



The B.N.O. News

A Team of Neighborhood Advocates — Focusing on Community

Our mission is to serve the people of The Burroughs by providing information and services that contribute to the stability and vitality of the community and neighborhood we live in.

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Monday July 11, 2016

Summer meetings scheduled at
Toledo Heights Public Library

Doors open early at 6:30 pm
Meeting starts 7:00 pm.

Guest Speaker
President of the
Board of Education
Toledo Public Schools
Bob Vasquez

Bring:

- Money for the 50 / 50 raffle
- Your 2016 BNO dues

Bob Vasquez, **President Board of Education Toledo Public Schools**

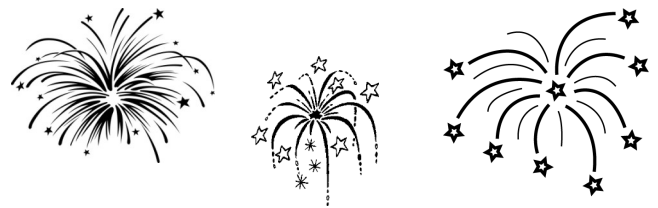
A native of Toledo, Bob Vasquez has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Toledo. A licensed social worker, Mr. Vasquez currently works as director of special projects since 1996 for The Twelve Inc., an organization specializing in foster care and adoption services. Mr. Vasquez was appointed to the Board of Education in 2008 and re-elected in 2013. Board Members are dedicated to the education of all children in the TPS district, and accountable to the community. They research issues; lobby for the district's fair share of money from local, state and federal legislators; attend school events; represent TPS on multiple task forces; discuss and vote on policy issues; and approve recommendations from the Superintendent of Schools and TPS Treasurer on curriculum, personnel and finances.

Please plan on attending to hear about what is upcoming TPS's future and how we can work as a community to make Burroughs Elementary School grow.

Independence Day, July 4, 1776

Variously known as the Fourth of July and Independence Day, July 4th has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution (1775-83). In June 1776, representatives of the 13 colonies then fighting in the revolutionary struggle weighed a resolution that would declare their independence from Great Britain. On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later its delegates adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 until the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with typical festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

"You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism." ~Erma Bombeck



Upcoming Meeting Schedule

**Our summer meetings will be held at
Toledo Heights Library
July 11 & August 1st**

SYLVR Toledo, 2016 Summer Youth Leadership Program

One of our neighbors has volunteered to give young leaders in the city, mainly high school aged students, a platform to voice their concerns and speak their minds while developing and strengthening their leadership skills in a setting determined by their peers, hosting a discussion led by their peers. The program is facilitated by a 21-year-old college graduate who can relate to the youth of the city, and who has taken an interest in giving them something to do and something to be proud of this summer.

The program is held on Tuesday evenings, is completely free, and completely voluntary, with the freedom to come-and-go as you please, and to dress in whatever is comfortable. There is no application or qualifications, but space could be limited depending on the number of interested participants, and there is a permission slip that must be filled out for minors.

So far for July, meetings will be held at the Toledo Heights Library, on July 5th from 5:00p -7:00p, on July 12th from 6:00p -7:30p, and on July 19th from 6:00p -7:30p.

If you would like more information, please contact Robert Worthington at 419-917-1535, or by email at RobertJamesWorthington@aol.com.

BNO Community Picnic

The BNO will be hosting our Community Picnic on Saturday, August 27th, 2016 at the Highland Park Shelter House, from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

Wrap up your summer and kick-off the school year by getting to know your neighbors and having some great fun! There will be freshly grilled meats and plenty of other food throughout the day, lovely conversation, cornhole, footballs, face painting, and other activities for the kids.

Bring one of your signature dishes to share along with your own drinks! If you would like to help in any way, please let us know by emailing bno.group@yahoo.com.

Community News and Events

Look what's happening in our Neighborhood

JULY FUN FOR EVERYONE!

There's so much to do in and around Toledo in July! Here's just a taste for this month. Get more info at <http://www.dotoledo.org/plan-your-stay/event-calendar>

July 8-10, Lagrange St. Polish Festival

July 9-10, Toledo Lighthouse Waterfront Festival

July 12-17, Lucas County Fair

July 16-17, Toledo Air Show

July 16, African-American Parade

July 22-23, Pizza Palooza

July 23, Vintage Baseball Tournament

July 25, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Day at the Zoo

A Note From the BNO President

We have experienced another act of terrorism, the worst mass shooting in U.S. history. That Sunday, June 12, I sat on my couch, saddened and heartbroken. As a parent I unrealistically wanted my children and grandchildren to stay home, never leave, for where are they able to go and be guaranteed their safety? However, it is moments like these that define us. These moments of provocations teach us that we must reach out and stand arm in arm. To improve our world we must love, be tolerant, and continue to make a difference. Trust me, you can make a difference. It can all start by stepping outside and making your block a better, safer place. Your block turns into your neighborhood, your city, your state, your country, your world.

I continue to pray for victims of terror, for the strength of the survivors, and for our neighborhood - to be the place where our families are safe.

Marcia, BNO President