

HISTORIC TIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TOLEDO'S HISTORIC WEST END



WEAR A MASK!

Kudos to:

OWEnders that cleared snow off neighbors drives & walks!

Jeanne Burton

for her gracious donations of homemade bread to neighbors & hand knitted scarves to the homeless

Skip Gaynor & Gary Buck

for clearing driveways and sidewalks of neighbors

John Foley

for clearing the sidewalks on Acklin



The Scottwood Community Garden

Work days will be the 1st Saturday of each month from 9 am until noon, starting March 6th. All neighbors are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Jen Robertson at 567-249-8560 or jenrobertson619@gmail.com

COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments

Health Partners of Western Ohio:
419-574-9868 (Toledo)
or on-line at: lucascountyhealth.com/covidvaccine

N.B.I Grant Applications (Neighborhood Beautification Improvement)

The projects must: Be public (they can't be for improvements to private property).

- Be within the Old West End boundaries (roughly defined as Detroit Ave., Monroe Street, Collingwood Ave., and Berdan Ave.)
- Include volunteer commitment. *The Grant is intended to fund materials, not services (additional donations are a plus). Materials might include paint, wood, or other construction materials, printing, postage, or supplies. The grant can pay for labor in circumstances where professional expertise is required, but the projects should involve volunteer labor when possible.*
- Be sustainable and include a plan to ensure sustainability
- Have a specific and attainable timeline for completion with measurable progress markers

The applicants must: Be renters, owners, business owners, or organizations in the neighborhood.

Timeline: Grants will be awarded twice annually. Deadlines for Review: **April 30**, October 31

Contact **Scott Ramsey** at: the.flats@rocketmail.com for further information

To Do List . . .

"YOGA Zoom Classes"

Every Saturday, 9am

OWE Facebook group

Donations Accepted

Scottwood Inn

"Leprechaun Visit"

March 13, noon-4pm

419-242-4551

Toledo Museum of Art

"Virtual Public Glassblowing Demos"

Mar. 7, 14, 19, 21, 26

and 28, 2-3 pm

"Restaurant Week

Toledo" Mar. 1-7th

"Toledo Zoo Wine

Tasting Mar. 12, 7-9pm

O.W.E. & Area FUN

Due to Covid Restrictions call to verify that events are still happening.

Knowing Our Neighbors!



WHO WE ARE

Grace Community Center has been a person-oriented organization begun as a church mission of the United Church of Christ in 1969. Throughout its history Grace's concerns have been governed by its commitment to enhance community improvement through encouraging self-determination by its neighborhood residents and providing supportive services. Grace serves an area of approximately 5,000 residents, with 48% poverty rate. Single females head over 60% of the household with several school-age children.

WHERE WE ARE NOW

Today, the Center offers year round education and social development programs to young people, family case management, employment and career development, GED preparation for adults, youth development and leadership programs, countless recreation programs, and collaboration with many social service organizations, to better the lives of hundreds of families in the Center's service area. In addition, the Center has recruited the assistance of numerous volunteers in the area. Besides, adult volunteers, many high school student volunteers are being trained through this process.

The Center's mission is "to encourage personal development and self actualization of individuals. Promoting and supporting social action efforts, that supports and promotes the growth of individuals and families." The work of Grace Center is family focused, creating both self-sufficiency and self-actualization. The Center focuses on educating low income single moms, developing self esteem opportunities, seeking and providing opportunities to assist them to become more employable and therefore more stable. Grace is also dedicated to preserving the neighborhood, where Grace is located, promoting and advocating the building and renovation of homes, safe streets and community partnerships.

Grace Community Center

406 W Delaware Ave, Toledo, OH 43610
(419) 248-2467

MEETING REMINDERS



Assoc. Meeting
March 16th - Zoom

W.O.W.E.
March 10th - Zoom



Letter from the President

by Sara Haynes
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SPRING IS AROUND THE CORNER!

