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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TOLEDO'S HISTORIC OLD WEST END



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**Did you know Milkweed is the only plant Monarch Butterflies will lay eggs on?**

**Did you know Monarchs are in severe decline mainly due to the eradication of Milkweed by herbicides and land development?**

**Did you know if all Milkweed on the planet were gone Monarchs would go extinct?**

**Did you know you can help?**

This spring I planted a small patch of common Milkweed hoping to attract Monarch Butterflies. Sure enough by June female Monarchs were in my yard laying eggs. I've raised over two dozen Monarchs this year that would have never been born, or graced our neighborhood. We can increase that ten, twenty, or a hundred fold if only you would help.

If you would like to support the Monarch Butterfly population I'm offering free Milkweed seedlings next spring to anyone in the neighborhood. I'm going to try to get a flyer out early spring with more information, but in the meantime,

## Kudos to:

**Jenni Swartz and William Holmes** for volunteering to be the newest Historic Times Couriers



**Neighbors and Sponsors**  
What a great Concert Season!  
THANK YOU for all your contributions and interest in our Summer Concert Series. See you next year!

## Clean Out Your Desk Day

by Gregg Stambaugh

I purchased this sweet Cherrywood repro desk in a Florala antique store about fifteen years ago. The word repro means reproduction which means "fake antique." Fake antique means saving "an arm and a leg and part of your foot" when opening your wallet. Florala means the store is on the border of Florida and Alabama. OK, good people, on to the next sentence.

Now, I'm about to show you why I'm president of the APA (American Procrastinators Association). I came across this announcement for Clean Out Your Desk Day -COYDD- on Monday, January 9, 2016. No, it really was this year. I dutifully filed it... where else?...in my desk. HA!

My desk is hinged and opens towards me. Trying it out in the store, I opened it in Alabama and closed it in Florida. Anyway, after fifteen years, opening my desk now requires a hard hat and steel-toed shoes. One March morning, I snapped on my latex gloves—if you don't do that just so man, that'll leave a mark! —and looked for my desk remote. I eventually opened it manually. I sat down and was drawn to my clay dish full of pennies. Half an hour later, I had 87 cents and one 1948 Denver minted penny in terrible condition. This cleaning out the desk isn't so hard after all.

"Whatcha doing?" my green eyed wife poked her head around the corner.

"Cleaning out my desk," I beamed with pride.

"Oh...well, you can start by putting all

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you can contact me at; [tmlynek@bex.net](mailto:tmlynek@bex.net). I'll be happy to email the longer more informative version of this article.

In the not too distant future our neighborhood could be known not only for our homes and hospitality, but also as a place where Monarch Butterflies truly thrive and flourish. At festival we could display signs indicating which yards are Monarch friendly, and possibly give garden tours. We could even establish a Monarch support group within the neighborhood. Everything starts with a vision. If you plant it..... they will come.

*Thank you*

Tom Mlynek, 2232 Glenwood Ave.

(Editor's Note) The Arboretum planted a Butterfly Garden this year at the south entrance off Glenwood for all to enjoy.



## Common's Park and Arboretum THANK YOU Picnic

40 volunteers gathered on Sept. 10 to enjoy a summer picnic in the ARJA. Both parks are as beautiful as they are because of all their hard work each year. **THANK YOU ALL!**

**Candidates Night / Tuesday Oct. 17 6:30pm / Libbey House**



**Letter from the President**  
by Courtney Macklin

October is a great month to be in the Old West End. The trees are changing colors, the weather is cooling off, and our neighborhood was made for Halloween. I hope everyone has a spooky, fun month!

With local elections coming up, don't miss the **Old West End Association's Candidate Night** on **Tuesday October 17** at **6:30** at the **Libbey House** (2008 Scottwood). We've invited candidates and representatives for the issues on the November 7 ballot. This is a great way to be informed.

We were very lucky to have the 2017 OWEA Scholarship winner, **Tate Ramsey**, and his family at our September meeting. He started at the University of Toledo this fall, and is majoring in Fine Art and New Media. Congratulations again and good luck in all of your endeavors! The OWEA offers an annual scholarship to high school seniors living in the Old West End. Keep your eyes out for the 2018 scholarship, which will be open for applications soon.

I am also pleased to announce the most recent **Neighborhood Beautification and Improvement Fund** recipients. A grant of up to \$50.00 was awarded for the development of an **Eat Green Flyer** for the OWE, and up to \$5,000 was awarded for the restoration and preservation of the Tiffany windows at **First Congregational Church**.

As a reminder, the NB&I Fund is available for public projects that benefit the whole neighborhood, and the next deadline is October 31. The application can be downloaded at [www.toledooldwestend.com](http://www.toledooldwestend.com). The October 31 round of grants is the perfect time to get a request in for spring!

