

# HISTORIC TIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TOLEDO'S HISTORIC OLD WEST END



## Acklinwood Easter Egg Hunt

By Kathy Jarret

Mary Sawers' Garden at the corner of Acklin and Parkwood was again the scene of the annual Acklinwood Easter Egg Hunt on March 31, the Saturday before Easter. The Acklin Egg Squad, hid about 400 eggs in one hour. In less than 10 minutes, 15 Old West End kids found them all! One parent regaled us with a story that her daughter was not able to sleep the night before as she was so excited about the Easter Egg Hunt. The excellent turnout was despite threatening weather with rain starting earlier and magically stopping a few minutes before the start of the hunt. **Once again... making memories in the OWE!**

## Club 300

3304 Collingwood Blvd.

One of the longest-standing Minority-owned businesses in Toledo and Northwest Ohio, **Club 300 Catering, Inc.** was incorporated in 1990 as one of Toledo's finest full-service catering establishments located in Toledo's Old West End. Club 300 features a Hall (with stage), a capacity to seat up to 200 people, with additional meeting rooms to provide privacy for and small gatherings. The CLUB specializes in catering to Charter and Private Schools and Day Care Centers.



**Club 300 Catering, Inc.** provides services on and off premise for your company breakfast or lunch meetings, banquets or weddings, Sunday Brunch, fundraisers and private parties with high standards and excellent customer service. Club 300 Catering, Inc., takes great pride in handling all the details so that you and your guests can relax and enjoy your very special occasion. We have several menu selections and pricing options for you to consider.

Come join us **Saturday, May 19, 2018** from 8 PM – 1 AM for a sophisticated night of **Rhythm & Blues** featuring **The Overton Project**, w/vocalist **Carmen Miller**, music, dancing and more in a historically upscale atmosphere, **Club 300 Catering, Inc.**, located at 3304 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, Ohio 43610. Call for reservations after 1 PM at 419.255.8375.

47TH ANNUAL • TOLEDO, OHIO

## OLD WEST END HISTORIC FESTIVAL

### We Need You!

Contact Michelle Keller  
419-261-5308 email at:  
[owevolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:owevolunteers@gmail.com)  
**VOLUNTEER TODAY!**

## Kudos to:

David Mann and The Land Bank

for giving 2220 Collingwood another chance for rehabilitation.

Judy Stone & Skip Gaynor

for coordinating the Latex Paint collection on April 20. Approx. 120 cans were collected

Tanasio Laudermill and OWENI Volunteers

for coordination of the OWENI Dump Day on April 21.

Paulette Mills

for coordinating the OWE Neighborhood Clean-Up Day on April 28.

## Museum Place Community Conversations Celebration

Wednesday, May 30

Toledo Museum of Art. GlasSalon  
5:30 p.m.

Registration is recommended, but not required. Contact Emily Rippe Desmond at [edesmond@toledomuseum.org](mailto:edesmond@toledomuseum.org) or 419-255-8000 ext. 7301 to reserve your spot at the upcoming Museum Place community conversations.

## To Do List . . .

Toledo Plant Exchange

May 5, Main Library

8:30-10 Plant Drop

10-11 Plant Exchange

Joyce Parrin's Any Wed.

8pm Mutz, Oliver House

Glass City Film Festival

May 18-19 C.A.C.

## O.W.E. FUN

## MEETING REMINDERS



**O.W.E.N.I.**  
May 15, 6:00pm  
Kent Branch Library

**W.O.W.E.**  
May 2, 6:30pm  
2369 Robinwood Ave.

**O.W.E. Association**  
May 15, 7:30pm  
Club 300, 3304 Collingwood



## Letter from the President

by Jeni Belt



Social media and I have a love-hate relationship. While I use it to fill my brain so as not to dwell on more weighty matters, it's generally a time-waster and more often frustrating than edifying. But sometimes I'm reminded of its value when used properly. A neighbor's recent post about her tenant's fire and resulting loss was met with more than 30 comments offering furniture, clothing, food, appliances, and support. One commenter noted that she "love[s] when the community comes together!"

