

OUR WEST BAYFRONT

Summer 2023 News



Neighborhoods in action to build a better bayfront community.

Please support OWB on Erie Gives Day! Visit eriegives.org on Tuesday, August 8

On **Tuesday, August 8th**, support Our West Bayfront on Erie Gives Day! A donation of \$25 or more on this community-wide day of giving has a tangible impact in the West Bayfront neighborhoods. All funds raised that day directly support projects and programs that are creating a stronger West Bayfront such as affordable housing, community parks, and neighborhood events.

Mark your calendar today to visit www.eriegives.org on August 8th! Donations by check can also be made in advance by August 7th. Check contribution forms can be found at eriegives.org under "Ways to Give."



UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit ourwestbayfront.org for more details

West BayFit

July 12, 19, and 26
from 6 PM to 8 PM
at Bayview Park

Homebuyer Purchase Training

Saturday, July 15
10 AM to 2 PM
at the MLK Center, 312 Chestnut Street

Financial Literacy Class

Thursday, July 27
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
at 404 West 8th Street

Gridley Park National Night Out

Tuesday, August 1
from 5 PM to 8 PM
at Gridley Park

Erie Phil Brass Ensemble Concert

Thursday, August 3
from 7 PM to 9 PM
at Gridley Park

Bayview Park Farmer's Market

August 9, 16, 23, 20
from 6 PM to 8 PM
at Bayview Park

Lift Liberty Street Update

OWB is working with Liberty Street residents on improvements to Liberty Street from the bluffs to West 12th Street. Liberty Street is the central north-south corridor through the West Bayfront community, linking West 12th Street to historic Gridley Park to the beautiful views of Presque Isle Bay.

OWB is actively working with 22 property owners on repair projects at their homes, and is coordinating sidewalk repairs at 9 properties. This summer, a National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) team will help with landscaping and home repairs. Based on responses to a recent survey of residents, we will work with NCCC volunteers on boulevard beautification projects, and are discussing potential traffic calming measures with the City of Erie. This work is generously funded by ECGRA, PNC, and Erie Insurance.



Previous NCCC Crew from 2018



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Litter Assessment Continues

In June, Wabtec Intern Volunteers completed a litter assessment of the West Bayfront. Using ArcGIS and QuickCapture, volunteers were easily able to track what types of litter they collected. Over 12,000 pieces of litter were collected and categorized. Using this data, Our West Bayfront can better utilize anti-litter initiatives, such as installing trashcans, messaging campaigns, and cleanup efforts.



Sign up to volunteer at any
OWB event:
www.ourwestbayfront.org/volunteer/

Gridley Park Improvements

OWB is working with residents to envision the future of Gridley Park! A draft concept plan for the park based on community input was released earlier this spring for review. The plan, available for review at www.ourwestbayfront.org/Gridley, identifies several improvements to the park including pedestrian safety, places for residents to gather, and additional play areas.

OWB residents identified proposed safety improvements as the first priority for implementation. In the coming weeks, we will be working on finalizing the concept plan while working with the City to identify potential funding sources to make these improvements.

Financial Literacy & Homebuyer Purchase Trainings

Our West Bayfront is partnering with the St. Martin Learning Center for a financial literacy class and homebuyer purchase training.

Homebuyer Purchase Training: Saturday, July 15 from 10 AM to 2 PM at the MLK Center (312 Chestnut Street).

- Guide you through the homebuying process and introduce you to all of the key pieces like lenders, relators, inspectors, reading loan documents and more.

Financial Literacy Class: Thursday, July 27 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at the OWB Office (404 West 8th Street).

- Understand your income and expenses, how to prepare for economic hardship, how to develop a monthly spending and savings plan, and more.



Register by calling
(814) 452-6110 x 206
or visiting

www.ourwestbayfront.org/events

New mural in the works!

In partnership with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center and Erie Arts and Culture, artist Sarah Jacobs will be working with both residents and MLK Center students to create a mural that celebrates leaders of the neighborhood. One of goals of the mural is to create a piece that all members of the community can relate to and consider their own impact in the neighborhood. To see more of Sarah's work, visit her Instagram page, [@sarahjacobsart](https://www.instagram.com/sarahjacobsart).



Bayfront Mini-Mall
at West 4th and Cherry Streets,
Future Mural Location

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