

Moving OWB Forward

It's been a while and we have so much to share!

Since our last newsletter in February, Our West Bayfront has been hard at work. We have welcomed new staff members, celebrated the completion of important housing projects, expanded programs and events, and continued building meaningful partnerships throughout our community.

We also launched **Our West Bayfront Forward**, a community-driven planning process that will help guide our work for the next decade. This is an exciting moment for OWB—a time to reflect on how far we have come, listen closely to our neighbors, and imagine together what is possible for the future of the West Bayfront.

While we may have been quiet in your inbox, we have been anything but quiet in the community. Our team, volunteers, residents, partners, and supporters have been showing up in countless ways, and we are incredibly grateful for the energy and commitment that continue to move this work forward.

We are excited to reconnect, catch you up on what has been happening, and share a glimpse of what is ahead.

Thank you for being part of the Our West Bayfront community and for believing in the power of neighbors working together.

The best is truly yet to come.

With gratitude,

Gretchen



Upcoming Events

National Night Out – Tuesday, August 4

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Gridley Park

Join neighbors, first responders, local organizations, and community partners as we celebrate community, safety, and neighborhood pride. We hope to see you there!

29th Annual GIVE DAY – Fall Clean Up

Saturday, September 19

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join neighbors and our partners at Gannon University to clean up our neighborhoods.

PorchFest – Saturday, September 26

12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

One of the West Bayfront's favorite traditions returns this fall! Front porches become stages as local musicians fill our neighborhood with music, creativity, and community.

Watch our website and social media for event updates and announcements.

Erie Gives – Tuesday, August 11

Midnight to Midnight



Please consider making a gift during Erie Gives. Every donation—large or small—helps move our mission forward.

Visit www.eriegives.org and search for Our West Bayfront to give online!





Community Voices. Shared Vision. Collective Action.

The next decade of Our West Bayfront begins now—and we need your voice to help shape it.

Our West Bayfront Forward is a community-driven planning process that will guide OWB's future priorities and investments.

Together, with r.plan, we will explore priorities related to:

- Housing and neighborhood development
- Parks, public spaces, and infrastructure
- Small businesses and commercial corridors
- Safety, walkability, and transportation
- Arts, culture, and neighborhood identity

Help Shape the Next Decade

Look for upcoming community conversations, surveys, and volunteer opportunities.

Share your voice. Help move Our West Bayfront forward.



Building Homes. Building Community.

702 Raspberry Street — Complete!

This historic mixed-use property now has two affordable apartments and a first-floor commercial space.

811 West 7th Street — Complete!

Volunteers and partners transformed a vacant property into a quality affordable home.

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE:

Saturday August 8 from 1 - 4 PM. All are welcome!

Coming Next: 649 Downing Court

A vacant home purchased from the Erie Land Bank will be rehabbed into another affordable housing opportunity.

STAFF UPDATES - Welcome new team members



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