



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, December 4, 2017
at
Burroughs Elementary School**

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

Holiday Party!

Bring:

- * Money for 50/50 Raffle
- * A dish or dessert to share
- * Gifts for our adopted Christmas Family

Christmas Family

We are excited to once again be working with a Burroughs Neighborhood family this holiday! Here are some ideas that will help this family as we give with the intention of serving, love, compassion and kindness:

Mom and Dad: Walmart or Kroger gift cards

14 – 16 year old girl: winter boots 8-1/2, shirt & coat size large, art supplies

12 - 14 year old boy: winter boots 6-1/2, pants size 14, shirt size medium

3 – 5 year old girl: shirt and pants size 5T, loves Paw Patrol, coat size 5T, winter boot size 9

12 – 18 month old girl: shirt and pants size 18 months, coat size 18 months, learning books and toys

If you are able to help in any manner, please email

bno.group@yahoo.com or call Marcia at 419-304-8014 and leave a message. This will help communication and avoid duplicate gifts.

Guest Speakers

This month we will not be having a guest speaker. We will conduct a bit of business and then move on to our holiday festivities. We will resume our efforts at a brainstorming and goal-setting meeting in January.

Election Results

At our November meeting, Monday, November 6, elections were held for BNO officers. Here are the results:

President: Marcia W. **Vice-President:** Robert W.
Secretary: Sarah L. **Treasurer:** Buf L.

Just a reminder that all of the officers are here for you and are always open-eared. Please feel free to contact bno.group@yahoo.com, Marcia or Robert directly to express any concerns or ideas.

Officers, we thank you for your contribution and commitment in serving our neighborhood! We appreciate your dedication to service.

Random Acts of Kindness:

Holidays and Year-end Reflection

The movement started and the Kindness challenge was issued throughout 2017, to everyone that receives this newsletter or attends BNO meetings. The campaign: to practice RANDOM actions of kindness with no strings attached; to use words and conversation of kindness; to start a lifestyle of paying it forward one step, one breath at a time; to practice caring; and leave a powerful legacy of building up your family, neighborhood, and community. A few of the results were realized this year as we volunteered together in the community and at Burroughs School, did yard sales together, shared a meal, performed community clean up and planted flower gardens; and got to know each other better.

December, this last month of the year, we ask that you continue spreading acts of kindness: donate to our Christmas family; support someone that may be ill or having a difficult time; volunteer, visit someone, make a call, send a card, share a meal. There are numerous benefits to being **KIND to others**: it helps others; and positively comes back to YOU in ways you never would imagine. **Continue the Kindness Movement – Come to our Christmas Party, share your Kindness ideas from 2017 and for 2018!**

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Upcoming meetings will be held at Burroughs Elementary School.

Mark your calendar and join us!

December 4, January 8, February 5

A Time of Thanksgiving

The **Burroughs Neighborhood Organization** would like to send out a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all of our supporting members, neighbors, business associates, city and county officials who have joined us in our efforts to preserve, stabilize, and protect **The Burroughs Neighborhood**.

It is through this joint effort that we are able to live in a neighborhood that we love, walk safely down our sidewalks for exercise and relaxation and admire the many homes with well kept lawns, sidewalks and beautiful flowers. We are growing as a neighborhood of people who know each other by name and face. Doors have opened for our use of **Burroughs Elementary School, Faith Lutheran Church, Toledo Heights Library** as well as an open invitation to the **VFW**.

The **Burroughs Neighborhood Youth and Adult Volunteers** have helped clean up our neighborhood while picking up litter throughout our area on Global Youth Service Day.

During our Community Yard Sale many of our **local home owners and renters** offer bargain shopping to buyers. Neighbors get out, meet together and get to know each other. Some of the neighbors reminisce about days gone by and reconnect with old friends. New neighbors meet others and feel welcomed.

City officials from **The Department of Neighborhoods** are hard at work in our neighborhood with code enforcement, and the **City Parks and Recreation Department** have donated flower pots to the Triangle Garden at the intersection of Airport Highway and South Avenue.

Lucas County Green Sustainability Commission awarded us a \$1000 Grant for beautification of the Airport Highway Corridor. Our volunteers planted flowers at the Triangle Garden and at three of our area Businesses. Also **Keep Toledo/Lucas County Beautiful** helped us to receive these funds and handled the money received from the grant.

Babes and Sucklings, Krave Food and Ice Cream and **The Airport Plaza** were all recipients of a perennial garden. All of the businesses have agreed to maintain their flowers and properties to help enhance The Burroughs Neighborhood. **Kahler Pharmacy** prints up newsletters for us to distribute to other area businesses in our neighborhood. **Kahler Pharmacy, Toledo Heights Public Library, Vito's Pizza, Bambino's Pizza, Stop N Go Carry Out, Faye's Family Haircare, Krave Food and Ice Cream** all carry the newsletters.

The Lucas County Land Bank is investing one year in our neighborhood through their **Rise Program**. They have reached out to homeowners for help with their home improvements. They have assessed our neighborhood on homes that are behind on their taxes and have begun to purchase a few of them for resale, or these homes may become a part of their home value improvement program.

Homeowners are being served notifications from **County Officials** on their property tax status. New tax rates are being determined and will be available at the end of December. Homeowners who are delinquent on their taxes can contact the **Lucas County Auditors Office** or the **Lucas County Treasurer's Office** for help with any questions they may have.

Police Officers and Drug Enforcement Personnel have a constant presence in and around The Burroughs. While we do not know who they are we do appreciate your efforts to stop drug activity in our neighborhood.

And finally, to our **homeowners and neighborhood residents**, you and your families are one of our strongest assets in The Burroughs Neighborhood. Your children are our future and we care about their safety and upbringing. Many of you value your property and the area around your home. We appreciate your efforts.

We would like to send out an invitation for all of you to join us at our **BNO meetings**. All Burroughs residents are welcome to attend. We meet the **first Monday of the month at Burroughs Elementary School at 7:00 pm**. This is where we are informed and educated from all of the leaders in our community of our status and where we are headed; and issues are addressed from those who care about our neighborhood. Join us.

There is still more for us to accomplish. The Burroughs Neighborhood is striving and changes are continuing to be made and improved upon. You can be part of that change.

**Thank You All For Being a Part of
The Burroughs Neighborhood.**