Believe it or not, Spring is just around the corner. Warmer weather, vaccines and hopefully ever decreasing Covid statistics will allow us to participate in outdoor activities while still remaining socially distant. I love the snow and the cold...but I am also looking forward to warmer weather, pattering around in the backyard and communing with neighbors at a safe 6' distance. Not sure if it is just me, but 2021 seems to be speeding by.

OWEA STRATEGIC PLAN REFRESHER & what else is on YOUR MIND?

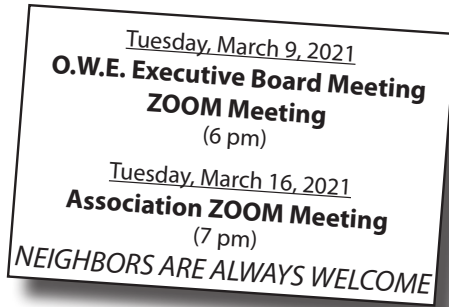
A Strategic Plan was developed in 2019 over multiple OWEA meetings. The Plan was designed to be a plan for 2019-2021, but unfortunately due to Covid, we haven't been able to develop and implement projects to advance the plan. The Plan has three broad topic areas: Market the Neighborhood Internally and Externally, Increase Engagement of Neighbors as Active Participants, Increase Preservation Efforts.

Below are the initial projects outlined under each broad topic. I am sharing and asking for your feedback with regards to 1) are they still relevant? 2) should they be modified? 3) should we update the plan, and add / modify the priorities? My ask for March is please review the below and come to the next OWEA meeting or send me an email with your feedback. My email address is slhaynesoh@gmail.com. If you use email, please entitle the subject as "Strategic Plan".

Market the Neighborhood Internally & Externally

Initial projects: Welcome to OWEA Packet; Pop-Ups – available space for commerce; Collaboration with Churches; Targeted outreach to Top Stakeholders e.g. TMA, hospitals, Toledo Board of Realtors, etc.; Cultivate media relationships.

Current status: OWEA is contributing content to an OWE Packet whose development is being led by Women of the



Old West End (OWE). Packet should be ready for distribution to new neighbors early summer 2021.

Increase engagement of Neighbors as Active Participants

Initial projects: Update Website; Avoid / Stave off Gentrification; Increase diversity of OWEA; Change format of meeting; Succession Plan for OWEA.

Current status: We have made updates to the website, and for a while changed the format of the meeting, but Covid and Zoom make brainstorming discussions a little more difficult. We haven't advanced the other ideas. Do you have other ideas to increase engagement? What keeps you or your neighbors from getting involved? We want to know!

Increase Preservation efforts

Initial projects: Consider new uses for Neighborhood Beautification & Improvement Funds; Define Preservation; Stewardship for Culture; Use of green space. How do you feel about preservation? What projects would you like to be involved in to increase preservation in OWE?

\$1000 AVAILABLE FOR POST HIGH SCHOOL STUDIES

Deadline is May 10, 2021. Information can all be found on our website <http://www.toledooldwestend.com/get-involved> and look for OWE Education & Scholarship committee.

OWEA MEETINGS CONTINUE VIA ZOOM

It is easy, safe and warm to stay connected with the OWE! We are continuing to conduct OWEA meetings the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. Meeting links and information can be found on the the OWEA website: www.toledooldwestend.com as well as on OWEA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/HistoricOldWestEnd>). You can dial in the meeting or join via your computer.

Make March majestic, mindful and meaningful (all while 6 feet apart)!



OLD WEST END SECURITY

Power in Numbers

Working together for a safer Old West End, for ALL neighbors!

US Protection is currently providing unarmed patrols in the neighborhood. They will be using the lights on the side of their vehicle to be a more visible, and recognizable, presence in the neighborhood. As a subscriber, please remember to text or leave a message when reporting issues to the Security phone (419-902-0982).

Refer to the OWE Security website (<http://www.oldwestend.com>) for further information regarding the benefits of membership and subscribe. The more supporters we have the more patrols we will be able to add! If you have been considering membership, please refer to the website and sign up today. After registering you will receive a SUPPORTER sign to be displayed at your home.

