

HISTORIC TIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TOLEDO'S HISTORIC OLD WEST END



Local Grade School Supplies Giveaway!

On February 4, neighbors got together to pack a variety of school supplies for **Glenwood Elementary, Rosa Parks Elementary, and Rosary Cathedral School**. This mid-year school supply drive was driven by a request from Glenwood for the community to help meet a need. Supplies were delivered to the schools on February 7. This joint project was led by **Joyce Singer** of the Glenwood Park Coalition and **Andrew Larsen**, former chair of the OWEA Education and Scholarship Committee. The Education and Scholarship Committee provided \$1,200 to purchase all of the supplies donated to these schools. Thank you to Arlene Hartman and Jessica for donating additional supplies. Thank you to **Pam Johnson, Dorothy Gray, Judy Stone, Tanasio Lourdermill, and Sara Haynes** for helping pack the supplies.



Kudos to:
Shirley Johnson
 for covering for Tami Ernst to deliver the Historic Times. Thank You!
Pat Hasenfratz
 for providing the Arboretum biodegradable pet waste bags

Top-floor décor
 Our February top-floor décor location is 2157 Glenwood. There was only one winner: Mary Glowacki. Our March top-floor décor picture is shown below. I will keep a record of all those who correctly identify the top floor for 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. The deadline for responses is 5 PM on the 15th of the month. 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.



Monday, March 6, 2023
O.W.E. Security Meeting
 Kent Branch Library, (6:30 pm)

To Do List...
"Restaurant Week"
 Now - March 6
 Toledo Area Restaurants
"Wine Tasting" Mar.9
 Black Kite, 5-7pm
"Xanadu" Mar.10,11,12
 CAC, Brown Paper Tickets
"Oscar Night" Mar.12
 Attic, 7pm(OWE Security)
O.W.E. & Area FUN

ROSARY CATHEDRAL BOY SCOUT TROOP 39

On January 27-29, Rosary Cathedral Troop 39 Scouts finished 2nd place overall at the Klondike Gold Rush held at Camp Miakonda. This event tests the troupe's Scoutcraft skills and leadership abilities as the Scouts navigate between stations transporting their gear on sleds. Great Job! Keep up the good work. Troup 39 meets every Wednesday 7-9pm @ Rosary Cathedral in the school basement. Interested in Scouting contact Kevin Schmenk 567-315-6187.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



MEETING REMINDERS

W.O.W.E.
Wednesday, Mar. 1, 6:30 pm
 Carol Kutsche 2483 Scottwood Ave.

O.W.E. Association
Tuesday, Mar. 21, 7 pm
 Collingwood Presbyterian Church



Letter from the President

by Chris Hanley
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Dear Old West Enders,

The other week at the Black Kite, **Dave Kosmyna** (the chair of the OWE Historic District Committee) mentioned something to me that has stayed with me since: when people enter the Old West End they should be able to feel as if they are in a different area than the rest of Toledo. From his perspective, the Historic District is not about being persnickety about historic specificity, it's about place-making. If I understood correctly, he would say that this Historic District is about creating an aura of distinctiveness, restoring the features that evoke this feeling where needed, and coordinating both neighbors' and the city's efforts to make this feeling possible.

Dave pointed out the new shelters for bus stops on Collingwood. Their style has nothing to do with the rest of the street and their opaque sides block the view of the streetscape. When the stops first went in, I was just happy that our bus-riding neighbors had shelter. I didn't consider the place-making implications. Along with Dave, I wish TARTA had consulted with the Historic District Commission to find some sort of compromise for shelter and for our historic home.

When I first began to attend Old West End meetings, any mention of 'Preservation' sounded defensive to me. It was always some folks trying to stop a neighbor or the City from doing something. I've come to learn that this is part of 'Preservation.'

Beyond that, though, preservation is place-making. Preservation is attending to the streetscape and tree canopy. Preservation is connecting more intentionally with our city officials to ensure that sweeping policies don't affect our homes adversely. Preservation is education. Preservation is networking with other Historic Districts around the region and learning from anyone who will teach us. Preservation is workdays at 624 Delaware. Preservation is sweat, blood, and tears, as I've heard many of you say.

Tuesday, March 14, 2023
O.W.E. Executive Board Meeting
Ford Mansion, 2205 Collingwood (7 pm)

Tuesday, March 21, 2023
Association Meeting
Collingwood Presbyterian Church (7 pm)
ALL NEIGHBORS ARE WELCOME!

All these things together ensure that the Old West End continues to be one of the largest, most diverse collections of architecturally significant houses in the United States. Preservation is one of the purposes of the OWE Association, and just like the other purposes, preservation does not happen without intention, without effort, or without organization. If you want to become more involved in Preservation, in any of these areas, Sue and the Preservation Committee would love to have you. They meet at **7 PM** on the **3rd Monday of the month** at the **Ford House, 2215 Collingwood.**

I also want to congratulate **Laure Hammond** and the neighbors of OWE Cushing Utopia Addition. Vice President of the OWE, **Tanasio Loudermill**, attended their first gathering. I do not have connections in this area yet (roughly the area northwest of Detroit before the train tracks) and I look forward to getting to know Laure and others so I can ensure your place at the 'OWE Association' table.

