




In case you haven't noticed, the \$42 million renovation of **Scott High School** is complete! It looks spectacular inside and out. TPS says that public tours will be held between **9 AM and 10:30 AM** on the following four Saturdays:

**Saturday, February 4th and 18th**  
and  
**Saturday, March 3rd and 17th**

To register for a tour, call (419) 671-4000. Each tour is limited to 300 people, so call right away!!

The **Grand Opening of Scott** is to take place at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, March 20th.

An After-Party will be held at "Save Our Scott" founder Jeff Nelson's home, 2233 Robinwood Ave.

**Welcome back, Scott students!!**

## Did you know?

There is a new program for the removal of large ash trees. WSOS Community Action Commission is administering the Western Basin Emerald Ash Borer Ash Tree Removal Program Initiative which will pay up to 40% of the cost to remove two trees. This program is not limited by income.

This program allows home owners to get up to three estimates from tree removal companies. An application for the removal program can be found at the WSOS website [www.wsos.org](http://www.wsos.org). If anyone needs assistance with this program please feel free to call me.

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Cherry Street Legacy  
Project Coordinator  
Mercy Medical Center  
Sponsored Project  
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## COLLINGWOOD TREES

By Karen Callinan

With the January 9 meeting regarding the removal of 80 trees on Collingwood Blvd. for street construction still fresh in the minds of many, I, possessing an overactive Pollyanna gene, decided to look into what could be done to preserve the trees once they came down. Contacting the Division of Forestry, I was told the trees would be turned into mulch and sold as such. Google at my fingertips, I searched as much as I could find about the majority of the trees, which are Honey Locust. Calling back, I asked if we in the OWE could have some of the trees back once they were downed. (Lady, are you crazy?)

No. Living in an area heavily populated with artists, craftsmen, and those steeped in restoration, it is my hope that residents would take some of the lumber provided to make their own tributes to the fallen trees of Collingwood. I am willing to find someone who would cheaply mill the wood for those who want it, but residents would have to dry and store the lumber on their own.

Honey Locust is one of the toughest woods we have. It is strong, stiff, shock resistant, and takes a high polish. Stains used for oak work well on Honey Locust. This wood is very durable in contact with soil, making great fence posts and rails, which can last for many years without constant treating. The wood will sprout, for those of you who are naturalists, making living fences.

This is a pretty wood with a striking grain, used for furniture, boat building, decks and hardwood floors. It nails easily, but can be hard on tools, but when dry, mills pretty easily. This wood was formerly used for bows.

Have I sold anyone yet? I do have a very simple way to make blocks out of tree branches. These blocks usually retail for over \$50.00 in toy catalogues, could be made in minutes, and sold at Festival for example, to benefit the OWE.

I welcome other ideas, and those interested in preserving some the essence of the trees which graced Collingwood for so many years.

Feel free to contact me at:  
[kcall125@aol.com](mailto:kcall125@aol.com)

## By Any Other Name

By Gregg Stambaugh

I received the letter last month. It began "Congratulations, Gurgg!" I was drinking ginger ale at the time, and I inhaled a large amount of fizz through my nostrils. I looked around the room and thought, "who the hell is Gurgg?!"

Granted, my last name has been butchered mercilessly through the years. Standbag... Standby... Steinbaugh... Stanblam... and the always popular Stamball. Oh, yeah. My darling wife did not marry a Smith.

My greeneyed wife and I were in Cincinnati one weekend and while channel surfing came across a hockey game. Mike Cammelarri skated onto the ice.

Our oldest daughter Holly proclaimed "what kind of a name is that?"

"Oh, let's change Mike to Larry" I said.

"Larry Cammelarri" she laughed. "Good one, Dad."

"Here's better, honey. Make his middle name Camel. Larry Camel Cammelarri."

She roared, and our son-in-law, Chris, in mid-guffaw, asked "what kind of middle name is Camel?"

Without missing a beat, I replied "it's a family name."

We have an older gentleman friend who has gone by the first name of Butts most of his life. He is an uncle to our good friends. So, you have Uncle Butts. Well, that's better, right??

You probably didn't know that I went to high school with Woody Totty, Gregory Gregory and Elmo Dillbone. I am not making up these names.

