

The View from the Sidewalk

by a walker!

This winter has certainly been challenging. One of my brothers says, "if you don't like the weather in northwest Ohio, wait a minute, it'll change." We've had a little or a lot of everything! We are looking forward to spring and longer days. Walking in the dark with ice, water and snow is not a good practice. We appreciate those of you who clear your sidewalks, and this one who delivers the Historic Times, appreciates those who clear a path across your driveways and sidewalks.

We've seen different approaches to snow removal too. There was a sign on a porch saying the homeowner didn't want the sidewalks cleared (probably because the doorbell rings on snow days with kids looking to earn some money) but also said "please stay off the grass."

On the other extreme, one morning I saw a dad who walks his kids to the corner to get the bus. He was carrying something, and as he got closer, I saw that it was a snow shovel. He was clearing a path along the block, and when he got to the corner he cleared a short section of both sidewalks to the street. He then cleared more on his way back to his house. I don't know who he is, but I am very thankful for having him as a neighbor!

There are new "for sale" signs and some of the old ones are now gone. It's great to see houses that have sat empty too long, being bought by someone who wants to live in, love and maintain them. A couple of porch projects reflect that, one where a long-gone porch on Scottwood was replaced, a major project, and a smaller one down the street where the base was rebuilt and the original railings put back in place. These big old houses are a money sponge, and it takes a lot to do that kind of restoration - but they should last another 100 years. *Come on, spring!!*

Kudos to:

Dennis Lange & Pumpnickel's

Thanks for your continued dedication to the Old West End. Pumpnickel's will be missed by many!

Chuck Madrigal & Finley Gleason
for hosting the House Tours Meet & Greet!

Scott Powers

for clearing the sidewalks around the Arboretum during our many snowfalls.

2018 Historic Old West End Festival



T-Shirt Design Submission

It's that time of year and we are looking for submissions for our 2018 Festival T-Shirts.

What we need:

Designs must have "2018 Historic Old West End Festival". Preferable 2 or 3 color design. Submit artwork as a high res. PDF, JPG, PNG, AI or PSD File.

What we leave up to you:

Everything else! We are looking for fun designs, anything from architectural elements to graffiti art! If you have an idea or a show stopper that will be a big seller or that will represent what the festival and the neighborhood is about....submit your ideas.

Other Information:

Artists do not need to be a resident of the Old West End. So please share with other creative people that we can showcase!

We do not pay for ideas but if chosen, you will receive a gift package and acknowledgement of your design contribution in our Festival Program Guide.

Please submit design or questions to:

OWEassociation@gmail.com

Deadline is May 1, 2018

To Do List . . .

Spring Ahead 3-11-18

Set clocks ahead 1 Hr.

St. Patrick's Day 3-17-18

Eat Corned Beef and

drink a green beer!

Visit the Museum!

O.W.E. FUN

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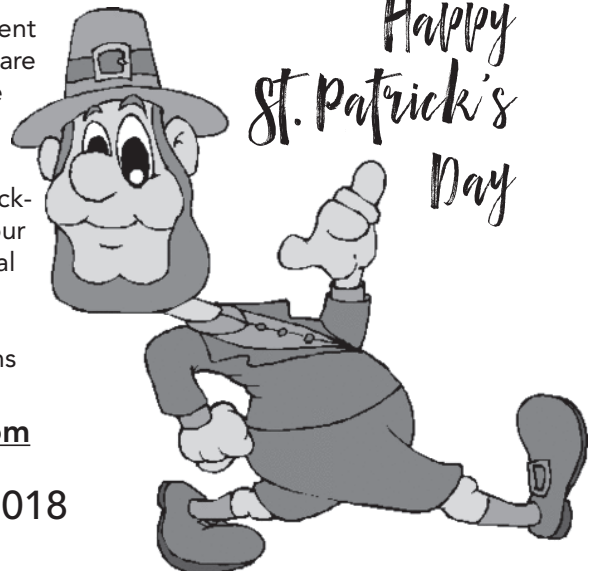
A volunteer courier is needed for 2000 & 2100 blocks of Scottwood.

Approx. 64 papers.

Great way to support your neighborhood, get exercise & meet your neighbors.

Call Kent 419-367-9155.

Happy St. Patrick's Day





Letter from the President

by Jeni Belt



Happy March, neighbors. I recently joined a fellow Old West Ender for a week-end getaway. As we turned onto Delaware, she remarked how it always feels so good to return to the neighborhood after being gone. It's an attachment to the comfort of our homes, certainly, but also, to a greater extent, a connection to the community. I know so many of us share this sense of camaraderie and I hope we can share it with those who do not, to enhance the strength and solidarity of our neighborhood.