Lastly, I want to tell you about a few ad hoc committees working in the OWE and the talented neighbors leading them:

-**Dan Finkel** and team continue to fundraise for a WGTE 'Toledo Story' about the Old West End! Please consider making a gift to that project to make this dream happen!

-**Susan Doktor** and **Judy Stone** have volunteered to co-chair a committee dedicated to welcoming new neighbors, renters, homeowners, and any new Old West Ender.

-**Tanasio Loudermill** has volunteered to lead a long-needed 'Inclusion Initiative' for the OWE Association, intentionally connected with leaders and neighbors in the areas of our neighborhood which lie beyond the designated 'Historic District.' He will assemble a team to carry out this work.

I'm really proud of what's going on the OWE.

Your neighbor,
Chris Hanley



OLD WEST END SECURITY

With the advent of spring, it's time to get out and have some fun! OWES will be hosting an **Academy Awards Fundraiser** on **March 12th** at the **"Attic on Adams"** from 7-11pm. Don't miss out on this opportunity to join your neighbors and friends for Academy Awards themed games, a Euchre tournament, and a 50/50 raffle! Games and prizes just might be in your future.

Your entry fee includes drink specials, heavy hor d'oeuvres and snacks. Preregistration is \$20.00 and will be \$30.00 the evening of fundraiser. Pay ahead now at <http://www.oldwestendsecurity.com>.

Old West End Security is a non-profit volunteer group of neighbors dedicated to making the Old West End a safer neighborhood for all. Our security patrol is an extra set of eyes that makes the neighborhood less hospitable to crime. It is also a visual deterrent and makes any attempts at crime more unlikely. If issues occur, we coordinate with Toledo Police and assist in identifying problem areas.

Security Meetings are open to everyone, and are held the **first Monday of the month at the Kent Branch Library at 6:30pm**. If you are interested in getting involved with OWES, or have concerns you want to share with us, please join us. Our next meeting is on **Monday, March 6**.

For more information, check out our website (oldwestendsecurity.com) or emails us at (oldwestendsecurity@gmail.com).

 **Neighborhood Home Revitalization Loan Program**

- 3% Low Interest Loan Program for home owners in the Cherry Legacy and central city including 43610 & 43620.
- Repairs attached to the home. Roof, Gutter, Foundation, Tuck Work, Waterproofing, repairs of Windows, Floor, Insulation, Home Rehab., etc.
- Don't need to be a Credit Union member to apply (30-60 day application process) but will need to become a member prior to closing of the loan.

Contact **Warren Fleer, 419-255-8876 ex.204**
wfleer@toledourban.net

 **MERCYHEALTH**



The Women of The Old West End

WOWE Officers:
Carol Kutsche, Toni Moore
and Tammy Michalak

WOWE Matches a \$5,000 Grant with Urban Forestry to plant trees!!

A team of Old West End residents is heading up a project to improve our urban forest. Here is what the team have been planning, and please know they are always looking for volunteers.

The Tree Nursery began last year with much success, and we are grateful to Collingwood Presbyterian Church for allowing the nursery to be placed on the church's land. This project is designed to plant trees in the 43610 and 43620 zip code areas.

For homeowners, landlords, organizations and others in the 43610 & 43620 zip code area small trees can be provided and some larger trees as well, Michael Szuberla is your contact for this initiative, and he can be reached at mszuberla@yahoo.com or 419-245-4539.

Also, your help is needed for workdays at the nursery (Floyd & Horton), 10:00AM-Noon, the last Saturday of each month, March 25th, April 29, May 27, June 24, July 29, August 26 & September 30. We are looking for people to sign up to regularly visit the tree nursery to inspect the trees and the irrigation. Consider volunteering to do a 15-minute nursery inspection one day a week (training will be available).

Finally, there will be a couple of Spring Potting Parties at Ohlman's Nursery and the Floyd Street Nursery.

"Coalition for Peaceful Toledo Neighborhoods"

A meeting was held at Glenwood Lutheran Church inviting all Old West End residents, on Thursday, February 16th. Four former Mayors were there and they were seeking input on how to better help our city curb the gun violence. Forty one (41) people attended this meeting, 31 from other neighborhoods. The Mayors have previously met with many other neighborhoods and after this meeting they compiled their information into a 12 point Ordinance and declaring it an emergency to our city leaders. A Press Conference was held on February 18th in front of the Government Center.



COMMONS PARK

Hooray!!! Spring is almost here! We will assess the Commons Park for cleanup etc. in March. **Park Maintenance begins April 16th at 9:00am!!** 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?

Celebrate Mom

The Libbey House Foundation & The Women of the Old West End Present

Mother's Day Tea



Sunday, May 21st

(The Weekend after Mother's Day)

Seatings @ 11 am, 1pm & 3pm

Tickets are \$40.00 per person

At The Historic Libbey House
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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.

March 1st

Carol Kutsche
2483 Scottwood

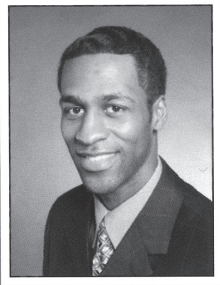
Speaker: Todd Saums,

Project Engineer - Lead Pipe Replacement & Kevin McCarver, Forman for the OWE project.

April 5th

Toni Moore
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