



HISTORIC TIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TOLEDO'S HISTORIC OLD WEST END



Calling all Banana Peels, Coffee Grounds, and Kitchen Scraps!



OWE Compost Service will take away your compostable goods each week and turn them into nutrient rich soil. Not everyone has the time or space to keep up with a compost heap or a worm bin, so let us do the work for you! OWE Compost is a weekly service: Every Tuesday you will set your little green bin full of fruit and veggie scraps, peels, and plant matter outside with your garbage can, and your bin will be emptied and fed to some happy worms!

This service costs only \$15/month, an annual subscription costs \$200 including the bin fee. BUT, for the entire month of February, anyone that signs up and pays the entire fee up front will receive a FREE compost bin, saving you \$20!!

To learn more, please visit the OWE Compost Facebook page:

[facebook.com/OHMIcompost](https://www.facebook.com/OHMIcompost)
or email:
ohmicompost.bigcartel.com
for more info!

Kudos to:

Carol Stolarski and Lynn Laplante for maintaining the planters at Virginia and Scottwood. Hopefully someone else will step up to continue this volunteer effort - *maybe neighbors who live at or near that intersection?*

Micheline Brewer for clearing out/selling the last of the OWE History Book inventory.

OWE Neighbors who clean their neighbors sidewalks after heavy snowfalls.



To Do List . . .

- "Black Kite Brunch"**
Now partnering w/
Orig. Sub Shop & Deli
Toledo Museum of Art
- "Wine by the Glass"**
Fri's - Feb. 14 & 21
6:30pm Glass Pavillion
- "Flashlight Tour"**
Thur. - Feb. 6, 7, 13 & 14
- "Toledo Grows Seed Swap"**
Feb. 29, 12-3pm, Scott H.S.
- O.W.E. & Area FUN**

Business Spotlight

**BUYING, SELLING, RELOCATING?
WE DO IT ALL!**

Come to **Howard Hanna Real Estate Services**, the 3rd largest real estate company in the United States, and the largest home seller in Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York and the Carolinas.

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Realtor **Cindy Champer** has been a resident of the Old West End for 25 years. *"I love the beautiful homes and the wonderful people who live in them. I couldn't imagine living anywhere else"*, she said. Cindy believes in working with clients one transaction at a time, from Toledo to anywhere in Northwest Ohio that your real estate needs take you! And of course, she loves selling the beauty and charm of the Old West End!!!



Contact Cindy @ **419/350-0477**; or cynthiachamper@howardhanna.com.

Library Coloring Page Contest Continues thru - Feb. 15

Win a chance to be in the Library's first coloring book! Be creative and show us your favorite things about Toledo or Lucas County in the form of a black and white line still life drawing (so the image can be colored). **Open to kindergartners through adults!**

- Draw a still life (objects, not people) using black marker or pen* on 8.5"x 11" white paper.
- One entry per person - original designs only.
- Submit drawing with entry form (available on site) to any Toledo Library location.
- First place winners will receive a drawing supply kit.
- First, second and third place winners in each age category will be included in the coloring book and will receive a copy. **Winners will be announced Feb. 28, 2020.**



W.O.W.E.
Feb. 5, 6:30 pm
Diane Duggan
2369 Robinwood, 2nd Fl.

O.W.E. Association
Feb. 18, 7:00 pm
Jason Finn
620 W. Bancroft St.



Letter from the President



by Sara Haynes
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Last month I reviewed the OWEA organization, Trustees, and succession plans. If you missed it, you can find it on the OWEA website: <http://www.toledoldwestend.com/historic-times>

This month, I would like to provide an overview of the OWEA's finances, fundraising efforts, our financial goals, and how we are reinvesting back into the neighborhood.

If you didn't know, the OWEA Festival is the primary fundraising event for the Association. The Festival is held the first Saturday and Sunday of June. This year the festival will be on June 5 & 6. The past two years the Festival has netted ~\$30,000. We take those funds and cover our annual budget and split the excess funds and put half into our Endowment Fund and the other half into the Neighborhood Beautification & Improvement fund (also known as the NB&I fund). The Endowment fund was started with the proceeds from Mansion View and as mentioned, each year we add to

that with Festival proceeds. Currently, the Endowment Fund is \$240,000. Our goal is to build that to \$500,000 so that the interest can be used to fund our annual budget, leaving all the money generated by festival to be used for NB&I grants. Reinvestment could be investment in projects or could cover a part-time grant writer for the neighborhood. Anyway, we aren't there yet, but we are almost half-way to our goal. Stay tuned.

