



HISTORIC TIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TOLEDO'S HISTORIC OLD WEST END



Tough Sledding

Gregg Stambaugh

You have to start somewhere. That's what my dad always told me, good people. So, the six of us...three guys and three gals... headed out with it sticking partway out of my buddy's hatchback. We found the recommended slope, unloaded it and laughed.

"This is it? Who said to come here...?" both guys asked.

"My mom's friend" said my darling wife-to-be. Oh, yeah...we're talking 1973 here.

"She does have second graders," she chuckled.

"Come on, one run," I said and grabbed the toboggan and headed over to Bunny Hill.

Five minutes later, we were all back in the car in search of Mount Everest. We all agreed to find an uncrowded hill lacking tiny tots and punk teenagers. Yes, we had punk teenagers in 1973. I had recently evolved from one.

My buddy pulled the car down a winding side road. He maneuvered it out of sight among a stand of pine trees. We all piled out and sauntered over to the top of the hill.

"Sweet." "Really nice."

"Maybe" I said. "What's that at the very end? A ditch?"

"It's just the Maumee River" my buddy replied.

"I'm sure the water's warm..."

"Ah, we won't be near it" he said unconvincingly.

I need to mention that this is dusk/ nighttime sledding. Uh-huh. I looked around and saw two street lights and somebody's mercury vapor off in the distance.

"Yo, guys, see this baby here" I patted the solid trunk of a pine tree. "Those puppies down there are probably this big in real life."

"They're spread out...we'll just avoid them."

"OK, Evel Knevel, grab your duct tape and flashlight and lead the way."

The four of them piled on and we gave them a nice starting shove. WHOOSH!! They were flying!

"Crazy people" I muttered. Deb watched my eyes and knew I was hooked. I love speed. The four returned, exhilarated. Dave pulled me aside.

"Watch out for the trees, Gregg." He was serious.

"What trees?" I slapped him on the back.

"Who's comin' with us?" I yelled. Larry and Diane jumped on behind Deb, who was hanging on to me. Dave and Sue pushed. WHOOSH!! #2. What a rush! Now, good people, you need to know that you don't really steer a toboggan so much as you guide it.

"Tree coming up"...yelled Larry.

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Kudos to:

Deb Kinsle
for coordinating a "fun"
Euchre night at the O.W.E. Security
Super Bowl event.

Judy Stone
for negotiating a discounted fee for
the Association to use Mansion View's
Carriage House for storage.

O.W.E. Bicycle Club

Dear Friends, neighbors and cyclist in my beloved neighborhood, I have had several people ask if I would be willing to restart the Old West Ends Bicycling Club, although I would dearly love to see a riding club in our neighborhood once again I personally don't have the stamina to take on the leadership role anymore, with my M.S. progressing, and of course my age also I just don't have the kind of energy it takes to plan, test and map out rides weekly. I would however be happy to help someone else interested in taking that role, with some of the routes I have found, and some of the maps as well as contacts I have developed over the years. If there is any interest please contact **Robert Hannon @ 419-540-3435**, or 2626 Robinwood Toledo, Ohio 43610.

Thank you for all your support over the years. - Robert -

The View From the Sidewalk

By a Walker

During much of the last century, Collingwood Boulevard could be considered the Main Street of the Old West End. Along its gracious length, almost every necessary business or service could be found, before the influx of chain stores and malls. The Community Traction Company had trolley service to take you downtown if you needed something more; the tracks are still visible in some places. The trolleys were discontinued in the late 1940s and replaced by busses. There were houses of worship for many faiths, stores and services, schools, hospitals, all within a few blocks if not actually in Collingwood.

Between Delaware and Rosary Cathedral was a strip of shops and businesses—Casey-Sullivan Realty; the Beauty Spot; the Market Basket; the Longhorn Saloon; the Little Store, with penny candy and school supplies; the Bowl-O-Drome; and a dry cleaning business. There was even a Franklin Ice Cream store on the corner of Delaware on the other side of Collingwood.

