

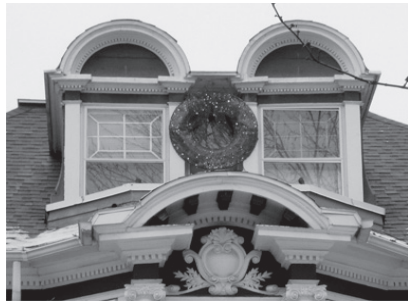
# HISTORIC TIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TOLEDO'S HISTORIC OLD WEST END



## Top-floor décor

Our January top-floor décor winner is Tina Moffat, and the location of the décor is 2008 Scottwood. Our February top-floor décor picture is shown below. See the Historic Times December 2021 issue for complete information and rules for our game (or go on-line at [www.toledoooldwestend.com](http://www.toledoooldwestend.com)) To win the game for the month, you must be the first person to identify the location of the building, by its street address, in an email message to [Donald.godfrey@utoledo.edu](mailto: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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MEETING REMINDERS



## Business Spotlight

### WDUBB #CONNECTED LAWN AND LANDSCAPE, LLC



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This past fall, we finished up the landscape at the new Community Health Center in our neighborhood. If you are interested in seeing some of our work, and the services we provide, please visit our Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/WDUBBCONNECTEDLLC](http://www.facebook.com/WDUBBCONNECTEDLLC). If you are interested in using our services and getting an estimate, go to our website at [www.yardbook.com/hp/113282](http://www.yardbook.com/hp/113282) or call Willie and Kim Ward at 419-705-8913. Spring is only a couple of months away, we look forward to hearing from you!!

### W.O.W.E. Feb. 9 Carol Kutsche

2483 Scottwood Ave.  
6:30 Dinner, 7pm Meeting

### Association Feb. 15 Flamb-OWE-nce Community House

2492 Scottwood Ave.  
7:00 pm

## To Do List . . .

### "Wine Tasting"

Black Kite Coffee

5-7pm Thurs., Feb. 3

### "Chili Cook-Off"

Scottwood Inn, Feb. 12

12-4 pm, 419-242-4551

### "Hedwig and the Angry Inch"

Collingwood Arts Center

Feb 11,12,13\* 8-10pm

(\*13th@3pm)

[www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5333067](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5333067)

### "Public Ghost Hunt"

Collingwood Arts Center

Feb. 18 8pm-1am

[www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5352483](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5352483)

## O.W.E. & Area FUN

## Kudos to:

### Ember Rafts

for being a new Historic Times Courier

### Scott Powers

for clearing the sidewalks of snow around the Aboretum

**Ginny Begin & other neighbors** that cleared the sidewalks of snow on Glenwood and throughout the Old West End



## Letter from the President

by Chris Hanley  
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Dear Old West Enders,

This past month at the Old West End Association Meeting, we began a conversation about the safety of our community. At the Board meeting for the Association, we agreed that this topic seemed to be on our neighbors' minds. So we organized a meeting to center on our neighborhood's safety, and we moved another step closer towards being a neighborhood who problem-solves together. (Note: The Old West End Facebook group where some of this conversation happens is not hosted by the Old West End Association, and I find it hard to build the trust necessary to problem-solve with someone I've only encountered in Comments.)

We dealt with a few surprises on the Tuesday of our meeting. First, WTOL seemed intrigued by the kind of conversation we were having and sent someone. While I'm glad for the OWE's publicity, the presence of a camera, even for a few minutes, affects how we talk to each other. I hope that we continue to have interesting enough conversations that the media appears, but I will ask them to introduce themselves during our introductions, and before we begin any discussion we will set clear boundaries about what's OK and not OK to film. To anyone surprised by this, I apologize. It was my first time dealing with media at a semi-public meeting, and I'll be better prepared next time.

