

## 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 in which we live.

March 2018

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### Monday, March 5, 2018 at Burroughs Elementary School

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

> Guest Speaker: Barb Fischer

### **Bring:**

\*Money for 50/50 Raffle \* As soon as able: 2018 Annual Dues

#### **Guest Speaker**

We are honored to have with us at our March meeting Barb Fischer, principle of Burroughs Elementary School.

Barb has already been active with the BNO and has connections to our neighborhood. We look forward to hearing about what is going on with Burroughs, TPS, and how the BNO can partner with the school.

Please be sure to attend this informative meeting. See you there!

#### Note

As February comes to a close, always remember the Dream of racial and individually unique equality that has meant so much to this country, and has been memorialized during the month of February as Black History Month.

#### **Save The Date**

Global Youth Service Day - Saturday, April 21, 2018.

More to come!

#### Walking Club

Walking is a great way to get into shape! As part of our Health and Fitness goal we thought it might be good to get together as a community to walk. Let's start with one day a week – Sunday (what a better way to start the week)! Now that we got the "when" let's get the time. Morning or evening? Email bno.group@yahoo.com to cast your vote. Make sure you include a time that works, for example, 8:00am, and we will go with the majority. We will make the announcement at our April meeting and through social media – Facebook and Nextdoor!

#### **Easter**

Did you know that Easter has a religious significance, that is more than mounds of jelly beans and marshmallow chicks that appear in stores each spring. Easter, which celebrates Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, is Christianity's most important holiday. It has been called a moveable feast because it doesn't fall on a set date every year, as most holidays do.

Easter also represents to many the beginning of spring. Making things anew! Maybe you are looking for a community church – we have three neighborhood churches, check them out! We have a great park behind the school, walk the perimeter and do some introspective reflections!

### THANK YOU! Random Acts of Kindness expressed through GRATITUDE!!!

There's something to the old adage, "Count Your Blessings". When you notice, focus, pay attention to positive things that happen, it can change the way you look at things. A grateful attitude is attractive, creates more energy, contentment and JOY. If you have experienced some unfair circumstances in life, or wish that someone else's fortune was happening to you – counting your blessings is a great coping skill. Gratitude is powerful, and healing to the person who practices it; can result in a more positive outlook toward life; improve your health and relationships all at the same time. Think about how you would like to feel appreciated, or consider a time that someone did something for you big or small. Now take that thought and use it to do something for someone else - thank that person, show them how much it meant to you. It could be anyone: the postal worker, grocery store clerk, gas station attendant, fast food worker, custodial worker, job staff, neighbors, family, friends, etc. This small act is free - can change your life and the life of someone else.

March 2018 Challenge: we challenge you to <u>spread kindness randomly</u>, <u>by letting others towards whom you would not normally express</u> <u>gratitude</u>, <u>know that you appreciate them.</u>

### **Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

Upcoming meetings will be held at Burroughs
Elementary School.
Mark your calendar and join us!

March 5, April 2, May 7

# \$1 Million of Investments in the Burroughs Neighborhood!

Half from Burroughs residents and half from the Lucas County Land Bank, over \$1 Million in investments are reinvigorating properties in the Burroughs Neighborhood. Four properties in our neighborhood are being considered for necessary demolition, and 3 more properties are being reinvested in by the Land Bank, and will be sold to homeowners for an expected cost upwards of \$60,000.00 - a sure sign of rising property value in our wonderful neighborhood! With this great news and the thrill of success in the air, the BNO is also looking into the potential of other ways we can work with the Land Bank to make our neighborhood even lovelier in the very near future.

A personal and sincere "thank you" to the efforts of all at the Land Bank who have remained dedicated and in constant contact with our neighbors!

\*Home Heritage Program and PACE help may still be available to you. Be sure to contact the Lucas County Land Bank at 419-213-4293 if you are interested.

#### Thank You to Our Partners

We could not do it without you. Thank you to these businesses and locations that host our newsletters. You are an essential part of our neighborhood.

Business locations with newsletters will be: Kahler Pharmacy Vito's Pizza Bambino's Pizza Stop N Go Carry Out Faye's Family Haircare Toledo Heights Public Library Krave Food and Ice Cream

Please be sure to support these businesses – they are our anchors!

#### **Community News and Events**

Looking for something to do?

March 3 – Saint Charles Borromeo: Fish Fry, 5:00-7:00pm

March 8-11 – Stranahan Theater: Cinderella

March 9 & 10– Toledo Walleye vs. Quad City Mallards, 7:15pm

March 16 – Hunting Center: Monster Jam

March 16 – TMA Peristyle: Kathleen Battle: Underground Railroad

March 16 - SeaGate: Zenobia Shrine Circus

March 16 - Saint Charles Borromeo: Fish Fry, 5:00-7:00pm

March 24 – TMA: Mummy Exhibit continues

For a quick search, anytime, and for more events to come, here's the link: DoToledo.org

Be sure to click on the more specific tabs to get the full experience of our city.

#### We've got our goals, now let's accomplish them together!

Annually, the BNO sets a short list of specific goals on which we would like to focus for our community during the year. This year we have settled on 4 main goals, some continued from last year, all of which we plan to keep alive and well with organizational tasks and community-wide events throughout the year.

This year, we hope you all can join us in our efforts to perfect the Burroughs Neighborhood's:

<u>Health and Fitness</u> - keeping our bodies and properties healthy, healthy habits and events

<u>Beautification</u> - Airport Highway Corridor, The Triangle, Burroughs Park, our own homes

<u>Community Awareness</u> - Random Kindness, government action, positivity, social media

<u>Safety</u> - from potholes to streetlights, and from staying informed to preventing crime.

#### Saint Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17<sup>th</sup>, the traditional religious feast day of St. Patrick and the day he is believed to have died in 460 A.D. The Irish have observed this religious holiday for hundreds of years. The first St. Patrick's Day parade was held in New York City on March 17,1762. As the immigration into the United States grew due to the potato famine so did the parades and celebrations. Today we, Irish and non-Irish, celebrate with green clothing, Irish food and music, and dancing.

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May your blessings outnumber
The shamrocks that grow,
And my trouble avoid you
Wherever you go.
~ An Irish Toast

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