



The B.N.O. News

A Team of Neighborhood Advocates – Focusing on Community

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

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at Home!

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BNO Meetings will likely be cancelled until August at the earliest. We will publish a Newsletter every third Monday of the month to stay up to date.

A Grateful Farewell

One of our most helpful neighbors recently passed away, and we wish to thank her for her life and contributions. Debbie was a south Toledo resident who had an impact in many Toledo area institutions, attended Bowsher and the University of Toledo, and had a lot of Toledo Rockets Pride! We knew her as a very kind person, and even a friend to some, whom we got to see from time to time at one of our own local businesses. She regularly gave us a helping hand with the printing of these very newsletters. At a time when so many of our loved ones are parting, we wish to take just a moment to offer this dedication and give these very special thanks and well wishes to Debbie and her family and friends. We thank you, Debbie.



Newsletters Online Only

We have decided to pause the physical copy distribution of our newsletter, especially under the stay-at-home order. Until further notice, our newsletters will go out via email and our website.

Meetings Cancelled!

As we all have noticed, COVID-19 has closed doors, shuttered institutions, and forced meetings to either be cancelled or made virtual. Toledo Public Schools has instructed Burroughs Elementary to cancel building permits for the remainder of the school year, and Toledo Lucas County Public Libraries have cancelled all meetings through May. We will return to hosting monthly meetings when it is safe and recommended to resume, perhaps in the fall, to bring in guest speakers and host interesting discussions. Until then, we will help keep the neighborhood up to date via our Newsletter, website, email, and Facebook. Feel free to stay in touch!

Caution during the Stay-at-Home Order

We have entered what seems like an eternal final stretch of the extended Stay-at-Home order due to the coronavirus pandemic. We want to remind neighbors to please continue to practice social distancing and health/safety measures for the foreseeable future. We have heard word that there is more relatively irregular activity such as pickup basketball games on our side streets. Please exercise caution as kids are not in school as they would normally be, and, like us, are looking for things to do. Parents, please also discuss with your children how to safely and constructively use their time and to not cause any unnecessary trouble during this highly stressful time. Kids will be kids, and we will be us, but we can all do so respectfully, and responsibly, for ourselves and for each other.

Please support local restaurants and businesses if you are able! They need *our* help this time! Kahler, Krave, Vito's, Bambino's, SuperMercado, Netty's!

The Triangle Project

We have received word that the project at the Triangle at South Avenue and Airport Highway will be progressing in the coming weeks. There will be a military service memorial, flags, and a stone neighborhood identification sign, topped off with some professional landscaping about the piece of land.

U.S. Military Service Memorial Bricks

The memorial mentioned above will include bricks engraved with the name and service branch of military service members, past or present. If you or someone you know would like a brick, please let us know. We have worked out a way to make engravings at NO COST to servicemembers being memorialized. Please contact us if you have names and branches of service. We are going to keep this as local as possible, so we are asking for names from or connected to those in our neighborhood first, and we will be rippling out from here as more space and more bricks become available. This project has the potential to continue into the future, depending on demand and volume, but for now, we are somewhat limited. If you would like to discuss any aspects, please email us at bno.group@yahoo.com

Global Youth Service Day

A big wrench was thrown into everyone's plans this year, and GYSD was also affected. The Stay-at-Home order overlaps GYSD, so we will not have a cleanup on the proper date this year. We will look for ways to host a clean up sometime in the summer or fall, if progress allows, but keep in mind that it doesn't take any sort of special day or event to be able to pick up trash, help your community, or help the planet.

We are all in this together, every day.

Voting in Ohio

Voting is still underway until April 28.

For information on how to vote, visit:

<https://co.lucas.oh.us/75/Absentee-Voting>

For best results, contact the Board of Elections at:
419-213-4001

Random Acts of Kindness

It's funny how many of our random acts of kindness have had to do with food. While we're all stuck at home, there hasn't been much to report, but we have heard more food stories!

We all know who the heroes are right now – servicemembers, EMTs, healthcare workers, grocery workers, restaurant workers, and everyone keeping us safe, healthy, and fed. So, let this article be in honor of them, twofold.

First, we want to talk about all the food being delivered. Little Caesars, and others, are donating to healthcare workers. People in communities everywhere are making sure EMTs have pizza, too! Foodbanks are helping so many, and many businesses are helping food banks. Many businesses are taking this time to give back, so it's important that during this crisis, and when things go back to "normal," we don't forget about them. Some businesses are really hurting, and we can help. Some will need help reestablishing themselves after being closed for weeks. This only works if we all give back when it's our time.

Second, we want to thank those who are actually providing the services that are keeping our communities strong. Take time to give actual thanks to the person bagging your groceries, or cooking your food, or taking care of you or your loved ones. If you have it, consider giving a generous tip to those going out and about to deliver your food fresh, and safely.

Do what you can, when you can, to help others. That's the story we should all take away from all this. Be kind. Random or purposeful. Paid or volunteer. Now or later. It will come back to you in the end, and it could save a life or two in the meantime.

Stay at home, stay safe, stay true to your communities.

City of Toledo Facebook Live about COVID-19

For those looking for reliable information, the City will be hosting Facebook Live streams with a panel of experts to answer questions. We'll post on Facebook.

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