

# HISTORIC TIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TOLEDO'S HISTORIC OLD WEST END



## Old West End Cusing Utopia ROCK THE BLOCK Saturday, May 18, 2024 10am - 1pm

The OWECUA Rock the Block is a neighborhood revitalization effort where volunteers help complete beautification and exterior home maintenance projects at no cost to the homeowner or resident.

OWECUA Rock the Block encourages all neighbors, homeowners and community partners to work together outside, all while having fun and making a difference.

SIGN UP to volunteer:

<https://signup.com/go/insOCja>

or [OWECUA@gmail.com](mailto:OWECUA@gmail.com)

Questions - [Laure Hammond](mailto:LaureHammond@owecua.com)

[laurehammond@gmail.com](mailto:laurehammond@gmail.com)



**Block by Block - May 25th**  
OWE residents can place bulk trash at the curb for free pick-up. No hazardous waste allowed.



Now Available:

### 2024 Scholarship Application

**About:** This educational scholarship helps fulfill the OWEA's mission of making education equitable for all residents of the neighborhood. This scholarship is open to any high school senior or adult whose resides in the 43610 or 43620 zip codes seeking an initial certificate, diploma, or degree beyond high school education.

**Deadline:** May 31, 2024

**How to apply:** Complete the online application and requirements located on the OWEA Committee page under Education Committee at:

[www.ToledoOldWestEnd.com/Get-Involved](http://www.ToledoOldWestEnd.com/Get-Involved)

**Questions?** Contact Stacy Latta, Chair of the Education Committee at [Stacy.A.Latta@gmail.com](mailto:Stacy.A.Latta@gmail.com)

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## OLD WEST END

HISTORIC FESTIVAL

May 31-June 2, 2024



SCAN the QR CODE for INFORMATION and to VOLUNTEER!

See Insert for Neighborhood Festival Updates



### Friday May 17, 11am-1pm

Bring your donation for our Emergency Choice Food Pantry to our Toledo Office 2149 Collingwood and let us unload it!

**WISH LIST** - Canned Meats, Canned Fruits, Canned Soups, Peanut Butter, Cereal, Oatmeal & Grits, and more . . .

For info. contact Jeremy at

419-243-9178 [www.lssnwo.org](http://www.lssnwo.org)



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## OLD WEST END HISTORIC FESTIVAL



Did you know that the Old West End Festival is a fundraiser?

### 50/50 Raffle!

Support the mission of the Old West End!

Raffle ends 6/2 @ 6PM. Winner announced at 7PM.

Scan the QR code or text FESTIVAL to 33100 to buy tickets.



Education & Scholarship  
Business/Networking Agnes Reynolds Jackson Arboretum  
Neighborhood Beautification & Improvement Grant Preservation

### To Do List...

- "Glenwood Park Clean-up"  
Saturday, May 4, 9am
- "TMA Film Interviews"  
Tues., May 7, 2:30-5pm  
[jmack@toledomuseum.org](mailto:jmack@toledomuseum.org)  
Kent Branch Library
- "Wine Tastings"  
Thurs., May 9, 5pm  
Black Kite Coffee \$
- "Mother's Day Tea"  
Sun., May 19, reservations at: [www.libbeyhouse.org](http://www.libbeyhouse.org)
- O.W.E. & Area FUN**

### OWE Social Circle Committee PORCH CRAWL HOSTS NEEDED!

This year, 6 dates have been selected for crawling, and we need hosts! We are looking for first time hosts, but we are open to considering repeat hosts. If you'd like to sponsor a new host, let us know! If you have questions about what porch crawls are or what hosting entails, please reach out to Shelly Varelli Summer Glasmeier. (4-5 hosts needed/date or it's cancelled)



**W.O.W.E.**  
Wednesday, May 8, 6:30pm  
Kent Library

**OWE Association**  
Tuesday, May 21, 7pm  
Collingwood Pres. Church





## Letter from the OWEA Trustee



Hello neighbors! I recently had the privilege of being appointed as trustee to the OWEA board and would like to introduce myself. I was born in Toledo and raised in Lambertville, Michigan. My dad retired from Jeep and my mom has worked over 35 years at the Toledo Hospital ER. I moved into the neighborhood in December 2020 after living in downtown Detroit for a few years, and various places throughout southern Michigan prior to that. I live on Stratford along with my husband Nate and our three dogs: Milo, Piper and Wally. We definitely hit the neighbor jackpot. We are so fortunate to live in this neighborhood of kind, creative and passionate people that have welcomed us warmly.

