



HISTORIC TIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TOLEDO'S HISTORIC OLD WEST END



Old West End Supper Club

by Kim Howard

As a friend of the Old West End Facebook page, I was excited when I saw the request from Jennifer Hanson exploring interest for Supper Clubs. My husband John and I spoke, and we were interested but concerned about participating for two main reasons....1) we own and are renovating a home on Parkwood to live in, but it isn't quite ready yet for us to host a supper club and 2) we are vegan...we don't eat meat or dairy.

So, we decided to reach out to Jennifer and see what she thought. She was very helpful and suggested we see what interest there might be in an OWE VEGAN supper club. Believe it or not, there was interest. Four other folks...Chuck Madrigal, Finley Gleason, Lisa Kerrigan, and Michael Kerrigan were ready to learn more about cooking and eating vegan.

People normally chose to be vegan for a variety of reasons, but the top three are 1) eating more fruits, veggies, nuts, and grains is better for your body, 2) it is also better for the environment because it takes less natural resources to make these foods and 3) it is less harmful to animals.

Lisa and Michael hosted the first dinner party and completely blew us away with an amazing 7 course vegan meal, complete with wine pairings....sweet potato avocado bites, beet crostini with tofu spread, roasted tomato basil soup, pasta with mushrooms, salad, cheese, and chocolate cake. Additionally, we had the added benefit of wonderful dinner conversation in a beautiful home with some new friends.

I am so thankful for the opportunity to be a part of the supper club, and can't wait until our next dinner. The kindness and openness of the neighbors in the Old West End is something I truly treasure. Ultimately, I look forward to finally having my home finished and being an "official" resident.

Thanks to Jennifer for taking the lead and bringing like-minded people together! And if you have an interest in joining our Vegan Supper Club please reach out to Jennifer at jalehanson@yahoo.com.

PEREGRINE FALCON'S SPRING ACTIVITY
 The baby Peregrine falcons are here....
 Go online to:
www.bgsu.edu/falconcam.html

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OLD WEST END HISTORIC FESTIVAL

We Need You!
 Contact Michelle Keller
 419-261-5308 email at:
owevolunteers@gmail.com
VOLUNTEER TODAY!



Mary Sawyer's Acklin Garden (at Parkwood) again hosted their Easter Egg Hunt on a rainy Saturday April 20. Almost 400 candy & surprise filled eggs were donated by Kathy Jarret and Mary Sawers. Over 14 neighborhood kids enjoyed finding every last one. The cold and rain did not stop the Easter Bunnies at this annual tradition!

WANTED

For this year's **OLD WEST END FESTIVAL**

STREET PERFORMERS (BUSKERS)

SATURDAY, JUNE 1st NOON to 9:00 PM
SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd NOON - 5:00 PM

Do you know someone who can:

Walk on Stilts? Ride a unicycle?

Or can do: acrobatics, animal tricks, balloon animals, draw caricatures, clowning, contortions, escapology, dance solo or with a group, hula hoop, tell fortunes, juggling, magic, mime, living statues, acoustical instruments, puppeteering, street theatre, sword swallowing, ventriloquism...

BUSKERS will be performing on street corners, blocked-off streets, on porches of Houses on Tour, at the Arboretum Beer Garden, at the Art Fair, and everywhere in between! Choose a timeslot and perform as long as you want!

NOTICE: Get a Street Performer's license so you can accept tips! Get it at: <http://theartscommission.org/company-blog/busking>

Contact Misha for more info. ASAP!
MichelineBrewer@hotmail.com
 419-297-6907 call or text

PARADE PERFORMERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 1st 10am to Noon

Contact Paulette Mills
phuber@bex.net 419-349-8559
 or Chris Hanley
glenwoodpastor@gmail.com
 847-899-4829

Church Groups, Art Cars, Floats, Performance Art, Musical Acts

Kudos to:

Sarah and Andy Scouten
 for having a kids Easter egg hunt on Parkwood at Proctor Place.

Neighbor **Ed Glowacki**
 for being honored as the Toledo AIA Architect of the year!

Old House Journal
 for featuring an OWE home at 2449 Lawrence Ave.

Ernest Sawyers
 for a being a community leader in the OWENI group from its start. He brought together neighbors to help each other and the entire neighborhood.
 May he Rest in Peace!



O.W.E.N.I.
May 21, 6pm
 Kent Branch Library

W.O.W.E.
May 1, 6:30pm
 Lynda Lieto, 529 Virginia

O.W.E. Association
May 21, 7:30 pm
 Brewer, 2553 Glenwood



Letter from the President

by Jeni Belt



"I was giddily talking about OWE Festival today at work. My boss asked me 'if you HAD to give one up, you canNOT do both which would you give up? Festival orrrrr . . . Christmas' and I said I would give up Christmas without hesitation. Then I said 'oh I thought you were going to ask me something actually hard like Festival or Pride.'"

