

HISTORIC TIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TOLEDO'S HISTORIC WEST END



Kudos to:

Amy Stein

for weeding the Collingwood median islands in front of Scott High School and planting the Virginia/Scottwood planters.



Joyce Singer

for helping get Glenwood Park cleaned up and new flower beds installed.

Steve Warstler

for seeing a neighbor in need and offering them a ride home.

Kindness is a blessing.

Jen Robertson

for overseeing and coordinating the Scottwood Community Garden AND **Jeff & Paulette Mills** for adding Plant Swap Shelves to this garden.

Health Department Promotes Pop-Up Farmers' Markets

The Creating Healthy Communities program at the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department, encourages community members to purchase and eat fresh fruits and vegetables. Beginning next week, pop-up Farmers' Markets will be held the 3rd Tuesday of the month, at various locations throughout the city of Toledo. All social distancing procedures will be followed in accordance with ODH and CDC recommendations.

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Toledo-Lucas County Health Department
635 N. Erie, Toledo, 43604
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Location to be Determined
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

East Toledo Family Center
1020 Varland Avenue, Toledo, 43605
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Questions regarding the Farmers' Market can be directed to Amy Abodeely at 419.213.4116 or abodeela@co.lucas.oh.us.

For additional information, please visit: <https://www.lucascountyhealth.com/community-outreach/creating-healthy-communities/>

LUCAS COUNTY RESIDENTS NOW REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS IN PUBLIC

COLUMBUS — During a news conference on Thursday, July 16, Gov. Mike DeWine said Lucas County is now at a **Red Alert**. Consequently, residents of Lucas County are required to wear masks in public spaces.

Are You Ready to VOTE?

Please make sure you are registered to vote. Below is a link to check your current voter status, and online voter registration. <https://voterlookup.ohiosos.gov/voterlookup.aspx>

My Voter Information - Voter Search

Check your voter registration and/or find your voting precinct and polling location by entering the information below.

voterlookup.ohiosos.gov

WANTED

The Maskateers are sewing holiday & children's masks to benefit the **Women of the Old West End**. We are looking for gently used 100% cotton (no flannel please) sheets & pillow cases to use as part of the masks. Please contact me at msawzad@gmail.com or text (419) 704-5342 or (419) 450-1600 if you have a donation. Look for our first sale at the end of August. Thank you & stay safe!

EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The winner of the 2020 OWEA Continuing Education Scholarship is **Caiden Lyons**.



Caiden is a graduate of Maumee Valley Country Day School. He has a stellar academic history and is a solid participant in his community. Best of all, he will attend Pratt School of Architecture to pursue his career. Perhaps a New West End? Proud parents are Mandy Lyons and Corey Lyons. The OWEA scholarship is up for grabs every spring/summer. For details, check out the OWEA website.

COVID-19 TESTING SITES

COST: Call or visit the websites for the testing locations below to find out the cost for COVID-19 testing (some sites may require insurance information, some offer testing for little or no fee).

Appointment Needed

- CVS Pharmacy - 2104 S. Byrne Road,
- Health Partners - 2244 Collingwood
- Nexus Healthcare - 1415 Jefferson Ave.
- Rite Aid - 3013 Monroe St.

No Appointment Needed

- Labcorp - 1565 S. Byrne Rd. Ste 105 (Order Required)
- Rossford Urgent Care - 928 Dixie Hwy
- South Tol. Urgent Care - 3626 S. Detroit Ave.
- Sylv. Urgent Care - 4405 N. Holland Sylvania Rd.
- Toledo Urgent Care - 505 N. Reynolds Rd.

To Do List . . .

Toledo Museum of Art

"Public Glassblowing Demo"

Aug. 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26

11am Glass Pavillion

"Fireflies on the Water"

is back and is open

during Museum Hours

O.W.E. & Area FUN

W.O.W.E.

Wed., August 5, 7pm
Illenden/Sawers, 2702 Parkwood

Assoc. Meeting, Tues., Aug. 18
are currently being held virtually on Zoom.

MEETING REMINDERS





Letter from the President

by Sara Haynes
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Hello August! Where did the summer go?

Eight months into 2020 and 6 months into life during a pandemic! I can't wait until we can talk in retrospect about COVID-19. That said, given the resurgence of COVID as well as hearing from neighbors, we will be **cancelling** the August OWEA meeting which traditionally takes place in the Arboretum. Instead, we will be hosting a socially focused (i.e very limited business) Zoom meeting that day. Keep on the lookout for the Zoom info. It will be a short and fun way to connect with neighbors who you haven't met...yet... or haven't seen in a while.

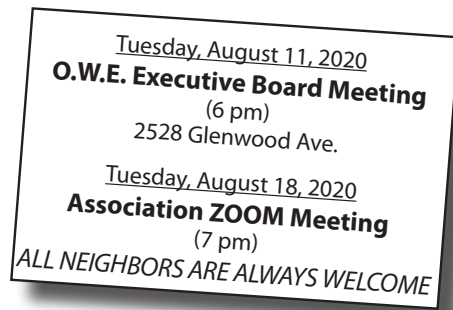
Not to continue with the 'bummer' info, but the summer concert series and the Autumn Market have also cancelled, given the current state of the virus. Please, stay socially distant and stay safe! Wear masks in public, and when you can't, be socially distant.