Rosary Cathedral School and the Cathedral itself took up the rest of that block, the school dating from 1914 and the church started in the 1920s and dedicated in 1941. The location is unusual for a cathedral. They usually are placed in a downtown location. The church is in the Spanish "Plateresque" style, that is, in the style of the plateros, or silversmiths. The Diocese now owns the property between the school and Delaware for parking and the school playground.

From Collingwood and Islington to the end at Cherry Street is mostly residential with some glorious old houses. There was a small trailer in the empty lot across that intersection that was used as a voting site for elections. At Collingwood and Central, we had the original Kent Branch Library, very similar in architecture to the main branch downtown. It was a great loss to me when it burned, having been an avid reader and regular attendee of Miss Hitchen's' story hour after school on Thursdays, and thinking I'd eventually read every book! There was a small interim branch in an empty store near Delaware, and now Kent Branch is in the former Academy of Medicine library building. A school was built on another corner, taking the sites of several houses. A few of the houses in the area, also on Cherry Street, had signs advertising tourist rooms. Between there and Cherry Street, Collingwood is still residential up to the former Flower Hospital property. More next month!

(To be continued in the April Issue)

CLIP AND SAVE

Old West End Historic District Commission

2016 Application and Meeting Schedule

APPLICATION DEADLINE

MEETING

Monday, March 21	April 11, 2016
Monday, April 18	May 9, 2016
Monday, May 23	June 13, 2016
Monday, June 20	July 11, 2016
Monday, July 18	August 8, 2016
Monday, August 22	Sept. 12, 2016
Monday, Sept. 19	Tues., Oct. 11, 2016
Monday, Oct. 24	Nov. 14, 2016
Monday, Nov. 21	Dec. 12, 2016

APPLICATION must be received by 4:45 pm three (3) weeks prior to meeting at Toledo-Lucas County Plan Commissions, One Govt. Center, Suite 1620. **MEETING** is 5:30 pm, 2nd Monday of the month, Collingwood Presbyterian Church Conference Room, 2108 Collingwood.




**Letter from
the President**
by Courtney Macklin

Time flies when you're having fun, and that is definitely the case in the Old West End. How is it already March? I hope you all have a safe and fun St. Patrick's Day and enjoy the buildup to spring.

If you have a high school senior in your life, please encourage her or him to apply for the **OWEA Scholarship**, available on our website (www.toledood-oldwestend.com). With the cost of college ever increasing, let us help take a bit of the edge off. **The deadline is March 31.**

Also on our website is the application for the **Neighborhood Beautification and Improvement Grant**. If you have an idea to improve the public spaces in the Old West End that needs funding and volunteers to get off the ground, please apply! The application is straightforward and painless, but the deadline is coming up at the end of April, so quit just talking about it and put it into motion!

Festival is fast approaching and it takes over 200 volunteers to show-case our neighborhood. We need house tour guides, beer tent volunteers, 5K run volunteers, and so much more. Even if you don't know what you want to volunteer for, please contact Sara Haynes, Dan Schmitt, or Sue Postal and they will help match your interests with the right volunteer opportunity. **The party lasts all weekend, so volunteering for just two hours is a short amount of time to help make festival better every year.**

Spring also means that the Arboretum will start to come back to life. Look for the summer concert series to be announced soon, as well as the workday schedule. I hope to see you all out helping, and then enjoying this beautiful green space.

The **Preservation Committee** continues to be active in the neighborhood through salvage efforts and educational series classes to help broaden the neighborhood's access to the tools we need to upkeep our homes. At the last preservation committee meeting, Councilwoman Yvonne Harper and new Commissioner of Code Enforcement, Cindy Geronimo, discussed the city's efforts to better address issues related to code. One change that I am particularly

excited about is that each council district will have its own code enforcement officer who will be out in the community rather than behind a desk. I look forward to building a closer relationship with this department and look forward to seeing how we can collaborate.

The association is also in the process of updating its bylaws. While not the sexiest thing about being involved, a regular review of the bylaws helps us remain relevant in the issues that affect our neighborhood. I was pleased with the input that the Bylaws Review Committee got at February's meeting and look forward to presenting updates at the next association meeting.