This random musing from a friend's Facebook page gave me a chuckle. Indeed, for many residents we are approaching the *most wonderful time of the year*. The streets will soon be filled with pedestrians, bikes, and golf carts, to the delight of some and the chagrin of others. Five beautiful homes will be opened for tours, and thousands of guests will descend upon our neighborhood to enjoy all that Old West End Festival has to offer. For many, this yearly rite of passage is one reason they moved here. For others, it's a mild annoyance. For some, it highlights a historic and arbitrary distinction between one street or block and another.



The Old West End Association is hoping to change that last perspective, by reminding residents and non-residents alike that the Association is bigger than the historic district, and that the Old West End does not exist in a vacuum but succeeds or fails as its surrounding neighborhoods do. I hope that we can all do our part to make all residents and visitors to this year's Festival feel the collective positive energy and lovefest that so many of us do leading up to and surrounding the weekend.

In furtherance of this objective, Old

Tuesday, May 14, 2019
O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting
 6 p.m. at **Deb Kienzle's Home**
 2238 Scottwood Ave.

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 **NEW LOCATION**
O.W.E. Association
 7:30 p.m. Melody Brewer
 2553 Glenwood Ave.

EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME!

West End Neighborhood Initiatives (OWENI) and the Association are jointly sponsoring the **Macelwane After-Party**, Sunday, June 2, from 5-8 at Macelwane Park, with free food and drink, music, and games for all ages. We hope to continue expanding the footprint of the Old West End Festival to engage neighbors who have previously felt unwelcome or uninvited to participate.

Aside from Festival preparations, the Association continues to refine its strategic plan. Our April meeting focused on the third goal of Increasing Preservation Efforts. We held a lively discussion surrounding this topic and hosted guests from the Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity's Home Repair Program. We will be working with Habitat to educate neighbors about this program and to facilitate partnerships between eligible homeowners and Habitat. Stay for more details about this exciting opportunity.

Our next meeting takes place May 21, at 7:30 p.m. at Melody Brewer's house, 2553 Glenwood. See you there!



"It is with great sadness that OWENI mourns the passing of Ernest Sawyers, a true leader in our Old West End community. Ernest was responsible for leading OWENI's annual grass cutting initiative, where lawns were mowed by youth for elderly and/or disabled neighbors at no cost to them, and an annual house painting initiative that aided the same community. Ernest will be missed by all who knew and loved him."

Preservation Committee

The next meeting is Monday, May 13 at 7 pm, Kent Branch Library. Contact Shawn Kellerbauer 419-340-4809 for further details.



Agnes Reynolds Jackson Arboretum 2019

Robinwood @ Delaware

Arboretum Work Day Saturday, May 18th 9am - noon

Food Provided!!!
Help us get the park ready for Festival!!!



OLD WEST END SECURITY

As spring has sprung! Now is a great time to do some Security Spring cleaning!

Examine your landscaping: Trim shrubs and trees near windows and doors that provide hiding places for burglars, and prune limbs that serve as ladders to upper floors. Advertise prominently any home security system you have installed. You might think about putting up signs, even if you don't have a system.

Keep your house looking lived in, when you are away: Arrange for the lawn to be mowed, packages picked up, install timers for selected lights, and leave the drapes or shades open, at least a bit.

Other tips: Put your street number, not your name on your mailbox. Install a sturdy deadbolt lock on every door to the outside. Give a spare key to a trusted neighbor or nearby friend.

Our patrols add an extra set of eyes on our homes and streets, making our neighborhood hospitable for residents and 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!

Old West End Business Network Group

(Formally known as the Entrepreneurship Committee)

The Old West End Business Networking Group is taking a month off but will meet **June 19, 2019** at the home of **Judy Stone, at 2428 Scottwood**. Join us to solidify our marketing for the Autumn Market. We look forward to seeing you!



The Women of The Old West End

WOWE Officers:
Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore
& Tammy Michalak

THE BANCROFT SAGA CONTINUES!