With fall here, our **Preservation Committee** is starting up its education series again with a **window sash replacement class** on **October 11** from 6:30-9:30. For more information visit the Old West End Preservation Facebook page or contact [Oldwestend1221@gmail.com](mailto:Oldwestend1221@gmail.com).

Also at our September meeting, the Association voted to underwrite the social calendar, Men of the Old West End, that Shelly Varelli is developing. It will be ready in time for the holidays, and we are very excited to assist in this venture.

Lastly, **Tours de Noel** is coming up on December 3. Please volunteer! More information is on the following page and also online at [www.womenoftheoldwestend.com](http://www.womenoftheoldwestend.com). This wonderful event can't happen without all of us!

I can't wait to see you for the October meeting, Candidate Night, Tuesday October 17 at 6:30 PM at the Libbey House. Refreshments are always provided!

Tuesday, Oct 10, 2017  
**O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting**  
6 p.m. at **Deb Kienzle's Home**  
2238 Scottwood Ave.

Tuesday, Oct 17, 2017  
**Association Meeting and CANDIDATE'S NIGHT**  
6:30 p.m. at the  
**Collingwood Arts Center**  
**EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME!**



**OLD WEST END SECURITY**

**Join NOW!!** We still have matching funds until the end of October for any new supporters! (see

bottom of article for how to join). When the weather starts to cool down, we tend to see a slight drop in crime, however it is still important to stay vigilant. Here are some tips for you and your property safe.

**Lock your doors:** Lock your car doors and you house doors. In up to a quarter of thefts, owners left their property unlocked. Even if you are just running back in to the house to grab something quickly, remember to lock your car doors

**Light up the night:** as the leaves begin to fall from the trees, hiding places are reduced, but it is always a good idea to keep your porch lights on, or invest in a motion-detection light.

**Look into apps and low-cost cameras:** There are all sorts of apps and low-cost cameras you can invest in to monitor your property or door. Some apps include Ring, Skybell, August Doorbell. Check it out.

Halloween is around the corner, be sure to make costumed visitors safe from tripping hazards. *Tip: Use Christmas lights to light up your front porch. Use a tuna can as the base of the pumpkin candle to reduce fire hazards.*

**More supporters, more patrols.** Pay for a year in advance and you get 1 month free! For more information check our website: [www.OldWestEndSecurity.com](http://www.OldWestEndSecurity.com). You can now join, pay, or donate online!! You can also report an incident, no need to call! It's easier than ever to show your support and help keep our neighborhood safe!

**Old West End Historic District Commission Reminder**

Special thanks to all that participated at the **Laskey House** cleanup located at 2357 Collingwood. Volunteers assisted in removing all the overgrowth and trash on the property, from years of neglect. Through activities like these, we hope to stabilize and secure vulnerable properties for future generations to enjoy.

Our next activity is going to be a **Preservation Education Class** on window sash cord replacement, scheduled for **October 11th 6:30-9:30pm at 2725 Collingwood Blvd.** If you have a broken sash cord

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



**Thanks to all that supported this year's Trade 'N Post**



**The Next Arboretum Work Day is Saturday, Oct. 14**  
**9am - noon Food Provided!!!**

**Entrepreneurship Committee Business of the Month**  
**Everyday Arcana**

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OWEnders who don't want to wait until the next Trading Post or Festival can place an order by messaging me through the Everyday Arcana Facebook page or by e-mail at [sales@everydayarcana.com](mailto:sales@everydayarcana.com).

or a window that won't stay up, this would be a perfect class for you to learn how to repair windows yourself. Class size is limited, if interested please email Chad Coyle at [oldwestend1221@gmail.com](mailto:oldwestend1221@gmail.com) before October 9th.

The next **Preservation Meeting** will be at the Collingwood Arts Center at 2413 Collingwood Blvd. on **October 9th 7-9pm**. Come in the main entrance to the building, there will be signs directing you where to meet.

*Don't forget to LIKE us on Facebook under "old west end preservation"*

# 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

Hats off to Melody Brewer and her committee for, once again, planning and executing another Blue Ribbon **Children's Day** for the children and families here in the OWE and beyond. We heard so many wonderful comments about this event. It's part of our mission. Thank you also to the committee: *Lisa Glanz, Ranea Cavallario-Roberts, Kathy Jarret, Gene Emery, Annelle Donaldson, Barb Morgan, Henry Doder, Carol Kutsche, Tammy Michalak, Toni Moore and the many volunteers* who help to make this day so successful. Pictures of Children's Day will appear in the November issue.