The Old West End Association's mission statement lists its purposes:

- A.** Create and maintain a community atmosphere that encourages a harmonious multi-ethnic neighborhood.
- B.** Improve and maintain the safety and security of Old West End residents and property.
- C.** Improve and maintain quality and equality of education for children residing in the Old West End.
- D.** Improve and maintain the dissemination of accurate information about the Old West End, its property, and its spirit as a neighborhood community.
- E.** Preserve the historic and aesthetic qualities of Old West End property.
- F.** Provide a means for people to meet and nurture friendships.
- G.** Coordinate any areas of neighborhood concern with other neighborhood groups and organizations.
- H.** Address any other areas the Association deems to be of interest or service to the residents of the Old West End.

As such, all activities the Association participates in should be driven by or accomplish one or more of these objectives. Our meeting agendas are driven by our goals in furtherance of these objectives.

One area in need of improvement is dissemination of accurate information about the neighborhood. This newsletter is our official publication and this column serves to inform you of the highlights of monthly meetings in case you weren't able to attend. Unfortunately, not all neighbors receive the newsletter (as we don't have volunteer couriers for all blocks) and not everyone reads the newsletter (ignore that part, Kent)! We will continue to work to ensure that all

neighbors who are interested in receiving our news have an opportunity to, as best we can.

The Old West End Facebook group is not an Association-monitored communication tool. We post in the group, like so many of you do, to share information relevant to neighbors. We are working with our other neighborhood organizations, OWENI and WOWE, to develop a code of conduct to guide group users and establish the rules of engagement. We hope that this will serve to provide a framework for civil discourse in furtherance of our collective goal of community-building. Stay tuned.

Our February meeting featured newly elected Housing Court Judge **Joe Howe**, who shared some ideas about how he plans to streamline Housing Court and how use of the Court can aid our neighborhood preservation efforts. Two individuals from **Unison** also discussed Unison's desire to develop a recovery facility adjacent to the neighborhood.

Our next meeting takes place **March 20** at 7:15p.m. in the Pride Room at the Collingwood Art Center. Our meetings include refreshments (red wine) and snacks. We socialize before and after—it's a great way to catch up with your friends and neighbors and hear about what's happening in the neighborhood. Hope you can join us!

(Editor's Note: The Historic Times is also available at: www.toledoldwestend.com)

March **O.W.E. Preservation Meeting**
Contact Chad Coyle
419-466-0837

Tuesday, March 13, 2018
O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting
6 p.m. at **Dan & Sara's Home**
2528 Glenwood Ave.
Tuesday, March 20, 2018
Association Meeting
7:30 p.m. at the
Collingwood Arts Center, Pride Room
EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME!

Entrepreneurship Committee Business of the Month House of Dow

1501 Adams St., Toledo, OH 43604

House of Dow is a fun vintage resale shop with something for everyone! From vintage kids clothes to plus sizes, the shop carries a variety of styles to fit all figures. A large variety of accessories decorate the walls of the shop, and there are knick knacks, books, and toys throughout the store. Stop in for a fur collar for your coat, a designer tie for the perfect gift, or a vintage outfit to be the hit at your next party! Open 7 days a week or online at www.houseofdow.com

Next **Entrepreneurship Meeting**
Thursday, March 8, 6:00 pm
Pride Room, C.A.C.
Discussion Topic: **Taxes**

Historic District Commission Meeting
Contact Molly Maguire at
419-245-1200
or Molly.Maguire@toledo.oh.gov



OLD WEST END SECURITY

For those of you who may not know Old West End Security is a non-profit group of volunteer neighbors, dedicated to deterring crime by contracting private security officers to make regular rounds in the neighborhood. The organization has been around since 1981, created by neighbors for neighbors!

Patrols add an extra set of eyes on our homes and streets, making our neighborhood as inhospitable for crime as possible. We depend on our residents' monetary support to pay for these patrols. Churches, apartments, businesses and residential homes are all part of our supporter base. **More supporters = More patrols.**

For more information check our website: www.OldWestEndSecurity.com. **You can now join, pay, or donate online!!** It's easier than ever to show your support and help keep our neighborhood safe!

MARCH SECURITY TIPS: Create the illusion that someone is at your house by leaving on the TV or stereo, particularly near entry points. Keep drapes and blinds shut. Don't allow potential intruders to easily see what's inside your home – especially in rooms where there is expensive equipment. Drapes and blinds obscure a potential intruder's view, making it difficult to see which rooms hold high value items, or even whether someone is inside the house.