Although I have only been a homeowner in the neighborhood a few years, I have been a frequent visitor of the OWE for over a decade. My best friends Morgan and Matt first moved into the neighborhood, and introduced me to this wonderful community and impressive collection of historic homes. About eleven years ago I started taking classes at Bird's Eye View Circus, and I have been a regular student and occasional performer ever since. Through Bird's Eye View Circus, I have met many dear friends that also call the OWE home.

In addition to circus classes, I also enjoy riding my bike, kayaking, walking our dogs, drinking wine, and admiring every other dog I see. I'm a huge fan of Saturday Night Live, sitcoms and documentaries. I also enjoy traveling. Last summer, we went on whirlwind trip through Acorn Expeditions visiting Paris, Bruges, Malta, and Iceland. A few years ago, I had a once in a lifetime opportunity to climb an old growth redwood tree in California through the Toledo Metroparks. That is probably the coolest thing I will ever do, but I do hope to have many more future adventures.

Professionally, I am a registered architect and qualified historic architect for the states of Ohio and Michigan. I obtained my architecture degrees at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, Michigan. My experience is primarily in large historic

Monday, May 20, 2024

### O.W.E. Preservation Meeting

Ford Mansion (7:00 pm)

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

### OWE Executive Board Meeting

Ford Mansion, 2205 Collingwood (7 pm)

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

### OWE Association Meeting

Collingwood Presbyterian Church (7 pm)

**ALL NEIGHBORS ARE WELCOME!**

tax credit adaptive-reuse projects that convert historic commercial properties into mixed-use buildings. This includes market-rate multifamily, boutique hotel, affordable and senior multifamily, office and retail. Most recently in Toledo, I served as the lead architect and historic consultant for the Fort Industry Square rehabilitation downtown and the newly-completed Overmyer Lofts in the Warehouse District. Most of my other significant projects are located in downtown Detroit including several along Woodward Avenue and in Capital Park. I am a member of the Association for Preservation Technology, and attend preservation conferences each year. Working with historic buildings for the past thirteen years has exposed me to a multitude of benefits historic preservation efforts can achieve. I am pleased to share and apply this experience as the OWEA continues their good work in helping preserve the neighborhood.

I'm looking forward to serving in the OWEA board and working closely with fellow dedicated board members. I'd like to thank Mac Driscoll for encouraging that I get involved with the OWEA. I have a passion for historic preservation and I am eager to contribute to the betterment of the neighborhood however I can.

-Amanda Kight Durkin

## NB&I

### Neighborhood Beautification and Improvement Committee

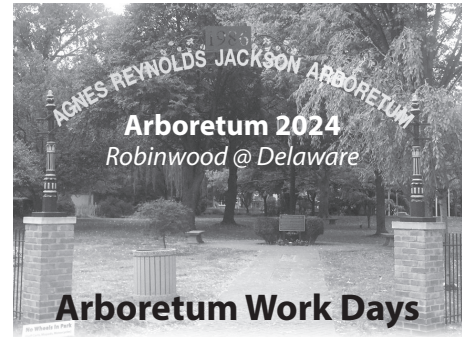
Thank you to Amy Stein, Carol Hargreaves, Judy Winder, Shirley Jones, Mac and Katie Driscoll, and Karen McNaughton for volunteering to care for neighborhood planters and flower beds. If you want to put your green thumb to use or to learn more about gardening, please contact Andrew at OWENBlgrant@gmail.com.

Join Old West End Litter League for Keep Toledo/Lucas County Beautiful's Ramp it Up clean up event. **We will be picking up I-75 and Detroit ramps on May 4 from 9-11. Register at [www.ktlcb.org](http://www.ktlcb.org) and get a free lunch for helping out.** Questions? Andrew at 419-889-8785 or OWENBlgrant@gmail.com

Thursday, May 16, 2024

### Olde Town Neighborhood

Kent Branch Library, (6:00 pm)



**Arboretum Work Days**  
**Saturday, May 18th**  
**9am - noon**  
*Food Provided!!!*



## Glenwood Park

**Talkin' Trash**  
**Saturday, May 4**  
**9am - Noon**

Come help us clean up Glenwood Park to get ready for the summer season. Please bring your own rakes and brooms. We will have plastic Bags for the debris. Hope to see you there!

Snacks and water will be provided.

## SCOTTWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Our regular work days will be on the **4th Sunday of the month from 9 am until noon from April thru October.** We will keep you posted on other events throughout the growing season.

