OUR WEST BAYFRONT



January, February 2024

Neighborhoods in action to build a better bayfront community.

Help Renovate This Home!



811 West 7th Street is a long-vacant home that is in need of renovation. And we need your help to get it done! By mobilizing volunteers, renovation costs will be drastically reduced, and these savings can be used for the next renovation project. After completion, 811 West 7th Street will be an affordable homeownership opportunity for a West Bayfront family.

Volunteers are needed throughout the spring and summer for projects like painting, flooring, drywall repair and replacement, landscaping, and more! Volunteer opportunities are available for both individuals and groups.

To learn more, visit www.ourwestbayfront.org/build811 or contact Marissa Litzenberg at marissa@ourwestbayfront.org or by calling (814) 751-7960.



DIY with Dan Saturday, Feb. 24, 10AM to 12PM Achievers Entrepreneurial Hub

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit <u>ourwestbayfront.org</u> for more details

Achievers Entrepreneurial Hub 930 Liberty Street *Registration Required*

Benevolent Beers
Thursday, March 21, 5PM to 8PM
Erie Ale Works
416 West 12th Street

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

Volunteer Spotlight



Kimberly is a passionate, consistent, and extremely involved volunteer! She is quick to jump in where needed and is always a helping hand. From events, to the Gridley Park plan, to everything in between, Kimberly has made lasting impacts!

Thank you for all you do, Kimberly!

Ring a Royal Program

OWB neighbors who need help with jobs such as snow removal and leaf raking may sign up to be connected with a parent/guardian of a student who is looking for jobs around the neighborhood.

Neighbors, students, and parents must complete an agreement form that outlines the responsibilities of both the neighbor and the student. To learn more and to get started, contact Starla Cochenour at scochenour@bayfrontneighbors.org or by calling (814) 871-7976.





Partner Spotlight: Erie Family Center



The Erie Family Center, which is located at 606 Raspberry Street in the West Bayfront, is a

non-profit that strengthens families and promotes the well-being of children through prevention, intervention, and education. EFC has a range of family support programs that provide services through skilled staff, all in the comfort of your home or at their family-friendly center.

These include initiatives around parents as teachers. mother and fatherhood initiatives, the diaper depot, and guardianship. EFC will be hosting a Winter Open House on February 26th from 1 to 3PM at 606 Raspberry. **RSVPs** are encouraged but not required

cbell@eriefamilycenter.org Enjoy refreshments, prizes, and giveaways while learning more about all of EFC's expanded programing!



Keep an Eye Out!

Our West Bayfront will once again be mailing out the events calendar. Be sure to keep an eye out for it in late winter!



Local Event: Books and Beers Book Club

Popular local businesses Erie Ale Works and Werner Books have teamed up for the Books and Beers Book Club! This event is "a great way to broaden your literary horizons while enjoying tasting local brews."



The club meets on the third Sunday of every month at noon at Erie Ale Works, which is located at

416 West 12th Street. Check out Werner Books on Facebook or visit their website, www. wernerbooks.com, to see the upcoming book selection, and stop by their location at 2608 Liberty Street to grab your copy! The next Books and Beers Book Club is scheduled for February 18. Visit www.wernerbooks.com to see the book selection!

Free Street Trees!

Our West Bayfront has 85 street trees available for residents to take advantage of! These trees are free and would be planted at no cost to the owner, thanks to a generous grant from National Fuel. Not only do street trees positively affect our environment, they also help with energy efficiency, property value, community



well-being, and urban greenery! You will receive the appropriate tree species to ensure that your sidewalk is not damaged in the growing process.

To learn more, visit www.ourwestbayfront.org/street-tree/ or contact Eric Kassah at eric@ourwestbayfront.org or by calling (814) 871-5514.

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