



# Toledo Harbor Lighthouse Society

## Winter 2019-20 Newsletter

[www.toledolighthouse.org](http://www.toledolighthouse.org)

Toledo Harbor Lighthouse Society 1750 Park Rd. #2, Oregon, Ohio 43616

**JOIN US at the  
Christmas  
Gathering  
December 5th**  
Pay at gathering  
Online Reservations  
Link at  
[toledolighthouse.org](http://toledolighthouse.org)  
Or Text No.  
Attending  
And name  
To Brenda at 419-  
466-4967

### Toledo Lighthouse Calendar

Meetings at 7 pm last  
Thursday at  
Maumee Bay Lodge.  
Location at front desk.

### TOLEDO LIGHTHOUSE MEETINGS 2020

Next meeting  
Annual Meeting  
January 30, 2020 (Note  
meetings are last  
Thursday – this is the  
5<sup>th</sup> Thursday in  
January)

### KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Please help the  
lighthouse  
Kroger Community  
Rewards. Sign up on  
line-no loss of gas  
points. There is a new  
number that can be  
accessed online

## JOIN US for the 13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TOLEDO LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTMAS GATHERING DEC. 5<sup>th</sup> at MAUMEE BAY LODGE

Join in celebrating our great Toledo Lighthouse at the annual Christmas Gathering with:

- Christmas Music Clay High Varsity Voices
- Coordinating Restoration Grant - Lucas County Doug Borne & Jeff Lohse
- Wrap up of 2019 Sandy Bihn. President

More Information:

- Open to the public- Social Time at 6 pm - Dinner at 6:30
- The cost is \$10 per person pay when you come but please register on web site, or call Brenda at 419-466-4967, or email [bsayer10487@gmail.com](mailto:bsayer10487@gmail.com). Also contact Brenda if you can help at the event.
- Dinner is chicken, salad, potatoes, vegetable, roll and beverage.  
**PLEASE BRING APPETIZER OR DESSERT**
- Wonderful silent auction. Bring a donation or contact Pat Price at 419-350-1650 or email [watcher725@aol.com](mailto:watcher725@aol.com)
- Lighthouse Merchandise including Christmas cards and ornaments. Call Marilyn at 419-215-4260 for information

The lodge at Maumee Bay is always beautifully decorated for the holidays. Hope to see you at the Gathering!

## TOLEDO LIGHTHOUSE - CHRISTMAS - GATHERING 50-50 RAFFLE

Enclosed are the 50-50 raffle tickets. The tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. The average for the past five years is around \$500. You need not be present to win. The 50-50 drawing is at the music break around 8:00 pm. Checks should be made to the Toledo Lighthouse Society and sent to Toledo Lighthouse Society 1750 Park Rd.#2, Oregon, Ohio 43616. Thanks for any tickets you may purchase to help the lighthouse.

## 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TOLEDO LIGHTHOUSE FESTIVAL JULY 11 & 12, 2020

...**Save the Dates**

The 2020 festival promises to be the best ever. The first phase of the restoration should be underway. So, it will be fun to take boat rides around the lighthouse to get a view of the work. The Saturday night concert will feature a jam session with the Junkanoo team, Johnny Rodriguez and others. Throughout the day there is music by the American Legion and Polish bands, Steel Drums, Bob Wurst, Andrew the Magician and other local favorites. The festival features over fifty artists and crafters with many nautical and lighthouse items. It is great to sit in the Amphitheatre overlooking Lake Erie and the inland lake.

## TOLEDO LIGHTHOUSE ANNUAL MEETING BOARD ELECTIONS JANUARY 30, 2020

The annual Toledo Lighthouse organizational meeting will be held at the regular meeting January 30, 2020. If you are interested in being on the board please contact one of the nominee committee members: Carol Lampkowski at 419-340-6474 or Sandy Bihn at 419-691-3788. If you have any agenda items for the annual meeting please email/call Sandy Bihn at 419-367-1691 [sandylakeerie@aol.com](mailto:sandylakeerie@aol.com).