My sweetheart wife went to an all-girls high school. (I would not have minded that!) One of her good friends was Zippy. Why not? And her high school didn't even have a track team.

Anyway, back to drum roll, please... GURGG!! It just rolls off the tongue, don't you think, good people? At least they got the three g's part right!



## Letter from the President

By Jeni Belt

Perception of time, like all things, is relative. February, the shortest month, can often seem to drag. For some, it's the dark days of winter, or the gray, or the snow, or the cold. Yet, time truly does fly when you're having fun (pardon the cliché). For the Old West End, this is surely the case.

January's **OWEA** meeting boasted a great turnout and lively discussion about some very important topics, including the upcoming Collingwood renovations, our future plans for Mansion View, the impending reopening of Scott High School, and the closure of St. Mark's Church and the issues surrounding it. Many neighbors also participated in the meeting hosted by the Historic District Commission regarding the Collingwood project. I'm delighted to see so many new and old faces and to hear your passion for the neighborhood. Keep it up—we have many important issues on the horizon.

Implementation of the **Strategic Plan** developed for the OWEA and WOVE is ongoing. As of this writing, one block party has been held and at least two more are scheduled. These block parties are designed to accomplish our first stated objective of engaging the neighbors within the Old West End. Thanks to all who plan, host and attend these important events.

**Festival 2012** promises to be a great success. Several of the tour homes are in place, and the committee of veterans and rookies alike has lots of ideas for new activities or continued growth of the established activities. The committee's next meeting takes place February 5th at 3:30 p.m. at Mansion View. We're always looking for volunteers—countless hours go into the planning and

execution of this event. Please do your part to help us perpetuate and grow our most celebrated tradition in the Old West End.

The **Concerts in the Park** Series will continue and the lineup is nearly complete. Stay tuned for details.

The **Art Museum** celebrated its 100th birthday in January. Incidentally, my home turns 100 this year as well (if the walls of either could talk!). Sadly, one of our oldest neighborhood establishments also closed this month. We are sad to see St. Mark's go and it speaks to the need to work together as a neighborhood and association towards preservation and growth.

While Old West Enders may never need a reason to eat, drink or be merry together, **Old West End Security's** superbowl fundraiser (at the Attic on Feb. 5 at 5:00) presents a new venue for us to do so (at least in an "organized" capacity). Please mark your calendar and plan to attend—even if you don't know or care who is playing, it will certainly be a good time!

As the above suggests, there's plenty going on in the neighborhood (as always). I am always amazed by the depth and breadth of enthusiasm we all share for where we live. It's quite contagious. If you haven't caught it yet, come to our next association meeting on February 21 at 7:00 at Mansion View. I promise you will.

## SECURITY SOUNDINGS

### Free Vacation Checks

Did you know that as an OWES subscriber you get 7 FREE days of vacation checks each year? A vacation check entails the patrols getting out of their vehicle and walking the perimeter of your home-checking to make sure it is secure and safe. **Call our Resident Manager, Russell Martin, to schedule vacation checks and for more information: (419) 902-0982**

For your Inbox

OWE Security introduced our monthly eNewsletter last month. ALL residents are encouraged to join the email list by visiting [OldWestEndSecurity.com](http://OldWestEndSecurity.com)



OLD WEST END SECURITY

Monday, February 13, 2012

### OWE Executive Board Meeting

6 p.m. Mansion View

Tuesday, February 21st

### OWE Association Meeting

7 p.m. at Mansion View

*Everyone Welcome!*



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We are looking for sponsors for the 2012 "Music in the Park" Series. Please consider donating to this popular summer event.

The approximate cost of each concert is \$500 which includes security for the evening. Talk with your neighbors and combine your dollars to possibly cover one concert. Tom Kornacki is again coordinating the musical line-up. Contact Kent at 419-367-9155 or Tom at 419-389-7287 if you are interested.

# The Women of The Old West End

by Toni Moore

## MISCONCEPTION

Twice last month I was told that some neighbors consider WOWE and the OWEA to be nothing more than "social organizations". There is certainly some truth to this statement – it is even a part of our mission to foster relationships - but that is not the ONLY part of our mission. WOWE members have worked very hard over the past 40+ years to make remarkable and measurable improvements in the OWE.