*I couldn't agree more. It's what we do best.*

No event showcases our community coming together more than the **Old West End Festival**, which is just one short month away. I challenge each of us to meet some new Old West Enders during this year's Festival. Let's step out of our comfort zone to make some new friends. I have yet to meet a neighbor (well, except that one guy) who doesn't share the same passion we all do for this community. Choose a volunteer shift that includes some strangers. They're sure to become friends before your shift is over. You can sign up at: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2270079/true#/invitation> (for beer garden) or <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2264080/false#/invitation> (for house tours).

The City recently hosted a meeting to discuss potential consolidation of the City's **Historic District Commissions** into one body. Many residents attended to express their concerns regarding this proposal. We will continue to work with the City to make sure the interests of the neighborhood are taken into consideration as the conversation continues. We have also learned that the City intends to introduce a filing fee for applications for, and appeals of, Certificates of Appropriateness. The Association is working to challenge this measure.

The March meeting of the Association featured **Old West End Security**. President Ben Grazzini reported on the nature and scope of its services, subscriber levels, and its new service provider, Securitas. Old West End Security currently has approximately 80 subscribers and they are always looking to increase this number, so they can increase the number of patrols provided.

In other business, the Association voted to provide \$2500 for the roofing project offered as part of the **2220 Collingwood** real estate in response to a request from the Land Bank for same. We are excited to partner with the Land Bank on this preservation effort.

Our next meeting takes place May 15 at 7:30 p.m. at **Club 300**, 3044 Collingwood. Hope to see you there!

Tuesday, May 9, 2018  
**O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting**  
 6 p.m. at **Club 300, 3304 Collingwood**

**NEW Location**

Tuesday, May 15, 2018  
**Association Meeting**  
 7:30 p.m. at the  
**Club 300, 3304 Collingwood**  
**EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME!**

### Entrepreneurship Committee Business of the Month

#### Beads and Books

The next Entrepreneurship Committee Meeting is **May 10 at 6:00 at the Collingwood Arts Center Pride Room.**

Located at 2491 Collingwood, **Beads and Books** is an independent store where you can make and buy custom jewelry, have jewelry repairs done, take classes, purchase local art and find a wide variety of books. Beads and Books has been in operation since 2014, and made the move to The Old West End in 2017. We are so excited to be a part of the community! We support local artists by selling their work in store and love being able to showcase the fantastic artwork that is made in and around Toledo. Stop in and schedule a class with us or add to your bead or book collection!

Carmen Smith owns Beads and Books, [beadsandbooks419.com](http://beadsandbooks419.com), and Textured, [www.texturedbycarmen.com](http://www.texturedbycarmen.com).

She earned a BFA in jewelry and metals, an MFA with a thesis dealing in soft sculpture and feminism. She is available for artists talks and has experience speaking to a wide range of ages.



OWENI's community meeting this month will be held on **May 15**, 6pm at Kent Library. We will have special guests from the **Lucas County Health Department** and the City's **Department of Neighborhoods** to discuss the **Lead Ordinance** and the **Lead Grant**. You won't want to miss it! This month we will also be rolling out a neighborhood survey to assess neighborhood concerns and spread the word about OWENI's work. So, if you live north of Delaware, look for us at your door on May 19th! Lastly, don't forget to check out our **4th Annual Unity in the Community** free resource event and picnic on **June 9** at Grace Community Center, 12pm-3pm. We hope to see you there!



**Agnes Reynolds Jackson Arboretum 2018**  
Robinwood @ Delaware

**Arboretum Work Day**  
**Saturday, May 19th**  
**9am - noon**  
Food Provided!!!



**Sunday, June 17th, 2018**

### Howlin Mercy

Sponsored By:

**2017 Concert Bottle Donations**



### OLD WEST END SECURITY

March was a busy month with increased activity in the neighborhood surrounding "the creeper". Happily it has also increased our membership! The more members the more presence and patrols we have. Let's keep the momentum and keep our neighbors safe. As warm weather approaches, (please, please) remember this also means an increase in petty theft, property destruction, etc. Lock your doors and shut lower floor windows at night. Keep your eye on your neighbors when they are away, and make a report if it seems serious. Remember we ALL want to feel safe in our community, so look at behaviors not stereotypes.