Second, our guest, Deputy Safety Officer Angel Tucker, could not join us because half of his family tested positive for Covid-19 that same day. He grew up in the neighborhood, has family here still, and wants to contribute to the safety of our home so he rescheduled for a special meeting at **7 PM at Glenwood Lutheran Church on Wednesday, February 2nd**. He will share the mayor's plans to curb youth violence in our city, and then offer some follow-up steps that we can take to address our concerns. The chief concerns that I heard from our meeting in January were: bullets flying, reckless driving, car break-ins, and 'hot-spots' (where 911 is

Tuesday, February 8, 2022  
**O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting**  
Flamb-OWE-nce Community House  
2492 Scottwood Ave. (7 pm)  
Tuesday, February 15, 2022  
**Association Meeting**  
Flamb-OWE-nce Community House  
2492 Scottwood Ave. (7 pm)  
**ALL NEIGHBORS ARE WELCOME!**

routinely called and where we see consistent dangerous activity.) None of these issues involve a quick-fix. If we're serious about addressing them, we'll need to do research on traffic calming and the origins of crime. We'll need to (re)build relationships with various decision-makers in the city. We'll need to be clear about what we need from Old West End Security beyond patrols. But if we're diligent, we'll see some results.

We've just seen what hard work can do to make us safer. A number of Old West Enders recorded times, dates, places where they had been victimized by an unwanted onlooker through their window. They coordinated with a detective and there's a good chance our neighborhood will be safer because they put in the energy to make it so.

Last, I've been thinking about Black History Month as it relates to the Old West End. We often tell a very narrow version of our history about Toledo's industrialists building mansions creating the suburb we call home. Then we focus the story on architecture and how these houses have fared over the years. What might we learn from a Black History of this neighborhood? What might we learn about the history of belonging in this place, about Black families who stayed or moved in during a White Flight and whose resilience and efforts toward renovation go underappreciated? If you know these stories, OWEA VP, Tanasio Loudermill, and I want to hear them.

Your neighbor, Chris Hanley

## Preservation Committee

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](mailto:Molly.Maguire@toledo.oh.gov)



# OLD WEST END SECURITY

## Security Soundings NO SUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER

We know it is unfortunate, but we once again are going to push off the Super Bowl fundraiser due to the high volume of Covid cases. Everyone please stay safe... and if you want to contribute to OWES you can always do so by sending a check to PO Box 4953, Toledo 43610 or donate via our website. All funds donated will go directly to patrols.

As a reminder, if you see something, please call the **police FIRST** and **OWE Security SECOND**. But PLEASE do call, text (419.902.0982), email us ([oldwestendsecurity@gmail.com](mailto:oldwestendsecurity@gmail.com)) OR log an issue on our website ([www.OldWestEndSecurity.com](http://www.OldWestEndSecurity.com)). We do try to keep on top of the FaceBook chatter, but direct communication to us allows us to direct patrols to problem areas and/or focus attention on a specific issue.

All neighbors are welcome to join our meetings, first Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. Check out our website for Sara Haynes is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82888005977>. You can also find a link on our website. Hope to see you there!

Our unarmed patrols add an extra set of eyes on our homes and streets, making our neighborhood hospitable for residents and as inhospitable for crime as possible. We depend on our residents' monetary support to pay for these patrols. Churches, apartments, businesses and residential homes are all part of our supporter base.

## More supporters = More patrols!

For more information check our website: [www.OldWestEndSecurity.com](http://www.OldWestEndSecurity.com). **You can now join, pay, or donate online!** It's easier than ever to show your support and help keep our neighborhood safe!

**February security tips:** When it snows, shovel your driveway and walkway. It reinforces that someone is alert and maintaining the home, as well as doesn't leave "tracks" of when you leave or return.



## The Women of The Old West End

WOWE Officers:  
Carol Kutsche,  
Toni Moore and  
Tammy Michalak

## Elves seen in Commons Park!

Paul Davidge and Todd Ruehle: their service to the neighborhood does not end with the holidays. They have whisked away the decorations that were so very lovely and lit the dark nights of December and January for the neighborhood! Thank you, guys!

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

**Feb. 9th** Carol Kutsche's  
2483 Scottwood

**March 2nd** Toni Moore's  
2369 Robinwood

## What are Historic Districts?

by David Neuendorff

If you live in the Old West End you probably live in the Historic District. That does not however mean that your house is historic. Historic districts are generally two types of properties, contributing and non-contributing.