I mentioned the NB&I fund, so let me tell you more about it. This money is available to any neighbor or group with an idea which will benefit the neighborhood. All you have to do is fill out a simple 1 page form (found on our website). The criteria for receiving funds is that it must be of public (not personal) benefit, and the author must have a sustainable, concrete plan turning the idea into reality. To date we have put more than \$35,000 into the neighborhood. Some of the projects have included the historic benches along Bancroft and Collingwood, planters on Scottwood & Virginia, Tiffany stained glass restoration funds for the First Congregational Church, and the Collingwood Arts Center loading dock rehab, just to name a few. The NB&I fund is not possible without the funds raised during festival.

You can learn more about our finances and ask questions of our fabulous Treasurer, John Shaw, by coming to an OWEA meeting. Meetings are always the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. The location changes, but the location is stated in the Historic Times as well as on the website. We are continuing to restructure the format of the meeting to allow for more discussion. We hand out written committee reports which creates more time for dialog on topics of interest to the attendees. I challenge everyone reading this article to attend a meeting and bring your thoughts and ideas or come to meet neighbors. All are welcome. Hope to see you February 18, 7 PM at Jason Finn's home, 620 Bancroft. Make February Fun, Friendly and Fabulous!

Preservation Committee

The next meeting is Monday, Feb. 10 at the Kent Library at 7 pm, Kent Branch Library. Contact Sue Postal at 419-376-0151 for further details.

To get a COA (Certificate of Appropriateness) for any exterior renovations within the Historic District contact Molly Maguire at:

419-245-1200 or
Molly.Maguire@toledo.oh.gov

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020
O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting
6 p.m. at **Deb Kienzle's Home**
2238 Scottwood Ave.
Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020
7:00 p.m. **Jason Finn's Home**
620 West Bancroft St.
EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME!



OLD WEST END SECURITY

The 2020 Super Bowl Fundraiser was a great success! We hope that you were able to join your neighbors for the fundraising festivities on February 2nd. Many thanks to **The Attic on Adams** for once again hosting this event and to the volunteers who committed their time and talents to make it happen!

This is the OWE Security's biggest fundraiser of the year and is always a great way to meet your neighbors while supporting a good cause. All profits go back to Old West End Security, our neighborhood's non-profit volunteer group that contracts with IDER Security to patrol our streets.

An article providing suggestions for better neighborhood security listed the top tip as: **Join a neighborhood security group**. OWE Security was established 30 years ago. Our board and supporters continue to uphold the mission of **detering crime through communication, education and contracting with private security officers**. We extend an invitation to each of you to join us in our safety mission. More supporters will allow us to increase the number of neighborhood patrols.

Please join us and learn more about OWE Security at **6:00pm on February 4th at Black Kite**. You can become a supporter now at:

<http://www.oldwestendsecurity.com>

Business Network Group

Our next meeting will be posted via facebook and through neighborhood email posts.

Hope to see you all then!



The Women of The Old West End

WOWE Officers: Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore & Tammy Michalak