## OWE Litter League

This year's focus will be on the Bancroft ramp. All Clean Up Times are Saturday mornings 9:30 - 11:30 unless otherwise noted. For more information or to organize your own clean up in the neighborhood, contact **Andrew at 419-889-8785 or OWENBlgrant@gmail.com.**

### Bancroft/I-75 Ramp Clean Up Dates

**May 11** (rain date May 19 - Sunday)

June 15 (rain date Jun 22)

July 20 (rain date July 27)

August 10 (rain date Aug 17)

September 14 (rain date Sept 21)

October 12 (rain date Oct 19)

Saturday May 11, 2024

### O.W.E. Cushing Utopia

ALL HANDS MEETING

at Romanoff Park.

This is for ALL Neighbors and Volunteers.



## The Women of The Old West End

WOVE Officers:  
Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore  
and Tammy Michalak

## From Neighbor Mike Szuberla:

A Heartfelt Thank You to all who attended the April 18th event in support of the "Un-Birthday Party Benefit for Toledo's Urban Trees"

And a special Thank You to Bev Bingle (RIP) who had the vision of planting one tree for every Toledo Resident. It is an honor to continue her work!

## FYI from Mike: Trees and Human Health:

Many studies have found connections between exposure to nature and better mental and physical health; for example, spending time in nature lowers blood pressure and stress hormones. Ulmer et al. studied 7910 California residents for connections between health and tree cover within 250 meters (820 feet) of their home. The results indicated that more tree cover was related to better overall health, primarily mediated by lower overweight/obesity and better social cohesion, and to a lesser extent by reduced rates of type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and asthma. The study's findings suggests that trees and nature can improve holistic population health in urban areas.

Mitchell, R. and Popham, F. (2008) studied the entire population of England focusing on individuals who were below the retirement age (total population = 40,813,23, deaths = 366,348) Their variables were income deprivation (poverty) and green space access. They studied whether the association between income deprivation, all-cause and cause specific mortality (circulatory disease, lung cancer and intentional self-harm), varied by green space exposure, controlling for potential confounders. They found that populations exposed to greener environments suffer less from income deprivation-related health inequality. Physical environments that promote good health may be important in the fight to reduce socio-economic health inequalities.

The influence of green space is not solely based on promotion or enhancement of physical activity. A number of studies have shown that contact (either by presence or visual) with green spaces may be psychologically and physiologically 'restorative', reducing blood pressure and stress levels, and patients with a window that looks out on a green landscape (rather than a parking lot or a wall) heal faster after some surgical interventions. Overall, trees are essential for human flourishing.

**The tree nursery is a project supported by volunteers, WOVE, Collingwood Presbyterian, and Tree Toledo. To volunteer, host an Unbirthday party, or donate -- contact Michael Szuberla**

**(mszuberla@yahoo.com) or 419-245-4539**

The Libbey House Foundation and The Women of the Old West End Present

# Mother's Day Tea

Sunday May 19th  
(The Weekend after Mother's Day)



Seatings @ 11am, 1pm & 3 pm  
Tickets are \$40 per person

Reservations are required, with limited seating  
Visit our website for reservations at [www.libbeyhouse.org](http://www.libbeyhouse.org)

The Historic Libbey House 2008 Scottwood Avenue  
Accessible Entrance



## COMMONS PARK

Two workdays are scheduled for May to ready the Commons Park for Festival!! **May 11th** & also **May 25** is the major planting day of 30+ flats of flowers. Many volunteers needed. Will you help?

If you have an hour or three to spare join us as we continue to provide a beautiful park setting for our neighborhood.



Again, a heartfelt thank you to all who continue to give of their time, talent and treasure to ensure another year of making the Commons Park beautiful on two workdays in March & April

**Neighbors:** Jim Logan, Carol Kutsche, Mike McMahon & Miley, Tammy Michalak, Toni Moore, and Shirley Johnson

**Lucas County Volunteers:** Ashley Reynolds, Erin Drake, Brandy Durben, Caitlin Britts, Demetria Bardoza, Amanda Wagner

## UPCOMING WOVE MEETINGS

6:30 POTLUCK 7:00 MEETING

SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

All neighbors are welcome!

Attend our meetings and find out how WOVE is working to preserve the integrity of our neighborhood.  
*(Please note that we have moved our monthly meetings to the second Wednesday of the month.)*

**May 8th** Kent Branch Library  
Collingwood @ Central

**June 12** Commons Park  
Robinwood @ Delaware

and Kendra Cannon.

Again this year we are fortunate to welcome the Lucas County Volunteer Team who have been a huge help.



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