



**To Do List...**

**"Porch Crawls"**  
Check Facebook for updates  
(OWE Residents Only!)

**"Lyle, Lyle Crocodile"**  
Glenwood Park Movie Night  
Aug. 3, 7:30, Movie@Dusk

**"Jeep Fest"** Aug. 4-6  
Downtown Toledo

**"Wine Tasting"**  
Thurs. Aug. 10, 5pm  
Black Kite Coffee

**"Toledo Pride Parade"**  
Sat. Aug. 19, 12 noon  
Adams Street

**O.W.E. & Area FUN**

## Summer Live Music Events



**Glenwood Park**  
Every Third Thursday  
thru Sept. Contact  
Dorothy 419-260-2209

**Over Yonder Concert House**  
Info. on-line at:  
Rob Overyounderconcerthouse

**Jazz Collective**  
Thursdays  
**Peacock Cafe**, 7-10pm,  
2007 Monroe St.



**Music In The Park**  
Monthly in the **Agnes Reynolds Jackson  
Arboretum** thru Sept., 6-8pm

### Top-floor décor

Our July top-floor décor location is 535 Virginia. The winners are Mary Glowacki and Bill Frisk. Our August top-floor décor picture is shown below. I will keep a record of all those who correctly identify the top floor décor by 5 PM on the 15th of each month, and the winner of the \$100 gift card for Black Kite will be whoever has the highest number of correct identifications for the year. Building locations are within the region bounded by both sides of Collingwood, Monroe, Maplewood, and Central. A correct response identifies the location of the building, by its street address, in an email message to Donald.godfrey@utoledo.edu, with the subject heading Top-floor décor. The body of your message should have the street address of the building and your name.



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August 4-6**



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**W.O.W.E.**  
**Wednesday, Aug. 2, 6:30pm**  
Ken Schumaker 2215 Scottwood Ave.

**OWE Association Summer Picnic**  
**Tuesday, Aug. 15, 6pm**  
Macelwane Park - bring a dish to share!



## Letter from the President

by Chris Hanley  
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Dear Old West Enders,

In late July, I attended the Toledo City Council meeting, alongside John and Kira Alvitre, Dave Kosmyna, and Michael Walker to show our support for the Ohio History Connections grant for the OWE Historic District Style Guidelines. At the end of the meeting, our neighbor, Council Person Nick Komives, shared what happened at Love Fest. A UHaul full of red-shirted, masked, white men with tiki torches came and lined up outside the party, throwing Nazi salutes and shouting into a megaphone. Rather than center these Nazis, Nick emphasized the rapid response of law enforcement, the concerning lack of public alarm and awareness of the incident, and most of all the courageous response of attendees and Equality Toledo's organizers of Love Fest. They just turned up the music and danced. They refused to let the Nazis define the message of the event. Love overpowered and outlasted hate.

I tried to imagine where I would have tried to locate myself had I been present, but ultimately I recognize that my individual response is not as important as a collective response. Our values, communicated in our bylaws, are clear on this point: the Old West End Association will "create and maintain a community atmosphere that encourages a harmonious neighborhood that celebrates diversity and inclusion and stands against racism and all other forms of discrimination." We need a collective response to threats to our neighborhood.

The Old West End Association is an assembly we can start. We gather and decide upon such collective actions in line with our values. At our July Meeting, the OWE Association voted to spend up to \$700 to support our friends in the OWE Social Circle (an unaffiliated 'commit-

Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2023  
**O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting**  
Ford Mansion, 2205 Collingwood (7 pm)

Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023  
**OWE Association Picnic**  
Macelwane Park (6 pm)  
Association will provide main dish & drinks.  
Bring a friend, a seat and a dish to share!  
**ALL NEIGHBORS ARE WELCOME!**

tee') to win the 'Best Float' at Pride for a third year in a row, a historic Three-peat. As Dave Kosmyna pointed out in the discussion, this seems like an especially important move to make given the possibility of unwanted guests attending Pride as they did the Love Fest. *It's our own way of dancing in the face of Nazis and showing Toledo once again what kind of neighborhood we are.*

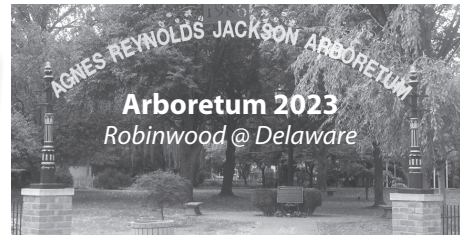
Imagine what else we might be able to do if we acted as one neighborhood on an issue.

Imagine if instead of five Old West Enders showing up to a City Council meeting, we had twenty-five showing up, urging Council to fund a plan to re-plant our tree canopy throughout the whole neighborhood. Imagine if we organized a development plan that allowed neighbors and people who love our neighborhood to fund projects like 624 Delaware and the Arboretum so we would not rely so heavily on one critical, weather-dependent fundraising weekend.

You have a chance to participate in pulling in this kind of action. For the rest of this year, the Association will begin strategic planning. We will invite responses from a broad survey so that you can tell us how we should prioritize our spending. We will also challenge each of the committees to chart their goals and plans for the years ahead, naming both what these objectives will cost and who will carry them out. Whether you are a leader on a committee, a resident in OWE Cushing-Utopia, or someone who has long been skeptical of the Association, you can add your insights to this process to shape our neighborhood's collective action.

I hope to see you at the picnic in August!