The Women of The Old West End



WOWE Officers:
Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore & Tammy Michalak

URGENT ALERT

The City of Toledo is not following it's laws regarding Group Homes

We are alerting the OWE that an application for a Special Use Permit for a GROUP HOME has been applied for by Unison Health Care Services. The building is at 2310 Jefferson and is less than the required 500 feet from an existing group home. This area is in the Central West part of the city which includes, OWE, Warren Sherman, TOTCO, Rohr etc. Essentially this group home is in our neighborhood. A meeting of the Zoning and Planning Committee of Council will hear from the applicants and HOPEFULLY MANY OF YOU. Your presence is needed at this hearing on **Wednesday, March 14, 4:00pm** in City Council Chambers. After this meeting the issue will go before City Council within days. Your presence at this City Council Meeting is important as well.

WOWE has, since the 1980's, been fighting and monitoring group home issues effecting our neighborhood. **We all need to be on board as we all continue to preserve and fight for our neighborhood.**

RECENT NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY ISSUE:

Spring is almost here and so is warmer weather. Given the recent late night activities of an individual(s) who have stalked homes, cars, sometimes peeping into windows and doors.

Be vigilant and... PLEASE:

Keep your porch lights and security lights on. Keep an eye out for your neighbors. Be aware of any suspicious activity by individuals who might be in your or your neighbors yard. Observe what these individuals are wearing, height, car, etc. Call 911 first and then OWE security (419-902-0982) if you suspect illegal activity. I know we are all dedicated in keeping the OWE safe.

WEDNESDAY WITH WADE

March 7th 4:00pm

Locke Branch Library, 703 Miami St.
Come join neighbor's! Make a difference!

Update: Mission Initiative

A portion of the proceeds from Tours de Noel each year are use for WOWE's Mission Initiative.

This past year we helped a neighbor by having their upper and lower porches rebuilt. The post caps for the porches will be installed in the early spring. The Dept. of Neighborhoods is now working with the property owner to select colors and obtain bids for the final repairs and painting. Hopefully by festival this home will be completed.

Here is a letter from this overjoyed homeowner:

"I want to thank W.O.W.E. for the wonderful job you did rebuilding our porch at 2428 Robinwood Ave. Every time I approach the house I am just in awe at how different it looks. The City was here today to gather information and start getting bids for the additional repairs and painting. I will next get paint colors approved from the Historic District Commission before they begin work. Again, Thank You."



March 10,	Needs, Assessment
April 14,	Workday
May 12	Workday
May 26,	Planting of Annuals
June 9,	Workday

We have had several inquiries this year regarding rental for Weddings, Birthday Parties etc. at the Commons Park. If you or anyone you know might be interested in renting the Common's, please ask them to call 419-360-2151 regarding open dates and additional information.

WOWE and "Friends of the Commons Park" help to maintain this beautiful space which is value-added for our neighborhood. Help is always needed and appreciated on the workdays. The big push is May 26th when over 30 flats of annuals are planted. If you would like to help on any of the workdays or the big Planting of Annuals day please join neighbors as we, 1. Ready the Commons for the Old West End Spring Festival and 2. Maintain the beauty of the park throughout the summer. Will you help?

BANCROFT STREET LIGHTS AND TRAFFIC STUDY

Believe it or not the Bancroft Beautification Committee is still trying to get this project finished. We are still working on getting the "promised street lights in". The Old West End was scheduled as part of a pilot project which included three neighborhoods to receive the new LED lighting. We are still waiting and e-mailing the city for answers. Stay tuned.

The Traffic Study

Here is the latest e-mail from the Paul Rasmussen, Director of Public Service - Transportation Dept.

"Due to staffing challenges, the Bancroft Street traffic study has not been properly completed. I am working with Gary Stookery to ensure it is completed properly. I will look into whether we are able to share it with you once completed."

It is totally unclear to this committee why Mr. Rasmussen is unsure that he can share this information with us. It's a public record. . . here is our response to Mr. Rasmussen.

"Thank you however we would appreciate it if you could please give us a timetable. We were promised a traffic study would be conducted six months after the initial project was completed. It is taking us over two and a half years to get the study to be conducted, and we are now waiting for the results. I'm sure Councilwoman Harper and Doug Stephens of Engineering can attest to the difficulties we have experienced with getting the study conducted. Please advise at your earliest convenience when we can expect to have a meeting with your office to review the results."

To date the BBC has not received an e-mail back from Mr. Rasmussen. The committee might consider a Press Conference if something is not done soon.

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

March 7, Michael's Cafe (downtown)
Monroe at Michigan

Apr. 4, 2018 Melody Brewer
2553 Glenwood Ave.



The Danberry Co., Realtors
3624 Navarre Av., Oregon, Oh 43616




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