WOWE has taken on many controversial challenges over the years. Many of the issues we faced in the 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's and up still exist today. Issues related to historic preservation, crime, absentee landlords, neglected buildings, and poorly maintained streets. These are all serious issues facing our neighborhood.

One particular issue is the Collingwood Reconstruction Project. I'd like to thank all of those who attended the recent meeting with City officials and the Historic District Commission. There were nearly 150 participants who responded to the 1,000 fliers WOWE members distributed the week before the meeting. The meeting was reminiscent of the meetings we had back in the day. Attendees came to get information about the project, ask questions, and provide input on how to improve the redevelopment of Collingwood.

This meeting would not have taken place without the efforts of WOWE members and interested neighbors who specifically requested this meeting. This is not something we as neighbors should have to request. This is something that should have taken place long before this project was ever started. The importance of public involvement is twofold. First, we live in a registered Historic District. This means we must consider the implications of any aesthetic changes to the fabric of the OWE. Second, public involvement is critical to the success of any public project. The project can only be successful if interested parties can participate in the process. This means the WHOLE process from beginning to end.

So, where do we go from here? We keep doing what we are doing! We need

to join forces, and continue to fight. Many residents worked hard to put this entire neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places. It is our job to protect that and ensure that the OWE Historic District continues to be preserved for future generations. Join us at our monthly meeting and discover what WOWE is involved with - we are much more than fliers and potlucks.

## PRESERVATION MATTERS

by Tammy Michalek

This new column will highlight preservation issues in the OWE.

### Collingwood Reconstruction

As many of you know, this is an issue of preservation. When I say preservation I'm not talking about trees, or sidewalks or even sandstone curbs. I've often heard people refer to the OWE as "an island in a sea of crap". Well our "island" is defined by Collingwood Blvd. We need to protect and preserve that defining boundary. If we do not, the shores of our "island" will continue to erode. Our "island" will become smaller, and may eventually erode away completely.

### Collingwood Manor Apartments

Many of you may have heard City Council approved the request to raze the Collingwood Manor Apartments. This was a sad day for OWE preservation efforts. But it is not the end. We need to start thinking NOW about what will replace this hole in the fabric of our district. Think about that question and look at these pictures.



*This magnificent home, the Richardson House once stood at the corner of Collingwood and Floyd.*



*The Richardson House was razed in the '70s just like the Collingwood Manor Apartments will soon be.*



*Here is the concept of the nursing home that replaced the Richardson House.*

Talk has surfaced about replacing Collingwood Manor with student housing for Mercy College. Think about it – do we really need another apartment building on Collingwood? What will that do to the fabric of the OWE and Collingwood?

Join us at the next WOWE meeting to see how you can help protect our "island" from further erosion.

## LEADERSHIP TOLEDO BLOCK PARTY

The next Block Party will be held for the residents of the 2000 and 2100 blocks of Robinwood Ave. on Feb. 22 at 6:30 pm at the home of Dave and Kathy Youngman, 2061 Robinwood Ave. These gatherings are presented by WOWE and the OWEA to communicate factual information about the OWE and to dispel misinformation within the neighborhood. It's also a great way to spend some quality time with neighbors on these blocks.

## COMMONS PARK:

This spring WOWE along with neighbors and members from Glenwood Lutheran Church will plant a tree in honor of Eunice Lueft a former OWE resident. Eunice's love for nature and WOWE will be celebrated sometime in May.

We are also planning something new for the Commons Park too. We will announce this initiative next month with conceptual pictures, so join us at our meeting.

## GLENWOOD LUTHERAN'S "Giving Store" (Next to TMA)

The "Giving Store" is accepting clothing and small appliances to be given away to those in need. Donated items may be dropped off on Wednesdays. Volunteers are also needed on Wednesdays.

## UPCOMING WOWE MEETINGS ...

6:30 POTLUCK      7:00 MEETING  
All neighbors welcome

Wed., February 8    Michael's Bar and Grill  
   Monroe St. at Michigan

Wed., March 7    Deb & Gregg Stambaugh  
   2636 Parkwood Ave.

*We were delighted to meet many new residents at January's meeting!*

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