**PHASE ONE RESTORATION \$600,000 PROJECT - \$500,000 GRANT UPDATE**

First huge thanks to the Ohio Department of Transportation, TMACOG, Lucas County, Genoa Bank, Duket Architects and Poggemyer for the efforts and coordination to complete the requirements for the first phase of the lighthouse restoration to go to bid this fall with bids due November 4, 2019. There was an onsite visit in October with 18 government and officials. Architects and contractors seeing the lighthouse and learning more about the project.

The project is to tuck the brick and ensure structural integrity, install the first story windows and shutters, and to fix/replace/restore the doors. Construction should be in the summer of 2020. Unfortunately, the bids came in over the estimates. There are discussions to rescope the base bid to add alternates so that the base bid will be within the project budget. The bidding project has alternate bids for windows on the second and third floors which allows the opportunity for additional funding as part of this phase one project.

This is to be completed with rebidding in January. The project must be authorized for construction with dollars committed by July 1 to keep the \$500,000 grant. Cleveland Cliffs is providing a \$20,000 grant for the project.

A match of \$138,519 is required. Genoa Bank has agreed to a loan for the match amount. The first-floor windows and shutters were purchased with funds raised by the 'My Lighthouse Window Project', memberships and the festival.

Thanks to all who have bought naming rights for the windows and who are supporting the lighthouse.

**OHIO CAPITAL BUDGET 2020 for FUNDING REST OF TOLEDO LIGHTHOUSE****RESTORATION ESTIMATED AT \$1.5 million**

Working to get funding for most of the restoration in the 2020 Ohio Capital Improvement budget. Help wanted.

Suggestions call Sandy at 419-367-1691.

**TOLEDO LIGHTHOUSE FRESNEL LENS MAUMEE BAY STATE PARK NATURE CENTER**

The original 3.5 order Fresnel Lens is located in the Nature Center at Maumee Bay State Park. O.D.N.R. is doing a great job of displaying the Fresnel Lens. Check hours at the Nature Center to see. Anyone seeing the lens or observing the lighthouse from the shore can get a Toledo Lighthouse stamp. Email [sandylakeerie@aol.com](mailto:sandylakeerie@aol.com) for information.

**'My Toledo Lighthouse Step' you/your families name permanently in the Toledo Lighthouse – funds will help with Restoration**

A plaque with your name on one of nearly 100 steps in the Toledo Lighthouse. Range of costs for dedicated steps is \$350 to \$700.

Please email or call Dan at 419-787-0711, email [dhalloh@comcast.net](mailto:dhalloh@comcast.net). Getting a step will help with restoration

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Toledo Lighthouse 2020 Calendar**

This year's calendar is of Lake Erie Lighthouses and is under construction. All those making end of year donations of \$25 or more will receive a calendar. Calendars available for purchase. \$10 each plus postage. Call/email Sandy 419-367-1691 [sandylakeerie@aol.com](mailto:sandylakeerie@aol.com).

**2020 TOLEDO LIGHTHOUSE PRESENTATION TO YOUR CIVIC ORGANIZATION**

Want to have a Toledo Lighthouse presentation in 2020, the year that the restoration begins? The history of the Toledo Lighthouse and the Toledo shipping channel is a fascinating shipping/Lake Erie story. History tells us that there was a jagged channel to get from Lake Erie via Maumee Bay to the Maumee River. Originally there were light stations and the Turtle Island Lighthouse to help with navigation. Eventually the shipping channel was straightened and the Toledo Lighthouse was constructed on a crib at the intersection of Maumee Bay and Lake Erie.

The Toledo Lighthouse construction was stalled because of cost overruns. The lighthouse was almost destroyed in the 1980's but was saved by lighthouse enthusiasts. Schedule a presentation by calling Sandy at 419-691-3788, email [sandylakeerie@aol.com](mailto:sandylakeerie@aol.com) or text 419-367-1691.

For membership, window or step information call Dan at 419-787-0711 or email to [dhalloh@comcast.net](mailto:dhalloh@comcast.net)

Toledo Lighthouse Society is an all-volunteer nonprofit 501c3 organization to promote and restore the Toledo lighthouse. Members get updates and newsletters on the Toledo Lighthouse. The restored Toledo Lighthouse will have four 'keepers' that will be at the lighthouse in season to welcome boaters and tourists. A restored Toledo Lighthouse will be positive for Lake Erie and an economic boost to the region.

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