

HISTORIC TIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TOLEDO'S HISTORIC OLD WEST END



Kudos to:

OWE NEIGHBORS
that volunteered at 624 Delaware
on Saturday January 20, 2024



Christine Palmer
for saving a bat in her home!!!!

WANTED

**Historic Times Courier for
2300-2400 Scottwood Ave.**

(Approx. 83 homes from Delaware to Virginia)
Average about 30 min. once a month, great
exercise! This can be broken up for two
people, one covering the 2300 block and
the other covering the 2400 block.
Contact Kent at 419-367-9155 or
illendenk@gmail.com (new email)

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To Do List...

"Wine Tastings"

Thursday, Feb. 8, 5pm

Black Kite Coffee

**"A Night of Black
Voices"** Sat. Feb. 24

7pm - Coll. Arts Center

"20th Annual Seed Swap"

Sat., Feb. 24, 12 noon

Scott High School

"Restaurant Week"

February 26 - March 3

restaurantweektoledo.com

**"Black History of
Scott High"** Sat. 2-28

6-7pm - Scott High School

"Caravaggio"

Now - April 14, TMA

Canaday Gallery \$\$

O.W.E. & Area FUN

DID YOU KNOW -

The Historic Times is always available for pick up at the following locations.

Black Kite Coffee

Kent Branch Library

Key Bank (Collingwood at Central)

Collingwood Arts Center

Old West End Post Office

Old West End Community

Health Care

Collingwood Presbyterian Church

Glenwood Lutheran Church

and at all **Old West End Association**

meetings and online at -

www.toledoldwestend.com



Scottwood Community Garden

Hi neighbors! Time to think warm thoughts and get ready for the next growing season! We are always looking for more folks to help us out! You could attend workdays to clean up the garden, harvest produce for our pantry or the SAME Cafe, mow the grass, maintain specific communal spaces/plots, raise funds and much more. You could also rent a plot (limited plots available) for a nominal fee. If you want to get involved, please contact us at scottwoodcommunitygarden@gmail.com. Stay tuned for dates of our annual gardener meeting/potluck our first work day of the season in the March issue of the Old West End Times.

**MEETING
REMINDERS**



W.O.W.E.
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 6:30pm
Kutsche's, 2483 Scottwood Ave.

OWE Association
Tuesday, Feb. 20, 7pm
Collingwood Presbyterian Church





Letter from the Vice President

by Nick Malenda



Dear fellow Old West Enders,

Greetings from your new OWE Association VP! I am the first of many elected Board members in a rotation who will be writing to introduce ourselves in place of your usual "Letter from the President". My name is **Nick Malenda** and I moved from Maryland to Toledo in 2015 for a job in Perrysburg. As I was getting to know the different parts of Toledo, I discovered the OWE. My boss at the time, a fellow OWE'er gave me **Judy Stone's** contact information and she began taking me around to various events to meet new people and look at houses that were for sale. I met my future wife, **Jane Malenda** (not her last name at the time), at a "Sparkling Wines of all Kinds" wine tasting party organized by **Jordan Killam** in January of 2016.

In February, I moved in with Jane while she was renting from **Dave Kosmyna**, and I have lived in the OWE ever since. In the spring of 2016, I purchased a fixer-upper on the 2200 block of Scottwood and it took six months of hard work before we had a livable bedroom, bathroom, and kitchen. I quickly learned what a COA was and then I met my next-door neighbor **Ken Schumacker** at the OWEHC hearing to get a few missing fence panels approved (not as scary as you might think) for installation. Jane and I have been working on that house ever since, it seems like a never-ending project! I have found

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024
OWE Executive Board Meeting
Ford Mansion, 2205 Collingwood (7 pm)
Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024
OWE Association Meeting
Collingwood Presbyterian Church (7 pm)
ALL NEIGHBORS ARE WELCOME!

that these houses are labors of love, sweat, and low bank balances to maintain or bring them back to their original beauty.

Due to our admiration of our neighborhood and past hands-on experience, in the fall of 2018 my wife and I began purchasing multi-unit buildings in the OWE. Our primary goal is restoration, which is to return a building to its appearance and condition at a specific period in time. If we cannot restore aspects of a structure, we then focus on *rehabilitation*, which is a process that seeks to preserve the historic portions or features of a building while making the building compatible with a new use (such as finishing incomplete bathroom or kitchen additions, which we have had to do). The third aspect of how we focus our efforts on bringing these 100+ year old buildings into the 21st century is to renovate, which is making something function like new. Replacing period HVAC, cast iron plumbing, knob-and-tube wiring, and re-roofing original sash windows are a few of the areas where renovation is typically required.

One of the ways we have been able to accomplish many of these feats have been with the help of neighbors. The first day of starting work on the Scottwood house, **Dan Finkel** came over with gloves and safety glasses and helped us tear out old carpet all night long. We repurpose as much as we can in our restorations, many items- even



In the next couple of months the Arboretum will be putting together the 2024



concert season.
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trim pieces, coming from neighbors' basements or attics. I would also like to mention that there are many skilled folks here in the OWE with experience, tools, and pieces and parts who want to help as much as help is needed. I am giving a huge shout-out and thank you to all of our neighbors who for many years have provided inexhaustible friendship, guidance, and support.

I look forward to serving the OWEA and the OWE community this year by giving time and attention to the efforts that are important to the organization and this wonderful neighborhood; and hope to see all of you at a future OWEA and OWE Preservation meeting!

