



# 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.

**February 2018**

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**Monday, February 5, 2018**

**at**

**Burroughs Elementary School**

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

**Meeting starts at 7:00 pm**

**Goal Setting Meeting!**

**Guest Speakers: Lucas County Land Bank**

**Bring:**

- \* Ideas for 2018 Goals
- \* Money for 50/50 Raffle
- \* 2018 Annual Dues

## **Goal Setting – Let’s Work Together!**

Since our January meeting was canceled due to inclement weather, we will take a bit of time to set our 2018 goals. Through 2017 we were able to successfully accomplish housing, environmental, and beautification goals, by securing the efforts of the land bank, and winning a going-green grant for \$1,000 to beautify the Airport Highway Corridor and promote sustainability.

This year we invite you to come share your ideas for the direction of our neighborhood. We will be brainstorming together and focusing on a list of the most pressing topics concerning our community. If you have an idea, come and share, because with a new year, there's no better time to join.

## **Guest Speaker**

The Lucas County Land Bank is returning to our community meeting to provide updates on the RISE program that was offered to the BNO where so many took advantage.

Be sure to attend to see what is still available to help us homeowners.

## **Positivity through Random Acts of Kindness**

With a new year, there's plenty of room for useful change in attitude – a change towards positivity. As part of this year's random acts of kindness campaign, we might all pay just a bit more attention to our words, actions, and intentions. We might ask ourselves “why” we make our decisions, and if our decisions are made in the most positive light possible. Positivity is a theme that, once you relearn how to be positive, you can continue to carry that with you for the rest of your life. First, try to regain your footing on what it means to be positive – with a book, or a motivational video, or a simple conversation with the most positive person in your life. Listen carefully, pay attention, and reflect what you learn onto your own life and circumstances, then put all of that into action. Believe that you can do it, because you can.

## **Black History Month**

Also known as National African American History Month, February is a month for all Americans to remember and admire the contributions of African Americans who have helped change and shape the entire world. Inventions; ideals; Civil Rights; Amendments to the Constitution of the United States; countless memories of greatest moments in music, sports, song, film, literature; monuments to the struggle and triumph through slavery to its prohibition, through the horrendous Jim Crow era, through the 1900s' Civil Rights movements, through the election in 2008 and again in 2012 of the first African American President of the United States; through the bravery shown in all American wars; and through every day that passes and becomes the history of our lives, with our African American brothers and sisters and neighbors contributing to our communities, are what this annual period, so solemnly dedicated to African American History, is all about.

In America, we have the sometimes unfortunate, yet unique opportunity, to live through the hatred of the past, and even the hatred of today in some parts of our country, and yet still persevere into the future of freedom in unity by condemning hatred and intolerance, by adopting African American history and culture, and by the moments when we realize that in our own lives, we don't have to label race to a situation, as it may have been done in the past. This month, it may be more useful, informative, and eye-opening than you would ever expect, no matter your own race, to take just a little time to remember, to reflect, and to pay respect to Black History.

## Upcoming Meeting Schedule

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

February 5, March 5, April 2

### Saint Valentines Day

Every February 14, across the United States and in other places around the world, candy, flowers and gifts are given between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint, and where did these traditions come from? One legend (and there are a few) tells that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. Valentine greetings were popular as far back as the Middle Ages. The oldest known valentine still in existence today was a poem written in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London. It is most likely Americans began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700s.



### Presidents' Day

Presidents' Day is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, it is still officially called "Washington's Birthday" by the federal government. Traditionally celebrated on February 22—Washington's actual day of birth—the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present.



## Community News and Events

Looking for things to do in February:

- Feb. 2 – Disney on Ice 2018, Huntington Center 7:00p
- Feb. 3 – Toledo Rockets Women's Basketball, Savage 2:00p
- Feb. 9 – Toledo Walleye; Silver Screen Classics; Beautiful
- Feb. 10 – Valentine's Dinner Dance, Commodore Perry VFW at South and Airport, 5-7 dinner, 7 – close dance, \$15 couple - \$10 individual
- Feb. 16 – Valentine's Day Adult Overnight, Toledo Zoo
- Feb. 16 – Lenten Fish Fry, St Charles Borromeo at Airport and South Detroit, 5 -7p
- Feb. 23 – Dueling Pianos, Fleetwoods 9:30p

For a quick search, anytime, and for more events to come, here's the link: [DoToledo.org](http://DoToledo.org)

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

### Christmas Family 2017

Our Christmas family was very humble and grateful for the gifts they received. They gave us two beautifully handmade thank you cards created by the older two children. This exchange of warmth and kindness would not have been possible if not for the generosity of our neighborhood. Thank YOU. You know who you are.

### Community Yard Sale

Wait! Don't pitch it just yet. Remember to keep anything you might be able to sell in our community yard sale, now permanently scheduled for the second weekend in June, this year the 8<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to providing each other with a fun weekend of leisurely shopping around!

### Thank You to Our Partners

Continued big "thank you" to those businesses and locations that host our newsletters. You are all a big part of keeping our neighborhood so lively.

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