteers.
- You must also fulfill Sweat Equity requirements. Your requirements usually involve participating in the preparation work, actual work on (as you are able), and being present during your repair project.
- You will need to accept the required costs and repay them, using our 0% interest loan if needed.

Obviously any work requiring a certificate of appropriateness (COA) still requires you to follow the proper procedures and application. In the event you need help in that area feel free to contact the association, or me directly at dan@dpschmitt.com.

For additional information on the **Repairs Program** specifically, contact **Habitat at 419-382-1964.**



Commons Park - Sat., June 8, 9am

Scottwood Garden - Sat., June 15, 9am

Arboretum - Saturday, June 15, 9am

*Please Help Us Out,
even if it's only for an hour!*

To Do List . . .

Annual Unity Event

for Seniors 60+ (FREE)

June 22, 3-6pm, Club 300

419-324-9894 Reservation

Summer Evening Stroll

Tues. June 11, 6-7pm

Woodlawn Cemetary

O.W.E. & Area FUN

**MEETING
REMINDERS**



W.O.W.E.

June 5, 6:30pm

Carol Kutsche, 2483 Scottwood

O.W.E. Association

June 18, 7:30 pm

Glenwood Lutheran Church, 2545 Monroe St.



Letter from the President

by Jeni Belt



If you're reading this, you've survived another Old West Festival. Since I'm writing this pre-Festival, I'll make some predictions—the parade was fantastic, the house tours packed, the beer flowing in the Arboretum, the music spectacular; the weather cooperated; and you made some new friends and created some lasting memories. Our first Macelwane after-party went so well we're already thinking about version 2.0. New visitors to Festival felt like they just discovered utopia, where strangers are friends you just haven't yet met.

Hopefully some or all of these ring true, and if so, it is because (other than Mother Nature) of the wonderful people who work so tirelessly to make it so. Thank you to the volunteers who help make it happen. Thank you to our Committee Chairs who spend countless hours putting it together. And thank you to our Steering Committee whose members plan almost year round for this major event.

Now that we have closed another chapter of Festival, we turn the page to our Concert Series in the Arboretum, another celebrated rite of passage in the neighborhood. Six concerts are scheduled this year, and several concerts will run a little longer than usual, thanks to a generous donation from neighbors Gary and Roger Douglass.

Our Arboretum Committee hosts work days throughout the summer to maintain this beautiful outdoor space. On their most recent workday, they were aided by residents of the Toledo Correctional Facility who participate in a community services program to earn money towards their outstanding fines and penalties. The partner-



Plan on attending the **Annual Unity in the Community Event "A Tribute to Neighborhood Seniors"** **June 22, 3:00 - 6:00 pm**
Club 300, 3304 Collingwood Blvd.

Seniors, age 60 and older who reside in the OWENI, Old West End Association, and Cherry Neighborhoods are invited to a FREE sit-down dinner to honor you!

Reservations are limited and must be made between June 1-15, 419-324-9894 or oweni.community@gmail.com
No admittance without an RSVP.

Tuesday, June 11, 2019
O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting
6 p.m. at **Deb Kienzle's Home**
2238 Scottwood Ave.

Tuesday, June 18, 2019
O.W.E. Association
7:30 p.m. **Glenwood Lutheran Church**, **NEW LOCATION**
2545 Monroe St.

EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME!

ship proved to be successful and we look forward to working together in the future.

Our concert series wraps up September 8th and prior to the concert, the Business Networking Group will host the Autumn Festival in the Arboretum. This event will allow neighbors to vend their wares or clean their closets and offer their items for sale. It's a wonderful gift for the neighborhood to be able to enjoy this space—thank you to Kent Illenden and the Arboretum Committee for the work you do for all of us.

The Old West End Association continues to refine and implement its Strategic Plan. Discussion of our third area of focus, Marketing the Neighborhood Internally and Externally, was tabled at our May meeting and will be added to June's agenda. Our Know Your Neighbor segment featured Lutheran Social Services. OWE resident Jeffrey Bischoff shared a wealth of information on the vast range of services offered by LSS. Jeffrey became a resident of the neighborhood because of his experience working with LSS, which introduced him to the OWE, and he became convinced he needed to live here. So many of us have a similar story to tell, and the stories never get old.

Our Preservation Committee is again embarking on significant salvage work for homes slated for demolition, in Partnership with the Land Bank. While we all hate to see properties reach a point of no return, the salvage activity helps to ensure that some aspects of the home can be repurposed. Plan to attend the Preservation Committee meeting if you're interested in learning more—their next meeting takes place June 24 at 7:00 at Kent Branch Library.

The Association's next meeting is June 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Glenwood Lutheran Church. Our Know Your Neighbor segment will feature representatives from the Toledo Diocese who will discuss the current plans for the building at 2500 Collingwood. Hope to see you there!

Preservation Committee

The next meeting is Monday, June 10th at 7 pm, Kent Branch Library. Contact Shawn Kellerbauer 419-340-4809 for further details.