You can become a supporter or make a donation online at: [www.oldwestendsecurity.com](http://www.oldwestendsecurity.com), or by contacting our Resident Manager at 419-902-0982. Supporters receive monthly newsletters by email and can take advantage of one week of free vacation checks each year. Happy Safe Spring!

**May O.W.E. Preservation Meeting**  
Contact Shawn Kellerbauer  
**419-340-4809**

# The Women of The Old West End



WOWE Officers:  
Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore & Tammy Michalak

## GROUP HOME ISSUE

We hope you have been following the most recent decision regarding the placement of yet another Group Home in District 4.

A vote was taken by City Council on March 20, to allow Unison a Special Use Permit and also a Zone change for their property at 2310 Jefferson Ave. The vote was taken and tied with 6 Councilmen/women for and 6 against. This meant the Mayor was to make the deciding vote.

On Tuesday, April 10, Mayor Kapszukiewicz cast the deciding vote to allow Unison their requested group home in District 4. This meant that the City ... once again, ignored their own law of a 500 foot spacing requirement between Group Homes and similar facilities. This was a defeat again for District 4.

WOWE has always known that our district has had the lion's share of group homes and have since the 1980s tried to stem the tide.

To date, and below, are the number of group homes in all districts ... that the city knows of . . . we believe there are much more in District 4 as the Plan Commission has not kept track of all the Special Use Permits awarded for years. Only recently, and because we raised many questions, Special Use Permits are now being tracked by the Plan Commission. When we asked about them 2 years ago, we were informed that they knew where all the Special Use permits were. NOT!! The list the Plan Commission produced was the same one we had from the 90's.

- District 1 - 3 Group Homes
- District 2 - 3 Group Homes
- District 3 - 2 Group Homes
- District 4 - 25 Group Homes**
- District 5 - 5 Group Homes
- District 6 - 1 Group Home



## TRAFFIC STUDY

The long awaited for (3 years) and promised traffic study from the City's Dept. of Transportation was just recently received (It was an inch thick.) And, it really did not explain all that the Bancroft Beautification Committee asked for!

Below is the response to Gary Stookey, Acting Commissioner of Transportation, from Tammy Michalak:

Gary,

Thank you for making a copy of the report for us. We will review and then set up a time to meet with you and Mr. Rasmusson to discuss your findings and observations.

It looks like a few items were missing.

- 1) a comparison of the speed, counts, pedestrian gap analysis, and accident counts (pre-construction) to understand the impact of removing the traffic signals and the measures implemented to calm traffic (narrowing of road, bump-outs, etc.),
- 2) a review of any visual obstructions for vehicles / pedestrians to cross Bancroft (specifically where on street bump out parking was added), and
- 3) traffic counts and pedestrian crossings for Robinwood Avenue.

I know all of this was discussed with Sherri Fredrick prior to the study being conducted during 2017. Information relative to Robinwood Ave. is very important since this is the only 2-way cross road between I-75 and Collingwood.

If any of these items were included, and I missed them, please let me know.

Thank you

(To date we have not heard back from Mr. Stookey.)

## Water Issue Update!

(From Dave Neuendorff)

After six District City Council Citizen informational meetings about the Toledo Area Water Authority (TAWA) proposal this much is clear. The meetings highlighted many problems with the proposal for the residents of Toledo and the Mayor is scrambling to salvage the proposal.

Even though Toledo has been providing regional water for decades, the suburban communities are unhappy with the cost of potable water, and want Toledo to basically turn over control of regional water to the suburbs.

Suburban communities such as Maumee and Perrysburg pay less for basic

supplied water than the residents of Toledo. However, the officials in Maumee and Perrysburg then add on unvoted taxes that raise the price of basic supplied water in their communities. Toledo gets blamed for taking advantage of the suburbs with exorbitant water charges that are added on by the suburbs.

