

June

July

2018-2019

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Neighborhoods in action to build a better bayfront community.

**OUR
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2,230 residents participated
in free West Bayfront events



39 properties
assisted with
repair grants



BEFORE



AFTER

15 new
benches
and 12
trash
cans
installed
at
public
parks



\$250,000
invested in
repairs and
improvements
to West
Bayfront homes



55 LED sensor bulbs
distributed to improve visibility
in West Bayfront streets

The mission of Our West Bayfront is to enhance the quality of life in the West Bayfront neighborhoods of Erie by promoting civic involvement, thoughtful development, historical preservation, and neighborhood pride.

Bayview Park: Improvements Underway!



One of the most visible and colorful signs of progress in the West Bayfront can be found at Bayview Park, where major improvements were undertaken this summer including the installation of the City's first splash pad, creation of a multi-purpose court, new walking pathways, and benches and litter receptacles throughout the park.

This exciting project, which was undertaken thanks to the leadership of the City of Erie under Mayor Joseph Sember and partnership with the Department of Public Works, is the result of several years of planning and consultation with West Bayfront residents. We are grateful for the many partners, residents, and funders who made this project possible and we loved seeing so many families enjoy Bayview Park this summer.

Repairing OWB Homes Block By Block

Our West Bayfront continued to support property owners in making critical repairs and enhancements to their properties in 2018-2019, creating safer homes for families and strengthening the neighborhoods and the City's tax base. OWB's efforts have focused on priority areas identified in the OWB Community Plan, including near Bayview Park and the MLK Center and around Gridley Park, in order to have a catalytic impact throughout the neighborhoods.

In the 12 month period between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019, OWB assisted 39 property owners with grants or resources to make repairs to their properties. Repair grants, which typically range from \$4,000 to \$14,000 and are matched by contributions from the owners, funded items such as roof replacement, porch repairs, and siding replacement. In 2018-2019, \$185K was granted, leveraging \$65K in direct investments from West Bayfront property owners.

Gridley Park Renaissance Block



Gridley Park, the historic park in the heart of the West Bayfront, is getting a makeover as the first Renaissance Block in the West Bayfront community. Through an innovative program from Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority, every property owner adjacent to this serene green space was offered matching grants to help make improvements and repairs.

To date, 21 property owners have participated in the program, resulting in a visible improvement to many of the historic homes that surround the park. The park itself has also received a freshening up including the replacement of aging benches and litter receptacles and trimming of the park's many trees.

3 OWB-Owned Properties NOW BEING RENOVATED!



312 Walnut Street



404-06 W 8th Street



646 W 5th Street

THANK YOU

to our supporters, partners, and sponsors! Thanks to you, we are neighbors in action to build a better Bayfront community.

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

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to the many committed volunteers that make progress and growth in Our West Bayfront possible.

"I like giving back to the community. I like the people. I like making sure that people are aware of what's going on, and I like helping them."

Elizabeth Crawford

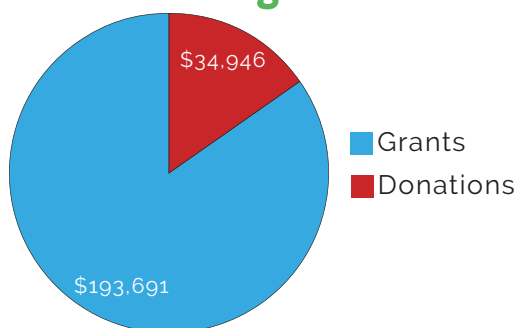
"When I was growing up, we knew all our neighbors. I like trying to get back to that and being part of our community."

Lewis Prest

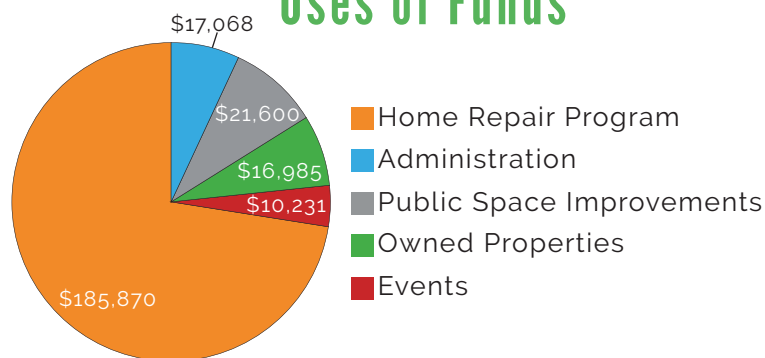


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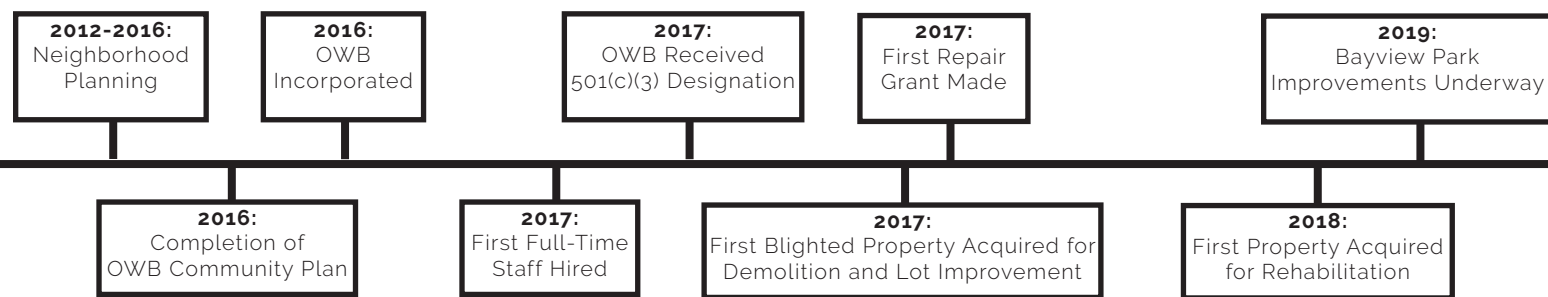
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