I am not going to explore the distinction in great detail but you may learn more at this website as well as others.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Historic\\_districts\\_in\\_the\\_United\\_States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Historic_districts_in_the_United_States)

You will find there this definition: **"The National Register of Historic Places** defines a historic district per U.S. federal law, last revised in 2004.[10] According to the Register definition a historic district is: a geographically definable area, urban or rural, possessing a significant concentration, linkage, or continuity of sites, buildings, structures, or objects united by past events or aesthetically by plan or physical development. A district may also comprise individual elements separated geographically but linked by association or history.

So when you moved into the Old West End it was probably because you found a house that you fell in love with, or thought that the neighborhood was a good investment, or a great place to live, or had a case of temporary insanity because you didn't know what you were getting into with maintaining an old house.

If you have lived in the neighborhood for a short time, or most of your adult life, you are aware that this is a vibrant community with a diverse collection of humanity with different goals.

Hopefully, you have attended WOWE (Women of the Old West End) or Old West End Association meetings so you soon realized that there are many activities taking place, some long running and others relatively new. For example, the two major groups have web pages worth visiting.

WOWE (Women of the Old West End) found at:

<https://www.womenoftheoldwestend.com>

Old West End Association found at:

<https://www.toledooldwestend.com/the-historic-district>

### WOWE

"The Women of the Old West End, founded in 1969, has been organized to promote and stabilize racially and economically integrated urban living in the Old West End of Toledo, Ohio, to improve the safety and security of the Old West End residents and property; to improve the quality of education for children within the Old West End; to improve the accuracy of information about the Old West End within and without its boundaries; to preserve the historic and aesthetic qualities of the Old West End; and to provide a means for people to meet one another and nurture friendships."

More info found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/WomenOfTheOldWestEnd>

### OWEA

Their website does an excellent job of explaining "What it means to you, as a homeowner. The OWE Historic District is one of the City's Historic Overlay Districts as defined in Chapter 1103.0300 of the Toledo Municipal Code (TMC)." It has links to the TMC; discusses the

Community Reinvestment Area; reminds owners that if you live in the Historic district you must obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior work; how to report unauthorized work to protect the historic district status.

This article is intended to address the issue of the legal establishment of the Old West End Historic District as part of the Toledo Municipal Code. This may be found at:

[https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/toledo/latest/toledooh/0-0-0-103485#JD\\_1103.0300](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/toledo/latest/toledooh/0-0-0-103485#JD_1103.0300)

### TMC 1103.0300 -HO, Historic Overlay Districts. 1103.0301 Purpose.

The City Council has declared as a matter of public policy that the preservation, protection, and use of areas, places, buildings, structures and works of art - whether designated as local landmarks or in local historic districts or National Register Historic Districts - is a public necessity and is required in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the people. The purposes of the - H.O. Historic Overlay Districts are to:

- A. Safeguard the heritage of the City by preserving sites and structures within National Register Historic Districts and/or within state and locally designated historic districts that reflect the City's history and architectural past.
- B. Stabilize and improve property values.
- C. Strengthen the economy of the City.
- D. Protect and enhance the City's attractions to residents, tourists and visitors.
- E. Enhance the visual and aesthetic character, diversity and interest of the City.
- F. Foster civic pride in the beauty and notable accomplishments of the past.
- G. Promote the use and preservation of historic sites and structures for the education and general welfare of the people of the City.
- H. Preserve sound existing housing stock and safeguard the residential character of primarily residential neighborhoods. (Ord. 170-04. Passed 3-23-04.)

**Toledo's Historic Overlay Districts Ordinance** was adopted by City Council in 1980 as Chapter 1153 of the City's Zoning and Planning Code. At that time the Old West End and Vistula neighborhoods were designated Historic Overlay Districts and separate Historic District Commissions established. The Westmoreland neighborhood was designated a Historic Overlay District by City Council in 1996.

**Both WOWE and the OWEA have found it necessary sadly at various times to sue the City of Toledo, together and separately, to protect and preserve the Old West End Historic District.** The City having failed to follow the Toledo Municipal Code on numerous occasions has been challenged by neighborhood groups who found the City unwilling to follow the law starting in 1982.



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