



# 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.

**April 2018**

**email: [bno.group@yahoo.com](mailto:bno.group@yahoo.com)**

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**Monday, April 9, 2018**

**at**

**Burroughs Elementary School**

**Doors open early at 6:30 pm**

**Meeting starts at 7:00 pm**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Advocates for a Clean Lake Erie**

**Bring:**

**\*Money for 50/50 Raffle**

**\* As soon as able: 2018 Annual Dues**

## **Guest Speaker**

The Advocates for a Clean Lake Erie are an environmental grass roots organization founded in Toledo, Ohio to protect the Lake Erie basin and the communities that depend on it.

We are honored to have them come and share their information. Please plan on attending to learn more about this essential part of our planet!

## **6<sup>th</sup> Annual BNO / Global Youth Service Day**

Spring is in the air. Please join us in a tradition of helping our neighborhood. GYSD started in 1988, and is celebrating 30 years of bringing young people together to volunteer in their local communities. It is the largest global youth service event, occurring in over 100 countries. You all are invited – young, old, neighbors, parents, students/family members, business owners and leaders, to come out on Saturday April 21, 2018, from 9:00 am to 12 noon, and help us *CLEAN UP* the neighborhood. We will meet in front of Burroughs Elementary School. Supplies will be handed out, and refreshments served.

## **Triangle Garden**

Spring is right around the corner and soon the flowers will be blooming. Last year the BNO was fortunate enough to get a \$1000 grant to help beautify the Airport Highway Corridor and three area businesses have agreed to maintain the flower gardens that they received.

Our neighborhood received four flowerpots from the city. The city also takes the responsibility to cut and edge the grass as well as spray the mulch with weed killer in the Triangle Garden located at the Intersection of South Ave and Airport Hwy.

It is up to us as neighbors to maintain the flowers and pick up litter and debris in order to help beautify our neighborhood. If you would like to volunteer please contact [BNO.group@yahoo.com](mailto:BNO.group@yahoo.com) to see how you can help.

## **Primary Elections are Pretty Important**

So many citizens ignore the Primary Elections, even though they are extremely important. It is during Primary elections that either the established or the new candidate advances. Partisan Primaries are mostly for whittling down the candidates of a Party down to one candidate to face the candidate of the opposition Party at the General Elections in November. In Ohio, you can only declare yourself a member of a Party, and vote in that Party's Primary, at the Primary Elections. You may only vote for members of one Party at a time, and you are able to switch Party at the next partisan Primary Election two years after. These elections take place in the first half of even-numbered years – May 2018, March 2020, May 2022, etc.

For non-partisan or "independent" voters, there are also issues on the ballot at Partisan Primary elections. These issues can decide laws or taxes. The City of Toledo also hosts Non-Partisan Primary Elections in September of odd-numbered years – 2019, 2021, 2023, etc.

This year, our partisan state and federal Primary Elections are May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The ballot will feature candidates for County and State Offices, Governor, members of Congress, and judgeships. There may also be hot-button issues on the ballot such as laws on redistricting. Despite the common misconception, we don't only vote in November, so always be on the lookout for the next election.

## **Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

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

**April 9, May 7**

### **BNO Community Yard Sale**

**June 8th - 9th 2018**

We are holding our Community Yard Sale on the second weekend of June this year. Participation is \$5.00 per household. We advertise in The Blade, on Facebook, Nextdoor, Craigslist, and in the BNO Newsletter as well as posting signs throughout the neighborhood. We also provide maps to show the location of each sale at each individual site.

To sign up for the yard sale please send an email to [newsletter43609@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter43609@gmail.com) or [BNO.group@yahoo.com](mailto:BNO.group@yahoo.com). You can also call 419.385.3276 to register.

### **Empathy Leads to Random Acts of Kindness**

When we see someone do something we don't understand it might have a negative effect on us. However, if we can train ourselves to turn that negative feeling around, we will be happier and more positive in our own actions. Empathy is the practice of feeling how others feel, whether naturally or intentionally. If we see someone doing something we don't identify with, perhaps we should try to consider why they are doing it, or even go as far as to politely ask. Perhaps we should consider what that person might have gone through, where they come from, or how they have been taught in school or raised at home. Odds are, the answers vary from our own experiences, and therefore their actions may mean something else to them. When this happens to us, a good way to practice our own random acts of kindness is to first be empathetic, then if you are able, go even further by doing something nice for that person, so that you may both feel a bit better. If you practice this long enough, you are bound for a more positive, peaceful life, with the ability to forgive and move on to feeling and treating others much better.

### **April is National Volunteer Month and We Wish to Honor YOU!**

We want to invite YOU to come to the April BNO meeting to honor and acknowledge your volunteer efforts!

## **Community News and Events**

Looking for something to do?

April 5 – St. Luke's Hosp: Skywarn Training, 6:30-8:30pm  
April 6-8 – Seagate Conv Cntr: Weak Signals, R/C Model Show  
April 13– Toledo Zoo: Snooze at the Zoo  
April 13 – The Toledo Mud Hens vs. Pawtucket Red Socks, 6:30PM  
April 17 – TAXES DUE  
April 21 – Toledo Univ Scott Park: Rockets vs. Eastern Michigan Baseball, 1:05PM

For a quick search, anytime, and for more events to come, here's the links: [DoToledo.org](http://DoToledo.org) and [Toledo.com](http://Toledo.com)  
Be sure to click on the more specific tabs to get the full experience of our city.

### **Health and Fitness – Let's Get Moving!**

Beginning in April, we are going to meet 2:00PM on Sundays, at the Triangle, with a goal of walking a mile. All ages are welcomed! We will wait until 2:05 before we leave. If it is raining or if the temperature is 25 degrees or lower we will not be walking.

### **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!*

### **48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day**

Earth Day was established in 1970 in response to the growing pollution negatively impacting the environment and human beings. This year Earth Day is April 22, 2018. According to the website: [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org) "more than 1 billion people in 192 countries", have participated in Earth Day activities around the world to help clean up our environment and preserve human life. Here is another opportunity to get involved, becoming good stewards honoring humanity and our environment!