Speaking of our next meeting, our March meeting is on **Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 PM at the Libbey House**. I will spare you having to read something corny about Caesar and just say I hope to see everyone there!

I know I have been saying it over and over, but it really is an exciting time to get involved in the OWEA. We've got these great things going on, and your input and help can make them even better. I hope to see new faces at our next meeting, Tuesday March 15.



OLD WEST END SECURITY

Neighborhood security encompasses a lot of different ideas and strategies. However, the unifying element is the need for neighbors to work as both individuals and as a team. Old West End Security is just one strategy for the neighborhood to work as a team. Every member will add patrols to the neighborhood. If we increase the membership, the number of patrols will increase. We as an organization is dependent upon the support of the neighborhood. Please consider joining by going to our website, www.oldwestendsecurity.com, and filling out a membership form online as well as making a payment. Also, if you do not want to join, but just make a donation, the website allows you to do that as well. If you would prefer, feel free to call our resident manager to get more information about joining at 419-902-0982. Together, as neighbors, we can all do a part in maintaining the security of our community. Please report crime to the police first.



Tuesday, March 8, 2016

O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting
6 p.m. at **Courtney Macklin's**
2731 Robinwood Ave.

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

O.W.E. Association Meeting
7 p.m. at **The Libbey House**
2008 Scottwood. Ave.

PRESERVATION REMINDERS

At the February preservation meeting we were fortunate to have a presentation from Cindy Geronimo on the changes in code enforcement procedures being implemented. We also wish to extend our thanks to Yvonne Harper for her participation. She expressed her interest and willingness to assist any way possible in the betterment of our neighborhood. The window and sash class for February has been postponed, due to low attendance. Our next preservation series workshop will be held in April and the topic will be announced. Preservation and salvage efforts continue despite the weather and unfriendly temperatures. Looking for a missing spindle or some other lost piece of your homes history? We encourage you to check out the salvage efforts, you never know what you'll find! Check for emails and announcements on the Facebook page for updates regarding future efforts. Our next meeting is **March 14th at Kent Branch Library at 7pm**. Please join our efforts and meet some neighbors! NEIGHBORS please continue to be vigilant in watching for theft and destruction of our vacant and unattended homes in the neighborhood. Immediately contact the TPD non emergency line 419-245-3340 or the City of Toledo neighborhoods division at (419-245-1400). If you are in need of further information on salvage or our preservation efforts contact Chad Coyle. Email coylechad@yahoo.com.

Old West End Historic District Commission Reminder

Neighbors, if you are planning any exterior alterations please contact Molly Maguire at the City of Toledo Plan Commission for a certificate of appropriateness. Molly can be contacted 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

A Message of Gratitude from Toni & Dave Moore

A year ago, on March 4, 2015 our beloved son David Jr. passed away. I cannot begin to tell you of the heartache Dave and I and our daughter Melissa still feel about losing this sweet, kind, gentle and caring Son. It is still difficult to think that he is no longer with us. It has taken quite a while to sit down and write notes of gratitude to so many friends and family who embraced us with love, kindness and caring words. And it is specifically this wonderful place we call home and the amazing people who live/ed here in the Old West End who once again embraced us and supported Dave and I and our daughter Melissa with gentle words of encouragement, gifts of food, flowers, so many wonderful cards (that continued to come long afterwards), a brick purchased and placed in Davey's name at the Arboretum, so many memorials given in Davey's name to Nature's Nursery (where he volunteered for many years) and so many Masses said on his behalf. It was and still is overwhelming to both Dave and me. There were many who helped us through this very difficult time but it was many of you who came to us almost immediately. We will be forever grateful for the spirit of our friends and neighbors of the OWE and for your care and love on our behalf. We only wish each of you had known our Davey. With much gratitude we say Thank You from the bottom of our hearts.

CHILDREN'S DAY 2016

WOWE will again post our request below as we are hoping that someone will come forward to Chair Children's Day 2016.