General thoughts about being a member of a community and volunteering...it is tough

In the last 6-8 weeks there has been a lot of discussion and dialogue in the neighborhood about a variety of things, more specifically, security. Being a part of many of these discussions I want to recognize that being a part of a community/group/neighborhood, isn't always easy. We all welcome diversity, but with that diversity comes a diversity of thought. And navigating through that diversity of thought does not come easy. I friend of mine said, 'and now we need to get to the messy part of loving each other.' Those words have stuck with me.

It is hard to get involved...and more importantly...harder to stay involved in shaping our community. This is where I would like to challenge everyone, including myself, to get involved, stay involved, stop, listen, respect each other and look for common ground when shaping our community, our city, our nation. There are a wide variety of opinions on what the destination looks like, and how we take steps forward. But let's do it respectfully.

I am disheartened when I hear people



declare that if something can't be done 'their way' or if 'X' action is not taken, then they will not become involved. To me, that is not a constructive approach. John Lewis, Georgia's Congressman, worked within the system to make changes, he was known as the conscience of the congress, and I think we can all learn something from his life and actions.

I challenge everyone reading this to join an OWEA or a WOVE meeting. Get involved in one (or more) of the many committee meetings. There are so many opportunities to help shape and improve our community and neighborhood. Aside from Festival, there is an education committee, always looking for ideas to support and engage in the education of children in the neighborhood; the ARJA always needing hands and bodies to maintain the community-owned green space; the preservation committee, seeking to help neighbors maintain and improve their property---and providing a number of cost-efficient (or free) resources to do so; and the business-networking group, bringing together business owners and operators to improve and expand their businesses. Or apply for a grant through the NB&I and make your own idea come alive! For more information, please check out the OWEA website at www.toledoldwestend.com About Us > Committees and About Us > NB&I Grant.

Getting involved is hard, staying involved is what pays off.

Make August active, abundant, and accepting, (lastly - please continue to wear a mask & practice social distancing).

**O.W.E.
Business
Network
Group**



"With Corona cases rising daily, the OWE Business Networking Group is more concerned with the health and well being of our vendors and customers than planning and fulfilling the Autumn Market this year. While we're always ready to change gears and find a way to make something work, we're also realistic in understanding we do not understand the width and breadth of Covid and how we're all going to be affected this Autumn. Peace and health to you and yours, the OWE Business Networking Group."



**Agnes Reynolds Jackson
Arboretum 2020**
Robinwood @ Delaware

Arboretum Work Days

Thank you to everyone that showed up at the July 18 workday. A lot of necessary weeding and trimming was accomplished.

OUR NEXT WORKDAY is

Saturday, August 15

Updates: the grass is growing well and we feel that on Aug. 1st we can open up the park for all to enjoy again.

Music in the Park: We will not have any concerts this year. Covid-19 infections keep increasing so in an effort to keep our neighborhood safe, we feel that the Music in the Park series is not in our best interest.



OLD WEST END SECURITY About 50 neighbors attended the Old West End Security meeting on July 7. We thank them, and those of you who shared your opinions with us for taking part in an important conversation.

Discussion at the meeting focused on the question: *What would it take for you to feel secure in the Old West End?*

Two issues were paramount: concerns about armed security patrols in the neighborhood, and concerns about how neighbors could organize effectively to address problems related to property crime.

On the first issue: A majority indicated that armed security patrols make them feel less secure. That's not something Old West End Security can contribute to therefore we will not be resuming armed patrols in the neighborhood unless that changes.

On the second issue: It is still an open question what we as neighbors can do to address problems related to crime in the neighborhood. Several neighbors volunteered to continue being involved with Old West End Security and to work together to develop a viable plan going forward. We will continue to keep you informed, and ask that you continue to share your suggestions and opinions. You can email oldwestendsecurity@gmail.com.

We will hold a public meeting on Zoom, **Tuesday, August 4, at 7 pm**. A link to the meeting will be posted via FB and shared to the OWE FB page.



The Women of The Old West End

WOWE Officers: Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore & Tammy Michalak

“BLACK LIVES MATTER”

Living in an integrated neighborhood was a choice we made not only for ourselves but especially for our children. They grew up in this amazing neighborhood respecting the diversity they were a part of.

