

Toledo Public Library Local History Room

By Dave Kosmyna

Recently the **Preservation Committee** met at the Local History Room (LHR) of the Downtown Toledo Public Library for an information session hosted by librarian Donna Christian. Many OWE residents are aware that there are some valuable resources available to us, but WOW, after Donna's info session, the flood gates of Finding Really Cool Stuff have opened wide. In a nutshell, you can find terrific information on the following: 1.) historical photographs 2.) deed transfers and directory information 3.) biographical information and 4.) blueprints – YES, blueprints, and more!

The library's Images In Time exhibit is available on-line and contains thousands of historical photos from Toledo. You may search these by street name, address, even a keyword search. Most are exterior photos from block cards which you can also find in person, if you go ask for help at the LHR.

You can also look up transfer cards to figure out who owned properties and when. Not only can you find who owned properties, but who lived in them by using City Directories. In addition, the LHR also has fire insurance maps which give detailed information on listed properties, including structural details, some with descriptions of roofing and siding. (All helpful info if you want to restore or decode some exterior mysteries in your homes.)

For the history buffs, maybe research-

ing the families is of interest. The LHR has a name index which can lead you to articles, books, and even obituaries. You can figure out what social circles your owners moved in and what businesses they handled. You can also find out who their survivors are. To this end, the LHR has an institutional account for Ancestry.com—and it's FREE. While you may use LHR computer stations, it's recommended you bring your laptop, log on to the WIFI, and then take screenshots of all pages you find on Ancestry.com, so you have your own digital resource. If you locate any surviving relatives, maybe you'll hit the goldmine and find long-lost interior photographs of your homes – how cool would that be!

Finally, the LHR has blueprints and letter files. Bauer, Stark, and Lahsbrook donated their architectural archives in the 1990s, and if your home was built or renovated by some previous incarnation of that firm, chances are good your prints are there. There is a searchable Commission List that a librarian can help you with to find any documents. The letter files often contain purchase receipts from the suppliers or manufacturers to the architect or contractor. These can really give you some terrific insight into what may have been part of your home.

So, whether you're restoring, renovating, researching, or just casually browsing, the Local History Room is a terrific treasure trove of information! Happy Hunting!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ... EVERYBODY

By Gregg Stambaugh

Raise your hand if you know when your birthday is. Sir, you didn't raise your hand. You've had enough birthdays, you say? May I ask your age? 91...wow. That's excellent. I must say you don't look a day over 90...Ha, Ha. I would celebrate every birthday from now on, young man.

So, good people, get excited about those birthdays. Send someone a hilarious card. Bake cupcakes and surprise them.

My darling wife and her sister Annette took the bull by the horns and shocked the hell out of me for my 50th. (You don't need to know how many years ago that was.) Johnny Rodriguez showed up, and everyone had a grand time.

My spouse was just getting even, by the way. I slammed her well on her 39th birthday. She did not have a clue! That was one for the memory bank.

I often wonder why people have such trauma drama on their ZERO ending birthdays. You are only one day older than the last decade you have just left behind. My sweetheart wife and I have survived six ZERO birthdays. Oops. Sorry, honey. My mom got through nine and almost ten of them!! At my mom's 90th party, her nephew Sean (who legally changed his name to Thor and doesn't own a sledge hammer) showed up.

"Here, Aunt Gladly, I couldn't find a 90th card, so I got you three 30s. I love Sean. He's even funnier than Dave Moore.

I bet you didn't know I was born on Mother's Day. Yep. May 14th. Oh, all right. I suppose. Um...1950, OK? For the last twenty years or so, our eldest (40) daughter, Holly, has been sending me sarcastic cards. My favorite? The front of the card shows a magnificent photo of the redwood trees. Inside? "Thank you for planting them." And my second favorite? Friends handed me a card with an ocean liner on the front. Inside? "Your candles have arrived."

Don't fear the Reaper, good people. Enjoy every moment of every birthday. Sure they add up. I'm 578,160 hours old. As Debbie's Uncle Peanut remarks, "we're still on the right side of the sod and buying green bananas."

Now, next May 14th, no presents over \$25. Thank you.

I wish you ALL a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kudos to:

Old West End Neighbors

from Jason Finn & Jeni Belt



We can't thank everyone enough for the extremely generous donations you provided for Jason's rehab during this year's concert series! The summer concert series has always been one of our favorite neighborhood events, and we were overwhelmed by the good wishes, infinite hugs and words of encouragement, and the overflowing tip jar proceeds (almost \$2600—that's 2 weeks of therapy!).