Agnes Reynolds Jackson
Arboretum 2019
Robinwood @ Delaware

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



Sunday, June 23rd, 6-8pm

Kentucky Chrome

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OLD WEST END SECURITY It's that time of year where much time is spent outdoors sprucing up the yard and completing other home improvement projects. Make sure to secure all tools inside the garage or other location at the end of each day.

Heading on vacation? Place a hold on mail through the US Postal Service. Put lights on a timer. If you keep a spare key hidden outside, it's a good idea to remove it before leaving. Ask a trusted neighbor to keep an eye out while you are away. Don't share vacation plans on social media.

Did you know that if you are an Old West End Security member you may request vacation checks on your home while you are gone? Sign up today to utilize this great membership benefit! Visit our website at <http://www.oldwestend-security.com> or call (419) 902-0982 to become a member today.

Old West End Security is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping make the OWE a safer community for all neighbors.

O.W.E. Business Network Group

The next Old West End Business Networkers meeting hosted by the Entrepreneurship Committee will be at **Judy Stone's home**. The address is **2428 Scottwood, Toledo Ohio, 43620**. The meeting is **Wednesday June 12th, 6:30 - 8:00**.

- *Planning Summer Networking Mixer
- *Planning Autumn Market
- *Directory Refresh Update



The Women of The Old West End

WOWE Officers:
Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore
& Tammy Michalak

Thank You
AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
**OLD WEST END FESTIVAL
COMMITTEE**
for another outstanding Festival.
YOUR EFFORTS ARE TRULY
APPRECIATED FOR COORDINATING
ONE AMAZING WEEKEND FOR ALL!!

A Letter To The Blade Editor Regarding The Over Saturation of Group Homes in District 4

With permission we are publishing this letter written to the Toledo Blade Editorial Staff from a neighbor. Since many here in the neighborhood do not receive the Blade we thought neighbors might like read this recent editorial:

It was heartening to read in the Blade that Toledo City Council has wisely voted to extend the moratorium on special-use permits for addiction treatment centers in District 4. District is home to Toledo's Old West End neighborhood. This special place has had to deal with numerous negative impacts and short sighted decisions over the years, but thanks to a group of dedicated neighbors and occasional help from City Hall, has managed to survive and thrive into the 21st century.

It was therefore very disappointing that junior councilman Nick Komives has chosen to be the lone councilman to vote against the moratorium. This self de-

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

Please join us and learn how WOWE is making a difference for our neighborhood
June 5th, Carol Kutsche
2483 Scottwood
July 3rd, Tammy Michalak
2056 Scottwood



WOWZA!! Twenty-five (25) volunteers helped to ready the Commons Park for Festival and our neighborhood. Lead by our own landscape designer Dave Urbank, the flowers were laid out in an artistic design and the team went to work planting. It looks amazing. So grateful to all who helped!
The next workday is June 8th at 9:00am

scribed "person of the people," has apparently decided not to support the people who live in the Old West End.

District 4 currently has 25 of the 45 addiction treatment centers in the city. That is just too many. In addition, a recent study shows that up to 70% of these facilities are operating without the special use permit required to do so. A group of concerned Old West End neighbors have thankfully convinced City Council to stop dumping these facilities in our neighborhood, but Mr. Komives continues to ignore their concerns.

Addiction is a serious problem in every part of the city. Why does Mr. Komives believe that it is okay that the Old West End continue to bear the burden of hosting the vast majority of these facilities in our neighborhood? We are a welcoming and diverse neighborhood, but enough is enough already!

Mike McMahon
Robinwood Ave.

The DEVILBISS HOUSE and KEY BANK

Unfortunately for the Davis Family, on Collingwood Ave., Key Bank demolished the brick wall separating their two properties. Key Bank did not apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) from the Historic District Commission. The Devilbiss home back yard is now completely open to the Key Bank Parking Lot and the Davis family are now finding

strangers in their back yard. Mr. Davis (the owner of the Devilbiss home) has met with Key Bank's CEO and has been told the wall will be replaced. We are hoping for a good outcome as we are not sure what Key Bank was told from the Plan Commission. There cannot be a retroactive COA to remedy this situation. Key Bank will need to make an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness and meet with the Historic District Commission to reconstruct this wall. If the Plan Commission advised Key Bank Inappropriately about this, it will set a precedent for anyone wanting to put up or take down something from their existing home in the Historic Old West End. ProMedica saved the Power Plant downtown . . . yes we know they have plenty of money . . . but the building was a historic piece of History for Toledo and so was the wall taken down from the Devilbiss home. As a result, a group of very concerned neighbors held a protest on the 10th of May on Collingwood between the Devilbiss Home and Key Bank. And, this past week, Floyd St., our only remaining brick street, was patched with asphalt. This action was stopped by a resident and for us there seems to be no coordination of services between departments of the City and our history. We have received a message the asphalt will be removed from Floyd. So as residents we must remain vigilant. Speak up if it does not seem right. We all need to protect the Historic OWE and our history.



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