DISTRICT 4

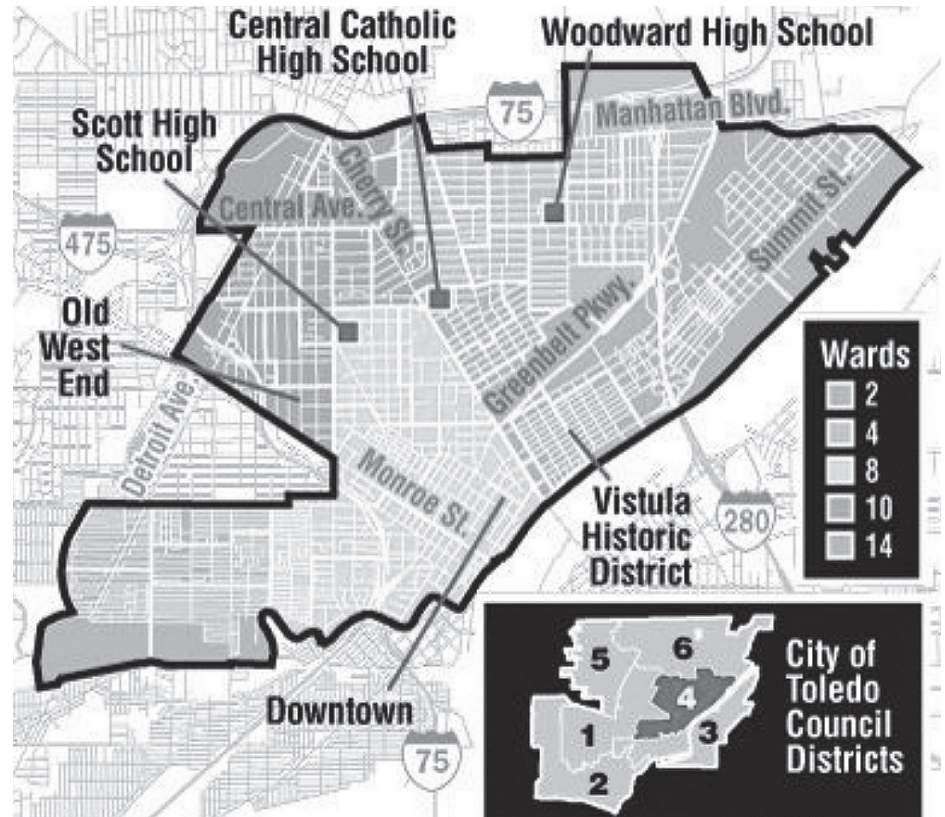
This district includes, OWE, Downtown, Uptown, Warren Sherman, TOTCO, North Toledo and is represented by Councilwoman Yvonne Harper. District 4 also has the largest concentration of Drug & Alcohol facilities and is now facing a 60 Unit apartment & rehab facility at the corner of Woodruff & Franklin. Out of 40 Drug & Rehab facilities, District 4 has 26 of them (that the city knows of...we are sure that there are more). WOWE filed an appeal to the Plan Commission who approved this facility which will house felons coming out of prison or jail. The Plan Commission claims that letters were sent to all of the adjoining property owners. WOWE has spoken with several of these homeowners and business owners and they did not receive any notice of a meeting to discuss this current project or situation. Letters were also to be sent to WOWE and the OWEA, neither organization received this letter and when we asked, the Plan Commission said it was sent...the Post Office must have lost it. NOT!! WOWE's Attorney has sent a letter to the Plan Commission & City Council Members regarding all of the violations of the Municipal Code regarding this project.

If you are interested in learning more and would like to support WOWE and your Councilwoman please attend the next WOWE meeting on Feb. 5th.

REMEMBER YOU ARE LIVING IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT!

Our OWE Historic District is protected by an overlay to preserve and protect the integrity of the OWE.

This writer knows that many of you probably know this but some do not. With Spring just around the corner, some neighbors may not know that if they are planning on doing any exterior work on their home ie; new windows, porch, driveway etc. they will need a COA (Cer-



tificate of Appropriateness) from the Plan Commission and an appearance at a Historic District Commission Meeting. If you are planning to do ANY exterior work on your home call **Molly McGuire at the Plan Commission for details. 419-245-1200.**

BANCROFT

Members of the Bancroft Beautification Committee will be meeting with the Mayor's office again soon. A Pedestrian & Car activated Traffic Light is still very much needed at Bancroft and Scottwood. It's been disheartening to work with the Transportation Dept. and certain City offices for the past 6+ years to get this situation resolved. The City's newly installed electronic speed signs on Bancroft letting you know how fast you are going do not work. I saw a car that just kept going after it said "going fast slow down". I'm sure they were doing at least 45-50 MPH. We are still aware that individuals with disabilities, pedestrians and those on bicycles are still having trouble crossing Bancroft. And a request for a handicap parking space on Bancroft was turned down. Go figure. We will work to get this resolved too. There is also still a "line of site" problem at Scottwood going South to Bancroft.

The parking next to Ann Manor on Bancroft is the problem. I'm hoping we have a better resolution after the upcoming meeting regarding this issue. Stay tuned and ...

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, WOWE, who has done the heavy lifting for the OWE for many years on these such issues, please attend our monthly meetings to ask questions and to find out what WOWE continues to do on behalf of the OWE.

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

Feb. 5th	Diane Duggan 2369 Robinwood, 2nd Fl.
Mar. 4th	Sandy Frank 2137 Scottwood Ave.
Apr. 1st	Leslie & Dave Neuendorff 2228 Scottwood Ave.
May 6th	Toni Moore 2369 Robinwood Ave.
June 3rd	Carol Kutsche 2483 Scottwood Ave.
July 1st	Tammy Michalak 2056 Scottwood Ave.



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