As shared in the April issue of Historic Times, a follow up meeting was held at the end of March with Mr. Paul Rasmusson -Director of Public Services, District 4 Councilwoman Yvonne Harper, and members of the Bancroft Beautification Committee (BBC) to discuss available alternatives to improve traffic flow and allow for safe pedestrian and vehicular crossings, particularly at Scottwood and Bancroft. Mr. Rasmusson agreed that the design changes to the crosswalks made on site, during the construction phase, along with a lack of crosswalk striping, needed to be rectified. Unfortunately, he was unable to explain exactly why or how the project engineer was able to modify the design on site with little more than a phone call to Gary Stookey with the Transportation Dept. We were told by Mr. Rasmusson that the City would reconstruct the intersection of Scottwood and Bancroft this year as originally designed. The work would be bid with the current sidewalk replacement program and we would have further information in a couple weeks. Unfortunately, upon following up after the 2 weeks had passed we received the following response from Mr. Rasmusson on April 17th:

The work will be bid out shortly by our engineering services group. At this time, it is not known if the work can be incorporated into this year's work or not but that is our goal and I will be pushing to get it done during this construction season. Once the entrances have been modified, we will paint the crosswalks appropriately. I have been consistent in the commitment that we are only reworking the crosswalk at Scottwood and Bancroft at this time. No other crosswalks are being considered.

I will keep you posted as to the planned work schedule as it becomes know.
Regards, Paul Rasmusson
Director of Public Service
City of Toledo
(419) 936-7868

Members of the BBT and Councilwoman Harper both responded with concerns about the response and frustration of being continually pushed off to a future date. As of the publication of this newsletter we have not received any further information other than a promise by Mr. Rasmusson and City officials to do their best to complete the reconstruction this year. We will continue to push the Mayor and Mr. Rasmusson to rectify these intersections as originally designed so that both pedestrians and vehicular traffic can travel within and through our neighborhood in a safe and efficient manner. We will continue to keep you informed as information develops. In the interim, please express your concerns with the intersection directly to the City by calling Engage Toledo at 419-936-2020 or through the online Click Fix App.

ASHLEY MANOR GROUP HOME 2024 ROBINWOOD

It was recently brought to the attention of residents in the 2000 and 2100 blocks of Robinwood that the Ashley Manor Group Home now houses 5 (Five) registered sex offenders. This represents over 35% of the total 14 permitted residents in the facility. Given the high concentration and past issues associated with the facility, members of WOWE, with the help of Councilwoman Yvonne Harper, met with Sheriff John Sharp and two of his Staff to discuss our concerns and what could be done regarding this facility and the care (or lack thereof) of its residents. Unfortunately, the Sheriff's office is only responsible for the tracking and monitoring of the registered sex offenders to ensure they are compliant with applicable rules.

We did however learn during the meeting that this facility is a Class One Residential Facility licensed by the Ohio Mental Health and Addition Services (OhioMHAS License #04-2150).

The best way to ensure residents are properly cared for and the facility is improved is to report specific complaints to the OhioMHAS - Attention: Gregory Lewis, Licensure and Certification. Mr. Lewis can be reached via email at gregory.lewis@mha.ohio.gov or by calling 614.752.8880.

You may also contact Toni 419.360.2151 or Tammy 419.389.2349 to get a paper copy of the complaint form. The Sheriff's office also advised residents to call 911 to report ANY inappropriate or suspicious activity at the facility or residents who wander the neighborhood or loiter on other people's property. When making a 911 call please be

sure to let the operator know the issue is located at or by a resident of Ashley Manor Group Home 2024 Robinwood.

REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

While our meeting with the Sheriff was intended to discuss the specific issue of the high concentration of registered sex offenders at one location (Ashley Manor) we also discussed the overall higher concentration of these individuals in and around the downtown area and specifically within the OWE. We discussed Nathaniel Cook, who now resides on Central near Collingwood and the concerns many residents have had regarding his proximity to a school. We also discussed the 3 different levels of registered sex offenders and required notification to neighboring residents. The Sheriff's office is only required to notify neighbors of the highest level of offenders by postcard mailing. The best way to stay informed is to go online to the Sheriff's web page and conduct a search and sign up to receive automated alerts of registered offenders at <https://www.co.lucas.oh.us/595/Sex-Offender-Search>

WOWE and Councilwoman Harper will be working with the Sheriff's department and TPD to hold a Town Hall Meeting in July regarding this situation. We will inform you of the time and location chosen for the meeting and invite you to participate as soon as we have the details.



We (The Commons Park Warriors) are gearing up to ready the Commons for Festival and for our neighborhood.

Next Commons Park Workday is

Saturday, May 18th, 9:00 am.
to whenever it's done.

THIS IS THE BIG PLANTING DAY!

On this Saturday we will be planting 30 flats of flowers. If you have time to help us it would be most appreciated.

Again we are grateful for all who come to help us all summer and especially on May 18th. Breakfast is always served to those who volunteer.

Carol Kutsche is accepting book donations for the WOWE Festival Book sale. Please call for pickup at 419-243-2848 or leave on her porch at 2483 Scottwood. All proceeds are shared between Friends of the Library and Women of the Old West End.

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 1st, Linda Lieto 529 Virginia
June 5th, Carol Kutsche 2483 Scottwood
July 3rd, Tammy Michalak 2056 Scottwood

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