Your neighbor,  
Chris Hanley



**Arboretum Work Day**  
**Saturday, August 19**  
**9am - noon**  
*Food Provided!!!*



**Sunday, Aug. 13th, 6-8pm**  
**Leave Those Kids Alone**  
*Sponsored by:*  
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**Sunday, Aug. 27th, 6-8pm**  
**Extra Stout**  
*Sponsored by:*  
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## Business Network Group



The OWE Business Networking Group will have a meeting on **Wednesday, August 30 at 7:00** at the **Flamb-OWE-nce House 2492 Scottwood** at the corner of Delaware. We're following up our June and July meetings and assigning positions to those who are interested in taking on some responsibilities like finding sponsors and organizing volunteer opportunities. If you've never done anything like this before, here's a chance to get your feet wet!

Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023  
**O.W.E. Cushing Utopia Meeting**  
Kent Branch Library, (6:00 pm)

Monday, Aug. 14, 2023  
**Preservation Meeting**  
Ford Mansion, (7:00 pm)





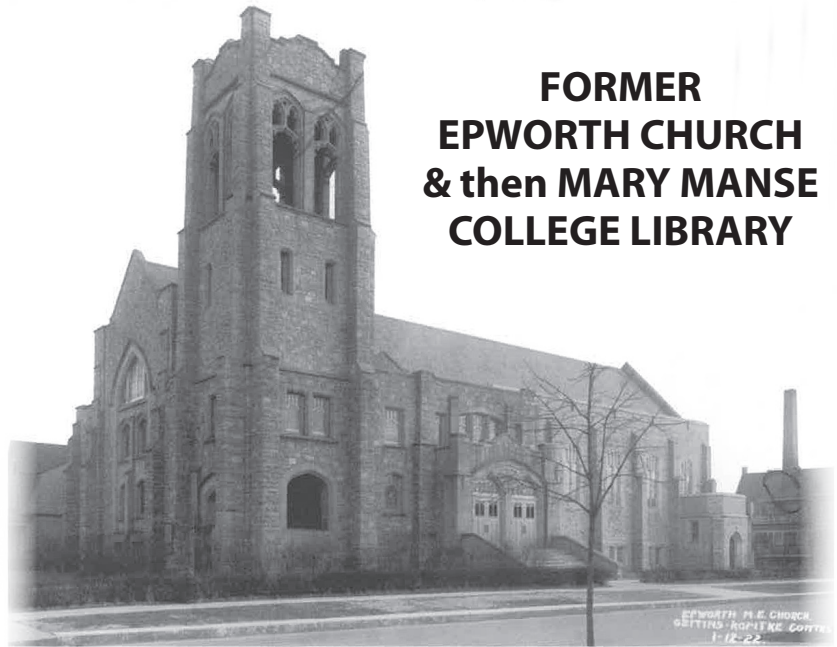
# The Women of The Old West End

WOWE Officers:  
Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore  
and Tammy Michalak

## For Your Information:

Recently there has been discussion about the abandoned and deteriorating building below.

## FORMER EPWORTH CHURCH & then MARY MANSE COLLEGE LIBRARY



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

IT'S HAPPENING!!

## "CHILDREN'S DAY"

Sunday, Oct. 1st

More information in  
the September Newsletter.



## COMMONS PARK

Do you love and appreciate your neighborhood parks? If the answer is "YES" would you be willing to give time to help in their up-keep?

WOWE is always grateful for those neighbors who see the value our parks bring to our/your neighborhood. Those of us who help maintain our parks know these properties all have a history. Many people fought to keep "green space" for our neighborhood. Please consider giving some time to help maintain them for the future.

WOWE is very grateful to the following who continue to support the Commons Park for July 15th workday:

**Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore, Brian Miller, Ken Schumaker** (and pictured below our Lucas County Volunteers)  
**Tamershe Hardy, Kaylee Vasquez, Gamett Johnson, Ora Higtower**



The building at the Corner of Delaware and Parkwood Avenue is the former home of Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Church was founded in Toledo in 1894. A new church building on Parkwood was dedicated in January of 1907, and expanded with the addition of a sanctuary in 1922.

On September 7th, 1958, fire swept through Epworth Church, destroying most of the sanctuary. Investigators later found the cause of the fire to be arson, part of a wave of suspicious fires in the city. Just a week later the church was holding services in a nearby school, not missing a single day. The congregation decided to rebuild elsewhere, leaving the old shell behind. Mary Manse College, a Catholic women's school located nearby bought the property in 1960, and started raising money to convert it into a library. Over the next seven years a flat roof replaced the original peaked

one lost in the fire, and the nave was converted into a three-story library holding 52,000 books. A 154-seat auditorium was installed in the basement, along with audio / visual rooms and offices. As construction was completed in the spring of 1967, books from the old college library were packed up and moved across the street to the new, which was dedicated in May of that year.

Mary Manse College closed in 1975 due to financial problems. What happened after that is unclear, though in 1991 the building was bought and reopened by a small Church of God in Christ congregation, which used the first floor for services. Exactly when the church left is unknown, but the building has since fallen into deep disrepair, with water ruining the remaining books and causing heavy structural damage.

### **Volunteers are always needed!**

Thank You to all who continue to give of their time, talent and treasure in maintaining this beautiful asset.

### **Will you volunteer?**

Our next workday is  
**Saturday, Aug. 12**  
**9:00am - Noon**

### **UPCOMING WOWE MEETINGS**

**6:30 POTLUCK 7:00 MEETING**  
FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
*All neighbors are welcome!*

*Attend our meetings and find out how WOWE is working to preserve the integrity our neighborhood.*

**August 2** ]Ken Schumaker  
2215 Scottwood  
**Sept. 6** Mary Sawers/Kent Illenden  
2702 Parkwood

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