We love our OWE community!

Children's Day in the Commons Volunteers & WOVE

Once again you all have put on and volunteered for a wonderful event that celebrates all our children.



Letter from the President

by Courtney Macklin

October is the spookiest time to live in the Old West End. These houses have been here long enough they have to be haunted! I hope everyone has a happy and safe Halloween.

The October Old West End Association meeting will be a **Candidates Night**. I am delighted to say that we will not only have candidates running for local office, but also representatives for many of the issues on the November 8 ballot. I cannot stress how important local officials and issues are. Please come educate yourself and ensure your decisions are informed this November. Our **Candidates Night** is **Tuesday October 18 at 7:00** at the Libbey House.

Fall also means the Arboretum goes to sleep for a bit. Please plan to come help out at the last workday of the year, October 15 from 9-12. The breakfast is awesome and if we all pitch in, it's more fun than work.

The next round of funding for the **Neighborhood Beautification and Improvement Fund** is due on OCTOBER 31. If you have an idea for a project that would benefit the neighborhood as a whole PLEASE APPLY, it is super easy. We have many community organizations and common spaces that might benefit from a little boost. For more information check out www.toledooldwestend.com/nbi-grant

At our last OWEA meeting we heard an update from Chris Clymer of **Middleman Delivery Service**. He lived in the neighborhood a number of years ago, and is hoping to bring his Findlay business to Toledo and the OWE. They deliver food from restaurants in and around downtown to your door, as well as groceries and other essentials. If your favorite restaurant doesn't deliver, this service may be able to help – give him a call at 567-525-2858.

We also learned about an exciting project that Maura Meyers Amato, a local teacher, is hoping to get off the ground with her students. Similar to a little free

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016
O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting
6 p.m. at **Deb Kienzle Home**
2238 Scottwood Ave.

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016
O.W.E. Association Meeting
CANDIDATES NIGHT
7 p.m. at **The Libbey House**
2008 Scottwood Ave.
EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME!

library, little free pantries are stocked with toiletries and nonperishable food items that can be accessed by anyone walking by. While she teaches in Perrysburg, she thought the camaraderie of our neighborhood would be great for such a project. I am so happy that our neighbors helped her with identifying potential locations and funding ideas in and around the OWE.

Even though fall is upon us, it is never too early to start thinking about next year's Festival. Consider getting more involved this year, whether by volunteering for a few hours or going big and putting your house on tour. Don't hesitate to reach out and get involved in the fun. Once again, I hope to see you all at our October meeting, Candidates Night, Tuesday October 18 at 7:00 PM at the Libbey House. Regardless, do not forget to vote this Election Day, November 8.



OLD WEST END SECURITY

As the days get shorter and the nights grow cooler, here are a few fall security and safety tips to consider. On November 6th **Daylight Savings Time** will have us fall back one hour. As the days grow shorter our evening commutes will be in the dark. Make sure your headlights and windshields are clean and streak free. If your car allows, dim the dashboard lights to alleviate eye strain. Take your time and allow yourself to adjust to the new darkness even though your commute may feel like second nature. While you are in the neighborhood, be mindful that many students at local schools will be walking home in the dark if they



Agnes Reynolds Jackson Arboretum 2016

Robinwood @ Delaware

Arboretum Work Day

Saturday, Oct. 15th
9am - noon

Food Provided!!!



THANK YOU OLD WEST END
The Music in the Park bottle donation total to help with the **Jason Finn Rehabilitation fund** is at: \$2591.27 - **WOW!**

PRESERVATION REMINDERS

Old West End Historic District Commission

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

are involved in extracurricular activities. Later in the month on **Halloween**, be aware of **trick-or-treaters** in the neighborhood, drive cautiously, and enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly as many children's costumes are dark and non-reflective.

Additionally, October is **Fire Prevention Month** and there are many things you can do to protect your home. Make sure your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detectors have fresh batteries. If you have portable heating units you are pulling out of storage, make sure to leave ample space around the heating unit. Three feet of clearance all around is recommended. Clean dryer vents regularly, especially the exhaust duct. Dryer vent fires are a very common cause of residential fires. Lastly, check your outlets and plugs. Make sure circuits and extension cords are not overloaded and that plugs fit properly. Taking the time to follow up on these tips will help keep your family, home, and neighborhood safe.