**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

Oct. 4, 2017

Boys & Girls Club  
2250 N. Detroit Ave.

There will be a tour of the Boys & Girls Club and a short meeting after.

Nov. 1, 2017

Toni Moore  
2369 Robinwood Ave.

# 2017 Tours de Noel

Saturday, Dec. 2

**Tree Lighting** Santa, Carolling, Cookies, Warm beverages and many neighbors!!

**Sunday, Dec. 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.

### TOUR HOMES (photo's to appear next month)

Mary Sawers - Acklin Ave.  
Chuck Madrigal & Finley Gleason  
The Ford Mansion - Collingwood Blvd.  
David Urbank & Kevin Bodkin  
Glenwood Ave.  
Kayda & Matthew Exton - Robinwood

### CHURCH'S

First Congregational Church -  
Boutique & Cookie Walk  
Glenwood Lutheran Church -  
a children's activity. (Both open for Tour)  
OWE Antiques and The Toledo History  
Museum - Collingwood Blvd.



**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 & Join the Fun!

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**THIS IS SOOOO EXCITING!!!**

### - BANCROFT STREET UPDATE - TRAFFIC STUDY & LIGHTING

As many of you know the Bancroft Beautification Committee has been working with and in contact with the City Engineering and Transportation Dept. to ensure that the Decorative Lighting and the promised Street Study would be completed. These last two issues have given the committee much concern. In last month's issue it was reported from the City that the Decorative Street Lights would be in by late September or early October. This has now been delayed again. Also, we were promised a Traffic Study for Bancroft after the Bancroft Bridge was completed - this did not happen. And then after the Monroe St. bridge was completed.

Below please find and e-mail sent to Paul Rasmusson, Director of Public Service on Oct. 22nd from Tammy Michalak, member of the Bancroft Beautification Committee. An e-mail was also sent to Doug Stephens, PE. Administrator of Engineering regarding the promised street lights on Bancroft. Tammy did hear back from Mr. Stephens with a meeting date (one more time) to discuss the issue of the lights on Bancroft. We will keep you posted on this on-going saga with the City. This lighting issue has gone on for two years along with the Traffic Study.

**TRAFFIC STUDY** Good morning Mr. Rasmusson - I'm following up from Councilwoman Harper's email to you from 9/11. Could you please advise when the Transportation Department will be conducting the traffic study of Bancroft. 2 weeks have now past since the Monroe Street overpass project was completed and we have yet to receive a response from anyone in Transportation as to the status.

This has been an ongoing ordeal for 2 years now and the citizens of the Old West End are anxiously awaiting the results of the study to understand what modifications, if any, can be made to slow the traffic and allow for safe pedestrian and vehicular crossings.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. I look forward to hearing from you soon with a status update.

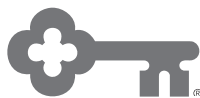
### WILL YOU HELP LIGHT UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR TOURS DE NOEL?

PLEASE GET THOSE  
TWINKLE LIGHT READY!!

Tours de Noel will be here before we know it. The Tours Committee is asking that while we still have mild weather we are asking OWE residents to begin to put up their outside Christmas lights before it's too cold to do so. It would be eye catching to have the neighborhood lit up for Tours but also to show the 1,000+ people attending Tours de Noel and others who drive through our neighborhood that the residents love the holiday season and want to show off our beautiful and historic homes decorated in their holiday finest. We know it's early but it would be great if lights were up and ready for Tours de Noel. We would be elated to have the OWE alive with lights. Also know to that the elves will be decorating the Common Park...so grateful for their efforts.



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### Clean Out Your Desk Day

those pennies back in that clay dish," she laughed.  
"Isn't that your phone ringing?" I waved her away.  
I found three postcards...do they still make those?... with 22¢ postage. I also found a shiny, gold colored medallion I wore once in high school...in 1967. I believe K-Mart had a special sale. I wore it on the outside of a black turtleneck with my bell bottom jeans. No, I don't have any pictures. Note to family: the green turtleneck comes later.  
So, good people, you can see the progress I'm making on COY-DD. I'm thinking more on the lines of COYDWeek. That makes more sense. I recall why I didn't jump in on January 9th and Clean Out My Desk. My darling wife and I went to the Star Wars Rogue One movie, then lunch followed by the Clemson-Alabama football game. One must have priorities.  
I now have this desk thing figured out. I proclaim any day you prefer to be LYDAD. Yep...Leave Your Desk Alone Day.  
I do like the looks of my desk when it's closed. Sure, there's "stuff" on top-my I-pod, some seashells and my desk lamp-but, I can control that. Maybe tomorrow I'll open'er up again and get down to business. No...wait...there's a birthday party... and then we're playing cards... and, after that,...

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