Now it is up to the Mayor and Toledo City Council to reject this proposed give away of Toledo's most valuable asset.

Here is the website: [waterwatchdog.org](http://waterwatchdog.org) where you can follow what is happening.

Here are some things to think about. For instance, why do we need a Regional Water Authority? How will it have an impact on the citizens and our city? Attend the next WOWE meeting and have some of your questions answered. Member Dave Neuendorff will share information and answer your questions on this subject.



**Your help is needed!!!**

**Two workdays in May.**

**May 12 and  
May 26th**

The Big Planting Day Readyng the Commons for Festival

**9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON**

Breakfast served to all volunteers.

**Will you help?**

**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

**May 2, 2018**

**Toni Moore**  
2369 Robinwood Ave.

**June 6, 2018**


**Carol Kutsche**  
2483 Scottwood Ave.

**July 11, 2018**

**Tammy Michalak**  
2054 Scottwood Ave.




**Valerie Philabaum**  
Senior Loan Officer  
NMLS 778573 | OMBALO 020779.001  
480 W Dussel Dr, Suite 130  
Maumee, OH 43537  
Cell: 720.390.9132  
Fax: 419.993.6639  
valerie.philabaum@ruoff.com  
www.ruoff.com/valeriephilabaum



Intellectually honest.  
Spiritually transformative.

dustchurch.com

Where doubters & dissenters are welcome,  
and ALL are embraced.

Sundays 10 a.m. Coffee, 10:30 Gathering & Discussion  
2108 Collingwood (2nd Fl Chapel, Collingwood Presbyterian)

Phone: 419-476-3246 Cell: 419-277-4477  
Fax: 419-476-4477

**Guaranteed Drywall**  
Drywall • Plaster • Dryvit  
Hang & Finish • All Textures  
40 Years Experience  
Insured

Larry Kosakowski 4029 Sampson  
Toledo, Ohio 43612

**Your Local Branch in the Old West End!**



**Jason L. Ridley**  
Branch Manager Old West End

KeyBank  
3031 Collingwood Blvd.  
Toledo, OH 43610

phone: 419-469-1612  
fax: 419-255-4079  
Jason\_L\_Ridley@Keybank.com

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




**Judy Stone**, ABR, SHS, ePro, CARES  
Judy@JudyStone.com  
419-241-1717

**M. Skip Gaynor**, Ohio & Mi., ePro  
Skip@MJGaynor.com  
419-243-1480


Fax: 419-794-1577

Working together,  
with you, for you.

NOT ALL HOMEOWNERS  
POLICIES ARE CREATED  
**EQUAL**

Vince Davis Insurance Agency, Inc.  
3344 Secor Rd. Unit A102 Toledo, OH 43606  
419-244-2904  
www.vincedavisinsurance.com



**Need to comply with Toledo Lead Ordinance?  
(Discount for OWE Residents!) Call -**

**LEAD INSPECTION SERVICES**

**Casaundra Fletcher**  
Lead Clearance Technician  
Independent Contractor  
Licensed and Insured

(866) 665-3230 2543 Robinwood Avenue #2  
www.leadinspectionsservices.net Toledo, Ohio 43610



**CINDY CHAMPER**  
FULL TIME REALTOR®  
E-MAIL: cynthiachamper@howardhanna.com





Cell: 419/350-0477  
Office: 419/535-0011  
2460 N. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, OH 43615

Real Estate Services

"Serving Toledo, Northwest Ohio, and wherever your real estate needs take us."

**CLASSIFIEDS**

**FREE COMMUNITY MEAL**  
the last Sunday of each month from 4 - 5 pm at Collingwood  
Presbyterian Church, 2108 Collingwood Blvd. Entrance off Floyd  
Street, Handicapped Accessible. Info. call 419-243-3275

**Advertise in the HISTORIC TIMES?**  
Contact Kent Illenden @ 419-367-9155 or  
killenden@sfcgraphics.com