



Kudos to:

Shelly Varelli
for coordinating this year's Porch Crawls!
We all had a blast!

Sue Postal
for coordinating this year's Candidates
Night! Great turn-out by politicians
and neighbors.

The View from the Sidewalk

by a walker!

Fall is definitely here, leaves turning and cooler days. The view changes with the seasons, and the little kids love swishing through the fallen leaves! Enjoy it while it lasts.

If you have an oak tree in your yard or other nut-type trees, it would be very considerate of you to sweep once in a while. Having to look where to put your feet at every step takes away from being able to enjoy the view of yards and architecture. That's the greatest pleasure of walking here! I drove through a neighborhood of newer houses recently, and noticed that at least half are painted all white and a few light yellow or gray, and nothing else, very few trim colors, very drab, especially when I am used to houses with three or four colors, body and trim.

There was a typo in my last column-my salad recipe was for Caprese salad, not caprice, named for Capri, the island off Italy. I'd guess it was the computer which often thinks it knows better than the typist.

Progress on restoring houses has been slow but it's still good to see the effort. I'm sure you all know what a big money sponge these old houses are, but how well worth it when they are finished.



Neighbors and friends from the 600 block of Acklin Avenue celebrated the **15th annual AcklinFest** on Sunday October 8. New neighbors as well as Acklin Alumni joined the block party festivities. Beautiful weather contributed to another record breaking turnout. With the street closed to traffic, chairs and tables lined the street filled with a wide assortment of amazing foods and drinks. Adding to the festivities was music provided by Marc Folk along with guest DJ Nathan Mattimoe. There were games for the kids and magic provided by Martin Jarret and guest magician Andy Martin who also created balloon sculptures for the youngsters. Adding to the activities for the children, Jane Sullivan crafted and taught how to make paper flowers. The traditional piñata was cracked open by the kids as they were rewarded by a shower of candy. Festivities continued until dark at which time the street barriers were removed and Acklinwood once again returned to being an ungated community of great neighbors.



Children's Day in the Park

Sunday, Oct. 1st





**Letter from
the President**
by Courtney Macklin

Fall is definitely in the air, and I'm sure we'll start to see holiday decorations go up on everyone's houses. Don't forget that **WOWE's Tours de Noel** is coming up on **Sunday December 3**. Please, please, please volunteer!

As the temperatures drop and you start to feel all the drafts, don't forget that Columbia Gas offers a home energy audit program to evaluate your home's energy usage, and identify ways that you can save money and stay warmer. To learn more or schedule an audit call **Columbia Gas** at **877-644-6674**.

As is tradition, the Old West End Association's October meeting was the annual Candidates' Night. I am so happy that so many of Toledo's candidates make room in their calendars to come to this event. It really shows what an active, involved neighborhood we have. We heard from candidates for mayor, city council, school board, and judge. It was an incredibly informative evening, and we had a great turn out! Thank you again to all of the candidates who participated, and to everyone who helped make the evening a success!

Our committees have also been quite busy. The **Arboretum** has designed a beautiful archway that will be placed at the park's entrance on Robinwood and Delaware. Now approved by the OWE Historic District Commission, fabrication and installation will begin soon. Keep an eye out for this elegant addition to our favorite neighborhood hangout.

The **Preservation Committee** held a class on window repair and glazing this past month. A number of other classes are in the works to address preservation issues that affect our historic homes, so keep an eye out for them to be scheduled. If you want to make sure that you are in the know, consider attending the next meeting on **Tuesday November 13 at 7:00 at the Kent Branch Library**.

Please also keep an eye out for the **Education and Scholarship Committee's** annual scholarship. Applications will be available soon, and it is open to all high school seniors living in the 43620 and 43610 zip codes. Details will be coming soon.

The OWEA voted to form an ad hoc committee that would investigate the feasibility and/or need to establish a **Social Committee** as a part of the Association's standing committees. If you would like to be a part of this ad hoc committee and weigh in, please consider attending the first meeting on **Wednesday November 8 at 6:00 at my house, 2731 Robinwood Avenue**, or e-mail me at Courtney.macklin@hotmail.com.

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017
O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting
6 p.m. at **Deb Kienzle's Home**
2238 Scottwood Ave.

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017
Association Meeting
7:00 p.m. at the
Collingwood Arts Center
EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME!

One more reminder: **Tours de Noel** is **Sunday December 3**, and the annual tree lighting in the OWE Commons Park is Saturday **December 2**. Volunteers are needed, so please flip to the next page for information on how to sign up!

The Next Old West End Association meeting is on **Tuesday November 21** at 7:00 at the **Collingwood Arts Center**. This is the meeting that we'll vote for officers and hear the first reading of the budget, so please attend! Refreshments and community are always provided!



**OLD WEST END
SECURITY**

The holidays are just around the corner! This can often mean travel plans to see friends and

loved ones. Here are a few safety tips to consider prior to heading out:

- Avoid posting your travel plans on social media
- Use a timer in several areas of your home that will turn lights on and off at the times you would normally do so
- Leave an extra key with a trusted friend in case of emergencies - or to check in while you're gone.
- Stop your mail and paper delivery or have a friend pick it up daily
- Keep valuables and gifts out of sight
- Leave your curtains in the normal position, doing something different with them or leaving them closed in the day time is a dead give away that no one is home
- Ask a neighbor to park in your driveway occasionally
- Install motion activated lighting (there are battery operated one available) outside
- Ask a neighbor or friend to shovel walkways and driveway as you normally would if needed
- Make sure smoke detectors and alarm systems are working properly
- Have a neighbor take out and bring in the trash if you plan to be gone for the week
- Lock up and check all the windows and doors to be sure they are secure

Burglaries tend to increase during the holiday season, so it may be worth this extra attention to help avoid being targeted.

