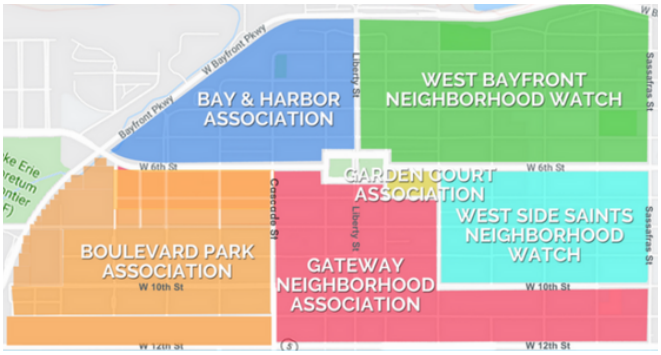
OUR WEST BAYFRONT

November, December 2024

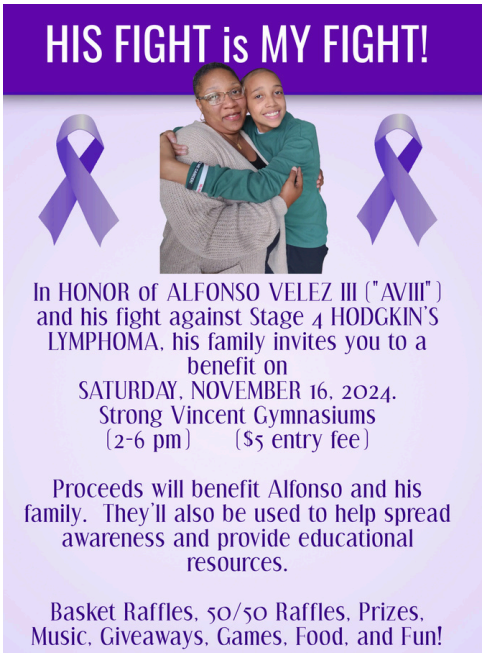
Neighborhoods in action to build a better bayfront community.

Connect With Your Neighborhood Group



Did you know Our West Bayfront is made up of six neighborhood associations? These groups connect neighbors with each other and community resources as they work to identify neighborhood assets, needs, and ways to further build community. Neighborhood associations are determined by location, shown on the map above. **To learn more and get connected with your neighborhood group, please visit our website at ourwestbayfront.org/neighborhood-resources/#associations or contact Starla Cochenour at (814) 871-7976 or starla@ourwestbayfront.org.**

His Fight is Our Fight



One of our young neighbors, Alfonso, and his family are asking for help fundraising for the cost of his medical treatment in his fight against Stage 4 Hodgkins Lymphoma. To help raise funds and spread awareness, they are putting on a night filled with fun and activities at Strong Vincent on Saturday, November 16th from 2pm-6pm.

You can help by putting together and donating baskets for their raffle. If you would like to donate, please drop off baskets to Strong Vincent before November 15th.

Please reach out to Katrina Byrd with questions at kbyrd@eriesd.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit ourwestbayfront.org for more details

Fundraiser for Alfonso Velez III
Saturday, November 16
Strong Vincent Gymnasium | 2pm - 6pm

Erie Handmade Fair
Saturday, November 30
Erie Family Center | 10am - 5pm

Downtown d'Light Trolley Stop
Friday, December 6
Gridley Park | 4:45pm - 5:45pm

OWB Holiday Open House
Thursday, December 12
404 W 8th St | 4pm - 6pm

Donate to OWB on Giving Tuesday, December 3, 2024!

Volunteer Spotlight

Our spotlight is shining on our fantastic PorchFest organizers Chuck Nelson, Dave Tamulonis, and Marissa Litzenberg! Over the past few years, this group has worked together to organize the event. This year, they coordinated the biggest PorchFest yet with 26 local bands and porches for an afternoon full of music and community. **Thank you, Chuck, Dave and Marissa for organizing such a great event year after year!**

Fall Events Wrap-Up

We've been having fun all over the West Bayfront neighborhoods this fall! September 28th marked our 5th annual PorchFest! Local bands performed on porches across the West Bayfront neighborhoods. Meanwhile neighbors gathered in Gridley Park for refreshments provided by Erie Ale Works before they hopped on the trolley to visit their favorite musical acts.

PorchFest,
September 28th

Eeerie Fall Fest,
October 19th

We had a be-witch-ingly good time on October 19th with Eeerie Fall Fest in Gridley Park. We were joined by 15 community partners and had roughly 900 people in attendance. Fall festivities included a candy parade, horse drawn carriage rides, activities and more. Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy fall in the Our West Bayfront.

We look forward to seeing you again at our Open House on December 12th!

Shop West Bayfront Businesses

With Small Business Saturday right around the corner, be sure to shop local on Saturday, November 30 and every day to support your neighbors. For a full list of local businesses in the West Bayfront, visit **ourwestbayfront.org/companies.**

If your business is located in the West Bayfront and would like to be included in the list, please contact **Starla Cochenour at starla@ourwestbayfront.org or by calling (814) 871-7976.**

Ring a Royal for Walkway Care

Neighbors in need of help keeping their walkways and yards clear this winter can connect with parents and guardians of students looking for small jobs through the Ring a Royal program.

Neighbors, parents/guardians, and students, 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 starla@ourwestbayfront.org or by calling (814) 871-7976.**

Cranberry Street Light Update

Construction began in September on PennDOT's Cranberry Street and Bayfront Parkway intersection project. So far, new sidewalks have been installed and crosswalks have been painted. Looking forward, we can expect to see the addition of pedestrian crossing and traffic signals to help regulate traffic flow and pedestrian safety. These improvements are expected to be installed and operational in December of this year. The remainder of the project is scheduled to be completed in 2025. **For more information, please visit the PennDOT's website at www.penndot.pa.gov/bayfrontparkwayproject or listen to their "Let's Talk Bayfront" series on YouTube.**

Thank you to our major partners and supporters!