

# OUR WEST BAYFRONT

## Fall 2021 News



Neighborhoods in action to build a better bayfront community.

## Keystone Grant Helps Continue Improvements On W. 8th Street

At a press conference held on West 8th Street on September 9th, Mayor Joseph Schember announced that the City of Erie will receive nearly \$230,000 for the rehabilitation of three privately-owned historic properties on the 300 and 400 blocks of West 8th St. The total project is estimated to cost \$765,000.

The project is a collaboration by the City, Our West Bayfront, and the owners of three anchor buildings. These renovations will support the revitalization of the West 8th Street Corridor, supported in part by ECGRA through a Mission Main Streets grant, and assist in growing and attracting neighborhood-oriented businesses to the area. This work builds on the renovation of 404 West 8th Street by OWB and on other repairs taking place at properties on these blocks.



## FALL EVENTS

Visit [ourwestbayfront.org](http://ourwestbayfront.org) for more details

**OWB Fall Community Gathering**  
Tuesday, Oct. 5

**Eerie Fall Fest at Gridley Park**  
Saturday, Oct. 23  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the MLK Center**  
Sunday, Nov. 21

Sign up to volunteer at any West Bayfront event and get a FREE T-Shirt  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/eventsfall>

## Transformation Continues at Bayview Park

The work isn't done at Bayview Park! New signage, designed by local graphic artist Nick Warren, shares the history of Bayview Park, the New Jerusalem neighborhood, and Pontiac Field. The signs were installed in late August and include bulletin boards where neighborhood information can be found!

In September, Erie will welcome Miami-based artist Mwanjel Pierre-Louis for a project commissioned by Erie Arts and Culture to develop a large-scale mural on the basketball courts. The project, which will be the first of its kind in Erie, will bring an exciting colorful design to the courts. *Please note that the courts will be closed from September 15th-24th for the installation of this project.*



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# Summer Events a Success!

**West BayFit** at Bayview Park was back this year, bringing 6 weeks of wellness and recreation to Bayview Park on beautiful summer evenings. With a variety of partners including the Erie Outlaws Baseball League, McDowell High School ice hockey team, the Hagen History Center, and Spoon's League, each week offered the chance to get active and try something new while overlooking the bay. Burch Farms provided fresh produce each week and Nourish the Children taught amazing cooking demonstrations to hungry participants!

For the second year in a row, OWB's **West BayWalks** offered a series of 6 unique self-guided walks through the community, each centered on a different theme. Walkers learned about the OWB's historic homes, nature in the neighborhood, and participated in a scavenger hunt!

All the West BayWalks are available online at [www.ourwestbayfront.org/whatwedo/walks](http://www.ourwestbayfront.org/whatwedo/walks).

Don't miss the Erie Reader's coverage by Erin Phillips at <https://www.eriereader.com/article/west-baywalks>



**Gridley Park National Night Out** was a perfect evening of community and fun in the heart of the West Bayfront. On Tuesday, August 3rd, approximately 1200 community members came out to enjoy live music from the Familiar Spirit band, delicious food provided by Three B Saloon and Smith Provisions, kids' games, and more. Over 40 community organizations were on hand to provide resources and giveaways to residents.



## What's Next for Our West Bayfront?

As Our West Bayfront approaches our five-year anniversary, we are taking some time to review our progress and set goals for the next five years. As part of this effort, we want your input! Please take a moment to participate in the 2021 OWB Community Survey available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OWB2021>.

### Take the 2021 OWB Community Survey

What are the issues on your block and in your neighborhood? We want to hear from you!

Visit [www.ourwestbayfront.org/surveys](http://www.ourwestbayfront.org/surveys)

*Every month one participant will win a free gift card to an OWB business!*

If you are interested in having a conversation with a representative from OWB about your neighborhood, please contact Marissa at [Marissa@ourwestbayfront.org](mailto:Marissa@ourwestbayfront.org) or (814) 871-7960 to set up an interview.

Erie Gives Day  
Raises Nearly \$11K!



Thank you to everyone who supported Our West Bayfront on Erie Gives Day! More donors than ever before supported OWB this year on Erie Gives Day, raising nearly \$11,000 for projects that will directly benefit the West Bayfront community. Thank you for your generous support!

Thank you to our major partners!



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