Again, we thank Kate Mitchell for all of her years of planning and execution of the beloved event called Children's Day. Sadly this year, with a very hectic work schedule, Kate will be unable to Chair the event. WOWE is asking for volunteer/s to Chair and/or Co-Chair this year's event

which is held in late September or the first week in October. There is still plenty of time for planning.

Please contact Toni Moore at: tmoore_etfc@hotmail.com or at 419-360-2151. We are hoping someone will step up to Volunteer. Your reward will be all those excited and happy faces on the children at the event!! We need your help.....Will YOU!?

2017 Old West End CALENDAR

WOWE is again planning to produce an OWE Calendar. This new calendar for 2017 will have a different format from our past calendars, with house renderings from several OWE residents (past & present), pictures that depict who and what the neighborhood is all about and much more. We are asking for your help as residents. One of the items listed in the calendar will be "quotes" from residents, past and present. We would be so grateful if you would take the time to answer the two following questions with a short thought or remark and then e-mail your answers to:

tmoore_etfc@hotmail.com.

1. What brought you to the OWE?
2. What are your most fondest memories about the OWE?

We will try to include as many quotes as possible in the calendar!!

COA

(See front page for 2016 Application and Schedule)

This is an important acronym you should know if you live in the Old West End. The letters COA stand for **Certificate of Appropriateness**. Something every homeowner needs before he/she can begin any work on the exterior of their home. A COA can be obtained after a resident, who is planning to replace windows, porch banisters, porches, steps, and any repair or replacement to the exterior of the their home with a request for a COA and presented to the OWE Historic District Commission at their monthly meeting. The request should be accompanied by a rendering, sample's of products to be used etc. If a COA is not obtained and agreed upon by the Historic District Commission the OWE Historic District Commission can request removal of these upgrades, even after the work is done. You must first have a COA. Please do your homework first by checking with Molly McGuire (419) 245-1200 at the Plan Commission before you go forward. Molly is available to help and offer suggestions.

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2016 Commons Park Workday Schedule

Saturday Mornings (9AM to Noon)
Breakfast to all who volunteer!

- March 12, (weather permitting)
April 9,
May 14,
May 28, (mass planting of annuals)
June 11,
July 9,
August 13,
September 10,
October 8

We are again very grateful for all those who continue to volunteer for the Commons Park. Thanks to each of you for your efforts and support of the Commons and WOWE!!

FROM WOWE TO: JASON FINN & JENI BELT

WOWE will continue to send positive thoughts, much love and good wishes to both of you. Keep the up-dates coming as you both begin this next journey of recovery in Chicago. We know your strength and positive attitude will continue to make the difference. We hold you close and keep you both in our thoughts and prayers.

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 2 Pumpnickel's
2489 Collingwood
- April 6 Debbie Stambaugh
2636 Parkwood Ave.

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Tough Sledding (Continued)

"No sweat"...I yelled back. We all screamed. I could almost taste the bark as we whizzed past.

"ONE MORE---Look out..." Larry's voice sounded far away. Larry and Diane had abandoned ship!! The big sled swerved. I looked up and felt like Wile E. Coyote losing to the Roadrunner again.

"Hold real tight, babe---don't let go!!"

"KRACK!!!" No more WHOOSH. Pine tree, meet Mr. Toboggan. A black bear fell out of the tree and two squirrels scolded us while they dodged toboggan shrapnel. OK...I lied about the bear.

"Babe?? You OK?" Deb reassured me she was as I watched my left ankle swell to cantaloupe size.

"You two all right?" The other four had caught up. My left foot was now curled like the front of the toboggan.

"Yeah, Sorry about your big sled. It looks like kindling."

Larry laughed. "So we'll burn it for heat while we're waiting for the rescue dogs."

The guys helped me up the hill. On the way to the ER, Dave said "I gotta tell you now. When I first saw you slam into the tree, I laughed so hard my gut hurt."

The other funny thing about the whole incident was I couldn't even warn my Dad that the ER staff had to cut off his 1930's rubber boot from my left foot. I would have used my cell phone, but it had not been invented.