The Women of the Old West End

WOWE Officers: Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore, & Tammy Michalak

Children's Day in the Park

The Women of the Old West End wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to those who helped make Children's Day possible. It was a Spectacular Day for all who attended.

Thank You!

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COMMITTEE

Hats off to Melody Brewer and her committee for executing an amazing day for children & their families.

- Melody Brewer, Chair
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- Kate Mitchell
- Kathy Jarret
- Lisa Glanz
- Renee Cavallario-Roberts
- Toni Moore
- Tammy Michalak

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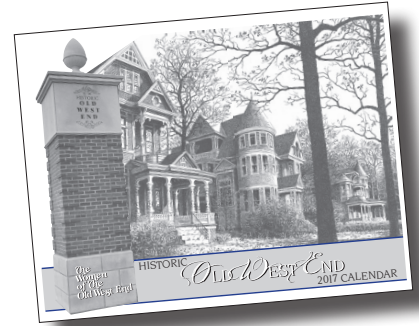
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- Mary Sawers - Face Painter
- Pam Hollenbeck - Story Teller
- Marty Jarret - Magician
- Kayleigh Church - Hula Hoopers
- Joel Roberts - Music
- Josh Eppert - Music Equipment

Children's Day Pictures will appear in November Newsletter.

BANCROFT UPDATE

Bancroft and the bridge over I-75 will not be open NOW until late October or early November.

Still selling like hot cakes!! 2017 OWE CALENDAR



Don't miss out on purchasing this "Limited Edition" Calendar.

The holidays will be here before we know it and you would not want to miss out on this calendar for yourself, family, friends or an Appreciation Gift, Christmas Present, Birthday Gift or a gift "just because".

To purchase your calendar/s contact Toni Moore - 419-360-2151 or e-mail tmoore_etfc@hotmail.com

Also you can contact Carol Kutsche 419-243-2848 or e-mail cjkutsche@bex.net

Don't wait too long ... we will not be re-ordering the 2017 calendar.

UPCOMING WOWE MEETINGS ...

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|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 6:30 POTLUCK | 7:00 MEETING |
| FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH | |
| <i>All neighbors are welcome!</i> | |

Please join us and learn how WOWE is making a difference for our neighborhood

- Oct. 5 **Carol Kutsche** 2483 Scottwood
- Nov. 2 **Toni Moore** 2369 Robinwood
- December No Meeting

2016 Tours de Noel

Mark your calendar!

Tree Lighting - Saturday, Dec. 3
Tours de Noel - Sunday, Dec. 4

Dennis Lange and Committee have been busy over several months making sure that another "Tours" weekend will be perfect for our neighborhood and for all who attend. To date five Homeowners have graciously agreed to have their homes on tour.

Natalie Fenger and Joe Patay
601 Stratford Place

Aubri and Mike Graybeal
2372 Scottwood Ave.

Judy Stone and Skip Gaynor
2428 Scottwood Ave.

Kathy and Gary Taub
2351 Glenwood Ave.

Michael Walker
416 Prescott

First Congregational Church has offered their space again for the **Holiday Boutique** and will again be selling lunches and dinners. Pumpernickles & The Black Kite will also be open with delicious food too.

Old West End Antiques (in the Milmine Stewart House) will also be open to our guests.

The **Tree Lighting** on Saturday is a time for neighborhood fellowship with families, cookies baked by Debbie Stambaugh, hot chocolate, coffee and hot cider, caroling, Santa and much more.

Pictures of these beautiful homes will appear in the November Newsletter. It's a great sampling again of our beautiful homes, two of which have never been open for Summer or Winter tours.



On a beautiful Sunday afternoon in September WOWE hosted a Brunch for the Commons Park Volunteers who have, over the years shared their time & talent in keeping the Commons Park so beautiful. Chefs Carol Kutsche and Toni Moore prepared and presented an amazing menu of delicious food for all.

Pictured are of some of the Volunteers who attended the brunch.

Next Workday - October 29th

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Breakfast served to all who volunteer!

Your help is needed so please volunteer, even if it is only for an hour. Any and all time is very much appreciated.

We are again grateful for all who help to keep the Commons Park so beautiful!!



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