

# OUR WEST BAYFRONT

March, April 2024



Neighborhoods in action to build a better bayfront community.

## Healthy Homes Grant Opportunity

Does your home need major repairs? Does the work include roof replacement, window replacement, weatherization, lead paint removal? If it does or if you are unsure where to start, Our West Bayfront is able to help residents navigate the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie's Healthy Homes program, which provides funding to get those types of projects complete.



*To read more about the program and application, visit:*

[www.redeveloperie.org/arp-healthy-homes-program](http://www.redeveloperie.org/arp-healthy-homes-program)

*If you think you might be eligible, please contact Starla Cochenour, OWB Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator, at (814) 871-7976 or by emailing [scochenour@bayfrontneighbors.org](mailto:scochenour@bayfrontneighbors.org).*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### Benevolent Beers

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

### OWB Community Gathering

Saturday, April 6, 10AM to 12PM  
MLK Event Center  
312 Chestnut Street

### Spring Cleanup

Saturday, April 20, 8:30AM to 12:00PM  
Across the West Bayfront  
Meet at Gridley Park

Sign up to volunteer with OWB!  
[www.ourwestbayfront.org/volunteer/](http://www.ourwestbayfront.org/volunteer/)

## 2023 Volunteer of the Year Award

OWB's 2023 Volunteer of the Year Award goes to the Phillips family of Jeff, Erin, Sylvia, and Elliot! Every member of the family has been involved as an OWB volunteer. Erin has hosted bike ride tours, performed at PorchFest, and hosted two different fundraisers this year alone! They contribute to our community in meaningful and impactful ways!



ALL of our volunteers did incredible work in 2023! 651 volunteers put in 2,756 hours of work during the year. Projects included litter cleanups, landscaping projects, environmental assessments, and pulling off a whole calendar of events. In total, volunteers put on events that brought over 4,300 neighbors together.

**Thank you to all OWB Volunteers for all your hard work!**

## Volunteer Spotlight



Brett McCorkle has volunteered at OWB events, participated on committees, and most recently stepped up to be a Team Lead with the 811 West 7th Street Community Build! Brett readily and enthusiastically steps in wherever needed, and rallies people around him to get involved too. **Thank you, Brett, for all that you do! Our community is lucky to have you involved!**



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## Partner Spotlight: Hagen History Center



The Hagen History Center located on the corner of West 6th and Chestnut is a nonprofit organization committed to inspiring and engaging the community through dynamic educational programs, outreach, exhibits and events. They preserve buildings, collections and archives with local and national relevance representing the history of northwestern Pennsylvania serving as a comprehensive and accessible resource to aid in understanding the present and provide guidance for the future.

HHC invites you to explore their 3 buildings on Sunday June 9 from NOON-5PM with FREE ADMISSION for our Community Day. You can see the "Story of Us", a complete history of the discovery, development and settling of Erie, Frank Lloyd Wright's San Francisco Office, the restored Wood-Morrison House featuring an exhibit on the Erie Extension Canal, and the beautiful Watson-Curtze Mansion.

Stay up to date with their inspiring events by following them on Facebook and visiting our website: [www.eriehistory.org](http://www.eriehistory.org). Email [amacrino@eriehistory.org](mailto:amacrino@eriehistory.org) to sign up for weekly e-newsletters.

## OWB Community Gathering

Save the date for the OWB Community Gathering on **Saturday, April 6 from 10AM to 12PM at the MLK Event Center, located at 312 Chestnut Street!** We'll be discussing upcoming OWB projects and recent developments in our community. Visit <https://ourwestbayfront.org/events/community-gathering-2024/> to learn more and RSVP!

SAVE THE DATE

## Erie Spiritual Coalition

The Erie Spiritual Coalition is an organization that 'strives to bridge the gap between people, organizations, and government by advocating for policies that foster human flourishing and thriving communities.'



They recently met at a number of community locations, including the MLK Event Center. Their current focus is a draft of a Tenants' Bill of Rights for the City of Erie and to raise awareness about Erie's use of federal Department of Housing and Urban Development grant funds. To learn more about the organization details and how to get involved, please visit

[cathedralofstpaul.org/erie-spiritual-coalition/](http://cathedralofstpaul.org/erie-spiritual-coalition/)

## Benevolent Beers 2024

Fight the winter blues, enjoy some local craft beers, and meet new neighbors and friends at Benevolent Beers on **Thursday, March 21 from 5 to 8PM at Erie Ale Works, located at 416 West 12th Street!** We're teaming up with our neighborhood brewery, Erie Ale Works, where every sale rung between 5 and 8PM will provide a donation to OWB to help us continue our work. There'll be a 50/50 raffle, raffle baskets, and exclusive OWB and Gridley Park Eclipse shirts from Lake Erie Variety!



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