This writer has had the opportunity to drive through several neighborhoods lately. The OWE is truly the only neighborhood that understands that “Black Lives Matter”. Signs throughout letting others know that we are saddened and outraged by the events that have taken place recently. Other neighborhoods might have some but nothing like the OWE. WE get it. As neighbors we are all still learning about each other because we are open to the differences and embrace those differences. To that I say we each must continue to fight the injustices that continue to occur. All lives matter!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WOWE WILL BE HOSTING:

**BENSELL’S GREENHOUSE
IN THE COMMONS PARK
(Bancroft at Robinwood)
SUNDAY, AUGUST 30th
12:00N - 3:00PM**

For the August sale, a variety of: Floor Plants, House Plants, Citrus Trees and much more will be available.

Bensell’s will also be at the Commons the last Sunday of the month in September, October and November. We will list the items they will be selling in those respective newsletter. Bensells is an old established green house with so many varieties of plants that you won’t want to miss it. We are planning on a Food Truck too. So come for lunch and do a little shopping to brighten up your abode.

Bancroft Street

Bancroft Street traffic signal WOWE is waiting to hear when the traffic signal will be installed. Stay tuned!!

COMMONS PARK

Thanks a million to the following who again helped at the Commons on our July workday:

Christine Palmer, Shirley Johnson, Carol Kutsche, Sandy Frank, Jim Logan, Ken Schumaker, Jerry Bruckseiker

DON’T GET RID OF THOSE OLD ELECTRONICS YET!! (Fundraiser For WOWE)

Please mark **Saturday, Oct 3rd on your calendar. 10am-2pm.**

WOWE is doing an electronics recycling drop off. We have signed on with **AIM E-recycling** for this fundraiser and are now determining where you will drop off all of your old electronics. We will keep you posted on this as it will help WOWE to defray the lost income from Tours. Please ask your friends and family too. WE will have the location for drop off in the September newsletter.

A Donation to WOWE of \$10.00/per car load is suggested.

Here is what will be accepted:

Laptops, Computers, Printers, Hard drives, Modems, Flat screen motitors, Cables, Speakers, Key Boards Cameras, Cellphones, Radios, Game Systems, Fax Machines

What will NOT be accepted:

TV’s, Crt/Non Flatscreen Monitors, Appliances, Florescent Bulbs, Alkaline Batteries and all other NON electronic items such as furniture/toys/clothing.

CALLING ALL OLD WEST END BAKERS & COOKS WOWE is planning the production of an OWE COOKBOOK!!

WOWE produced a OWE Cookbook many years ago and thought it was time to publish one again with your help.

The Old West End has many great cooks! We need your help to share your recipes for the Old West End Cooks Cookbook! Please think about your favorite recipes for Festival, holidays, potlucks and gathering of friends. We will feature people, places and comments for this cookbook. Please send your recipes to: Carol Kutsche: cjkutsche@bex.net or Toni Moore: tmoore_etc@hotmail.com Come on foodies, I know you are out there!

WHAT ARE YOU COOKING?

From Carol Kutsche: During Covid and my bread baking, I found this recipe for **Cornbread without any flour!** Here it is:

- 2 T. melted shortening
- 2 t. baking powde
- 1 t. salt
- 1 egg
- 2 C. Stone Ground Corn Meal
- 1 t. soda
- 2 T. Honey (optional)
- 1& 3/4 C. buttermilk

Mix all together and put batter in a heat-ed cast iron skillet that was used to melt the shortening. Bake at 400 for 25-35 min. until brown. Spread with butter and honey - if you like - and eat!

Tours de Noel

It could still happen! WOWE is looking into the production of a virtual tour for Tours de Noel. Stay tuned as the committee decides what will work for us this holiday season. No matter what: The Tree Lighting will still happen. More information on all of this will appear in future newsletters.

CANOPY TREES

The Women of the Old West End received a response to a letter written to Commissioner, Karen Ranney-Wolkins of the City Division of Parks, Recreation and Forestry. Hopefully, soon, a meeting will take place to discuss a tree inventory and replacing missing canopy trees In The Old West End Historic District.

Over the last few years, the City of Toledo reconstructed Collingwood Boulevard from Monroe Street to Central Avenue and Bancroft from Monroe Street to Ashland Avenue. The City, over the objections of the residents, removed all the mature trees that existed for both reconstruction projects.

The magnificent elms that once lined Collingwood Avenue were lost to Dutch Elm disease, and the mature honey locusts were lost to the latest street reconstruction projects.

The residents were promised an extensive replanting of trees that would someday restore the Canopy trees to these streets. However a number of the trees planted since reconstruction on Collingwood and Bancroft have not survived and need to be restored according to the plans approved during the Federal Section 106 design process. We will keep you informed.

DISTRICT 4 and the Warren Commons Project


WOWE and our Attorney Terry Lodge continue work on this. The Warren Commons Project is to be another Drug & Alcohol facility for District 4. Out of 40 known Drug and Alcohol facilities, District 4 has 26 - way over our limit!

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

Aug. 5th Meeting starts at 7pm-No Potluck
August 5th Illenden-Sawers
2702 Parkwood Ave.

September 2nd Austin Gwin & Troy Cook
2251 Robinwood Ave.

Given the recent state of affairs we will be directed by the Governor's Guideline of 6' apart + masks



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