



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.

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Monday Oct 2, 2017

at
Burroughs Elementary School

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

Guest Speaker

Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson
Wade Kapszukiewicz

Bring:

- ◆ Money for 50 / 50 raffle
- ◆ 2017 Dues

Guest Speaker

We are very honored to have as our guest speakers Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson and Wade Kapszukiewicz. We look forward to hearing their plans for our city, should they be elected as Mayor of Toledo, as they answer our questions. Please plan on attending this informative meeting.

Trunk or Treat

Burroughs Elementary School will once again be holding their Trunk or Treat for the students on Wednesday, October 25. Come see the kids in their costumes as they participate in a safe Halloween event!

Sustainability Shoutout!

The Toledo-Lucas County Sustainability Commission welcomed sustainability directors from Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Dayton, Dublin, Indianapolis, Louisville, and Montgomery County, as well as Lucas County and Toledo, to talk about the sustainability programs in their communities during a two day conference held in Toledo. During a luncheon, the BNO was mentioned for the grant we received and used for beautification of Airport Highway! Way to go BNO!

RISE Program Updates

The Burroughs is fortunate that this special opportunity has been given to us called RISE (Rebuild, Invest, Stabilize, Engage), a program of the **Lucas County Land Bank**.

The goals of RISE are to target available resources in a specific geographic area for at least 12 months in order to:

- ◆ Help stabilize the real estate market and preserve property values
- ◆ Build on resident-led momentum to advance neighborhood quality of life
- ◆ Encourage a sense of place and community

The Land Bank has started acquiring properties in The Burroughs Neighborhood. They are currently assessing each home to determine which ones will be going into their traditional renovation route and which ones will become part of their RISE Homeownership Advantage program, where they complete the signature renovation themselves. The BNO will be updated once they finalize their decisions.

Awards for their RISE Matching Grant for homeowners in The Burroughs Neighborhood have finished. They were able to award 30 grants totaling \$103,609! Many of the owners have already completed their projects.

They were also able to award \$9,925 for their RISE Storefront Improvement program for businesses along the neighborhood's commercial corridor.

As we move forward with this program as well as **The BNO Beautification Project** we will all begin to see the benefits and rewards of maintaining our properties by working together. Collectively by addressing issues through the **City of Toledo Code Enforcement**, doing our part by respecting each other as neighbors and friends we are securing our environment and stabilizing, preserving and protecting The Burroughs Neighborhood.

Together we will RISE!

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

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

Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4

Acts of Kindness – Hurricane Relief Efforts

Opportunities for KINDNESS:

Reach out, make a connection, make a difference, and help someone in need. Time is now for action. The recent Hurricanes – Harvey, Irma, Maria, and two earthquakes in Mexico all occurring in a short period of time – August and September 2017. The devastation is heart wrenching, whole communities, towns, infrastructure destroyed, and most importantly – loss of life! There are many ways that we all can help out. No matter how small, or how large, donate something, requested/needed materials, money, I even heard of a school classroom sending pictures from small children to the affected area's children for encouragement. As a neighborhood, a community, here's your chance to practice *KINDNESS* by contributing to the cause of humanity.

The American Red Cross (www.redcross.org) has a local chapter that has specific needs/requests you can respond to and contribute. There are other places that are also taking up collections, including the television stations, churches, etc.

Unfortunately, during times of need, there are scam artist, so make sure you check for legitimate and credible sites to make your donations. The Better Business Bureau (www.bbb.org) offers tips that can assist you.

A BIG THANK YOU

to our

Business locations with newsletters

Kahler Pharmacy	Stop N Go Carry Out
Toledo Heights Public Library	Faye's Family Haircare
Vito's Pizza	Kraves Food and Ice Cream
Bambino's Pizza	

Community News and Events

Look what's happening in our Neighborhood

Making Halloween Fun and Safe

Keeping Halloween safe for our kids is so important. Here are a few things that we can do to help:

- As bad as it sounds, we need to keep our kids away from registered sex offenders. Go to <http://co.lucas.oh.us/595/Sex-Offender-Search> to view any in our area.
- Know the route your kids will be taking and have them check in with you every hour, by phone or by stopping back at home.
- If you can't take your children yourself, see if another parent or two can.
- Help your young child pick out or make a costume that will be safe. Make sure that it's fire proof or treated with fire retardant. If they are wearing a mask of any kind, make sure that the eye holes are large enough for good peripheral vision. Also make sure that if your child is carrying a prop, such as a scythe, butcher knife or a pitchfork, that the tips are smooth and flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen on. Make sure that costumes won't get in the way when they are walking, which could cause them to trip.
- Set a time that your kids should be home by. Make sure they know how important it is for them to be home on time or to call immediately if something happens and they are going to be delayed.
- Teach your kids about not getting into strangers cars or talking to strangers, no matter what the person says to them. Explain to them as simply as you can that some adults are bad and want to hurt children, that they should never go into a house that they don't know, get into a car or go anywhere with a stranger. Also, tell them what to do should this happen, to scream as loud as they can to draw attention and to run away as fast as they can to someplace safe.
- Be sure to show your children know how to cross a street properly. They should always look both ways before crossing the street and should only cross at corners or crosswalks. Make sure that if you have more than one child, they know to take the hand of the younger child when they cross a street.

Be safe and have a great evening!

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