Your Neighbor,
Nick Malenda

Thursday, February 1, 2024
O.W.E. Cushing Utopia
Kent Branch Library, (6:00 pm)

Thursday, February 15, 2024
Olde Town Neighborhood
Kent Branch Library, (6:00 pm)

Monday, February 19, 2024
O.W.E. Preservation Meeting
2015 Scottwood Ave. (7:00 pm)



The Women of The Old West End

WOVE Officers:
Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore
and Tammy Michalak



Happy Valentine's Day!!

Is it February already??

It's hard to believe that another year has rolled around and it's already February.

Time sure flies when you are having a great time. Well not so far!! December was unseasonably warm (wish I had taken the time to put Christmas Lights outside when I had the chance. And now sub-zero-weather. Which brings me to this: Spring and Summer are not far behind for all of us here in the OWE.

The **Old West End Festival** is being planned again for the first weekend in June.. Will you help in the planning and execution?

Women of The Old West End and the **Libbey House Foundation** are planning for another fabulous High Tea in May, September and December. Volunteers are always needed!!

Women of the Old West End will again plan for another Christmas Tree Lighting in the Commons Park for Dec. 2024, and of course, the much loved Children's Day in Sept. and this isn't all that we do!!

All of the Parks in our neighborhood need your volunteer time too.

The Commons Park

The ARJ Arboretum

Macelwane Park

Glenwood Park

Scottwood Community Garden

There are always posted work days for the parks. Those days will be here before we know it. Think about taking some time this year to help out and reach out. Attend a WOVE or Association meeting. Those dates are always published in this Newsletter and

also in an e-mail post.

This writer has been involved with this neighborhood since the early '70's. Much has happened in the past 50 years. When we moved here you could not get a Conventional Mortgage Loan. District 4 had been Red Lined by the Banking Institutions. Redlining is the discriminatory and, now, illegal practice of refusing someone credit, a loan, or insurance, or adding unfair terms in those contracts based on their race or ethnicity. The term comes from the red lines real estate lenders drew on their maps marking predominantly black or mixed-race neighborhoods. (WOVE persevered and got this changed.) This is a great story, just ask us how we reversed this practice.

WOVE began the first Security Program in the '70's and proudly we were also instrumental in Fair Housing. Now a National Organization. Fair Housing began with us. WOVE began the OWE Festival in 1970 and turned it over to the OWE Assn. in 1985. Then we began Tours de Noel - Christmas Tours of homes decorated in their holiday finest.

There is so much more to tell.

Join WOVE for our Monthly meeting. We do continue to make a significant difference in our neighborhood. We are not just a women's group who dine. We get things done!!! Also with help from our male members.

WINTER DOES NOT STOP THE WORK IN THE OWE

We all received the required public notice in December from the Toledo-Lucas County Plan Commissions that it is the law to get prior approval for "environmental changes" to our properties. This means ANY structure's exterior alteration, demolition, removal or new construction of any property to INCLUDE - fences, stone walls, sidewalks, driveways, and garages - even if a building permit is required or not required.

Questions? Please be safe and call the Plan Commission at 419-245-1200.



COMMONS PARK

It still looks amazing. Hope the lights stay on a little longer!! Thanks Paul & Todd

OWE TOTE BAGS



Do you need a special gift for someone or even for yourself? WOVE is selling these beautiful Canvas Tote Bags. They have an inside pocket and snap closer. Size 16Wx13H. The house on the bag is the Zahm House which is an OWE Lost Treasure!

These beautiful bags sell for \$20.00.

Call: 419-360-2151 or e-mail: tmoore_etfc@hotmail.com

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

Attend our meetings and find out how WOVE is working to preserve the integrity of our neighborhood. You may not know this but WOVE is the Legal Arm for the neighborhood.
(Please note that we have moved our monthly meetings to the second Wednesday of the month.)

Feb. 14th Carol & Jamie Kutsche
 2483 Scottwood Ave.

Mar. 13th TBD

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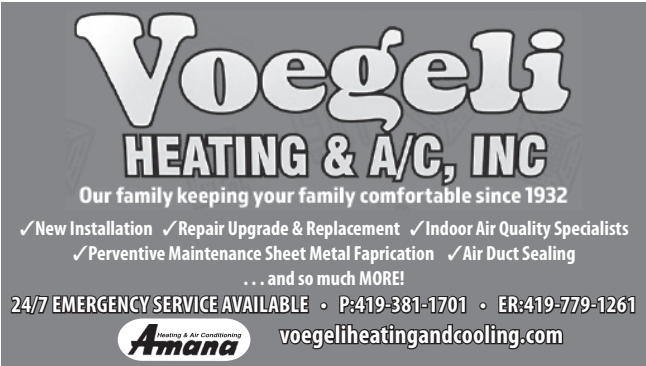


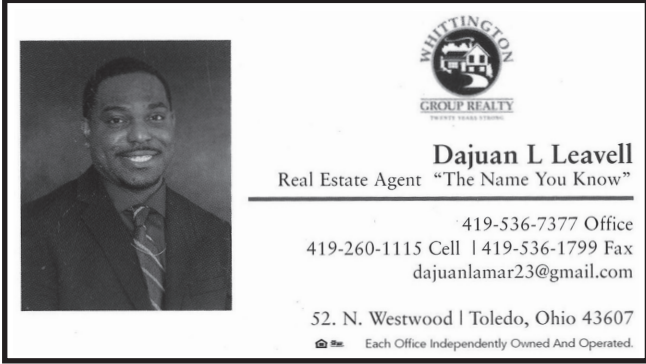
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