**Agnes Reynolds Jackson
Arboretum 2017**
Robinwood @ Delaware



**Calling All Tours de Noel
Star Cookie Bakers**

If you've ever watched The Great British Baking Show, you'll know what I'm talking about and who you are. We have lots of **Star Bakers** in the neighborhood and we need your help. Drag out your best Christmas/Hanukkah/Kwanza cookie recipes and help us make The Annual Cookie Walk during The Tours de Noel the very best ever.

The Cookie Walk (Sunday, Dec. 3) is the Agnes Reynolds Jackson Arboretum's major fund raiser. Last year the specialty cookies were spectacular - we could hardly keep them stocked on the tables. We need your assistance just as much this year. If you are interested or have questions, please contact **Judy Winder** at **419-246-9333** or drop me an email at jkappwinder@gmail.com by Thanksgiving.

Let the baking begin!

WANT TO HELP BAKE THIS YEAR?

Tuesday, Nov. 28 & Wed. Nov. 29 we will be baking cookies at Collingwood Presbyterian Church starting at 5:30pm - JOIN THE FUN!

**Entrepreneurship Committee
Business of the Month**

Kepes Metals LLC

I have been working in the metal fabrication field for just over 10yrs now with a strong emphasis in metal art and Blacksmithing. I have taken countless classes at the Toledo Museum Of Art for Blacksmithing and advanced jewelry. I strive to provide value in my Ornamental Iron Works for peoples' homes and businesses. I provide handmade ironworks custom made to fit and enhance a home or business. I'm **Tyler Kepes** of **KEPES METALS LLC** offering Ornamental Iron Works, step rails, porch rails, wall rails, interior, exterior, custom designs and wrought iron fencing. The photo is of me doing a welding repair on a driveway gate that I refurbished on Robinwood in the Old West End. The address of my shop is 5222 Tractor Rd. Toledo, Ohio 43612. Free estimates are also offered. Give me a call 419-442-9648 *Tyler Kepes*



The Women of The Old West End



WOWE Officers:
Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore & Tammy Michalak

**THANK YOU
MELODY BREWER
FOR ANOTHER AMAZING**

*Children's Day
in the Park*

and Thank You to

Lisa Glanz, Ranee Cavallario-Roberts, Kathy & Martin Jarret, Gene Emery, Annelle Donaldson, Barb Morgan, Henry Doder, Carol Kutsche, Tammy Michalak, Toni Moore and the many volunteers who help to make this such a special and fun filled day!



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

Nov. 1, 2017

Toni Moore
2369 Robinwood Ave.

No Meeting in December!

2017 Tours de Noel

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 Tree Lighting Santa, Caroling, Cookies, Warm beverages and many neighbors!!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 House Tours, Cookie Walk & Boutique - Four beautiful homes, Two Amazing Churches & the OWE Antiques and Toledo History Museum will be open again for our tour this year. Also Pumpernickles, Black Kite and First Congregational will have food for sale.

NEW THIS YEAR!! DON'T MISS IT!!

Holiday Golf Cart Parade

on Saturday, ending at the Commons Park for the Tree Lighting. Decorate your cart and Join the Fun!

CALL or E-MAIL **CHRISTINE PARKS** for details

parkschristine@yahoo.com 419-246-7084

THIS IS SOOOO EXCITING!!!



Will You Help Light Up The Neighborhood For Tours De Noel?

PLEASE GET THOSE TWINKLE LIGHTS READY!!

Tours de Noel will be here before we know it. **Shelly Varelli** has joined the effort to get the neighborhood decorated for Tours. Have your decorations/lights on by 5:30 pm Thursday, Nov. 30 (judging) and then awards will be presented at the Tree/Gazebo Lighting on Saturday, Dec. 2 in the OWE Commons Park. Contact **Shelly Varelli** at 419-699-2279 or at shelly.onelove@gmail.com.



How does WOWE use the Dollars Raised from their Fundraising Efforts

Each year, following Tours de Noel, WOWE establishes its annual budget. At least 75% of the net revenue from our fundraising efforts is then used to financially support programs and projects within the OWE that coincide and align with our Mission.

2017 was an unusual year, and one we are most proud of. WOWE went well beyond our "standard" 75% to help a neighbor in need make necessary repairs to bring their porch up to code, allowing them to participate in a house painting project with the Department of Neighborhoods. WOWE was thrilled to help this neighbor, save a porch, and help beautify the neighborhood at the same time.

*"The porch is done and it looks fantastic! It is almost like we got a brand new house!"
Eric O... Robinwood Avenue*

In addition to this rewarding project, WOWE was able to support other neighborhood programs with the Boys and Girls Club, The Girl Scouts, and First Congregational Church. These projects are in addition to the ongoing maintenance of the Old West End Commons Park and sponsorship of Children's Day. In total, WOWE invested over \$18,000 into our neighborhood during 2017. Thank you to those who have supported us in the past, we hope you continue to do so in the future.

Please remember to attend and support "Tours de Noel" our annual main fundraiser. Consider making a donation of your time or giving a "Christmas donation" to Women of the Old West End so that we are able in our quest to impact the OWE.

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