Please join us for our monthly meeting the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00p.m. [Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

Preservation Committee

To get a COA (Certificate of Appropriateness) for any exterior renovations within the Historic District contact Molly Maguire at:

419-245-1200 or

Molly.Maguire@toledo.oh.gov





The Women of the Old West End

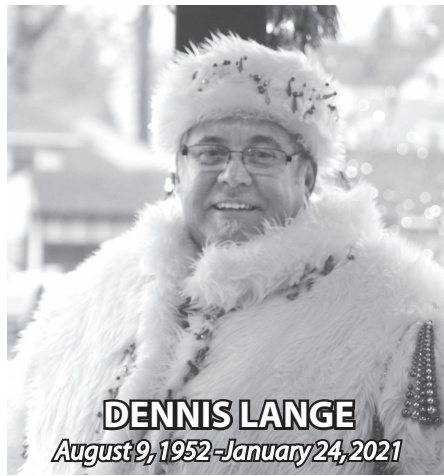
WOWE Officers: Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore & Tammy Michalak

IN MEMORIAM

For so many of us who knew Dennis, it was with shock and much sadness that we learned of his passing on January 24th. "That can't be" someone said. We agree ... his passing was way too soon for someone who loved life as he did.

Dennis loved his Family, the OWE, his Church, his affiliation with the Republican party and the many, many friends he made over the years.

In December of 1987 Dennis purchased his home on Scottwood Ave. He moved in and then wasted no time getting involved in the neighborhood and set out to make a difference in all that he accomplished. His passion and interests for the Old West End were many. For all of us who had the opportunity to work with Dennis (we know he drove us all little



DENNIS LANGE

August 9, 1952 - January 24, 2021

crazy at times, when working on projects) but his heart was always in the right place and he always finished what he said what he would do.

Dennis chaired many OWE Festivals. In the mid 90's this writer remembers vividly one Festival Saturday morning, the sun was shining, the parade had happened, the vendors were in place, the houses were open for tour, the Art Show was in

full swing ... and then it happened. It was 12:30p when the sky opened up. It rained and rained on an off for 3 hours. I was with Dennis when the sky opened up and I truly felt so bad for him and the whole Festival Committee. But as usual Dennis, with a smile (and some sadness) threw his hands in the air and said, "Sunday would be a better day." He brought that same "we'll get it done" attitude in all that he did. If you needed anything he was able to find it or get it.

We here in the neighborhood should be so very grateful for the time Dennis gave to the OWEA, WOWE, The ARJ Arboretum, The Cookie Walk and so much more. Dennis was full of life and love. He was a gift to each of us who knew him and for this writer and WOWE he will truly be missed in so many ways. "Tours de Noel" will never be the same without Dennis and that goes for all of the other neighborhood committee's he generously shared his time.

WOWE will celebrate Dennis with a gathering in the Commons Park sometime in the summer!!

UPDATE:

The Libbey Foundation & Women of the Old West End
WOWE and the Libbey Foundation will host a "post" Mother's Day Luncheon - May 22nd & 23rd

WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP!

WOWE is planning an Old West End Cookbook

Will you share a recipe or two for the cookbook? A picture of the finished item to accompany the recipe would be truly appreciated too.

This cookbook will feature not only your recipe/s, but also pictures and history of some of the historic homes accompanied with anecdotal information as well.

Please forward you recipe/s and pictures to:

Carol Kutsche cjkutsche@bex.net or
Toni Moore: tmoore_etc@hotmail.com

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

March 10th

Zoom info will be sent out.

Zoom

April 7th

TBD

Celebrate Mom
The Libbey House Foundation & The Women of the Old West End
Presents
Mother's Day Luncheon Tea



Saturday May 15th & Sunday May 16th
(The Weekend after Mother's Day)

Seatings: Saturday 11 am, 1:30pm
Sunday 11am 1pm & 3pm

Tickets are \$30.00 per person
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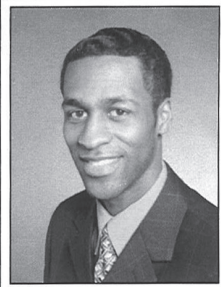


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