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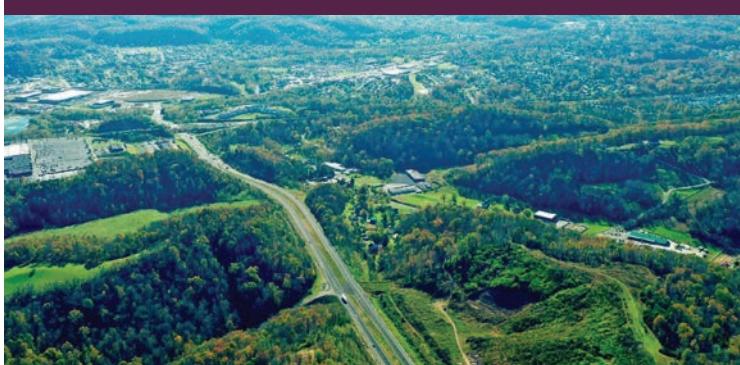
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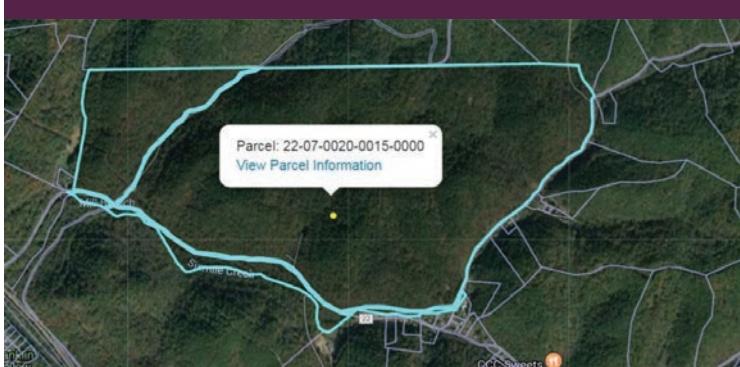
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Looking Back ...AT EAST END APARTMENT BUILDINGS

By: M. Lynne Squires



From the late 1800s through mid-century, the East End of Charleston was populated with grand two and three-story single-family homes. Tucked in between these on nearly every block were equally impressive apartment buildings. Built to blend into the neighborhood, these buildings were generally no more than four stories in height.

Architectural styles were as varied as the neighboring houses. All had interior elements that make them as desirable today as they were when they were first built. Not often found in newer structures, they all had a few, if not all of these elements: hardwood floors, ceramic tiled baths, entryways with built-in mailboxes, telephone alcoves, transom windows,

balconies, awnings, eat-in kitchens, large rooms, fireplaces, crown molding, and large windows.

Most of the buildings were named: The Belvedere, Aracoma Apartments, Summerfield Apartments, Cavalier Apartments, The Argonne, Chateau, Potterfield, and more.

As always, a picture is worth a thousand words. Enjoy some of the apartment gems in Charleston's East End.

December will bring a look back at the Mattie V. Lee Home.

Email your responses about the East End Apartment Buildings, or requests for locations you'd like Looking Back to visit to thewriter@mlynne.com.

Squires' book *Looking Back at Charleston* is a compilation of 24 essays and color photos from her column and is available on Amazon. Visit www.mlynne.com.



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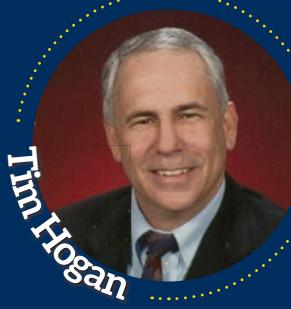


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MONTGOMERY.

Warm, inviting and move-in ready, this home would be perfect for a first time home-buyer or someone wanting to downsize. Has 2 bedrooms with the possibility of a third, off-street parking for 2 cars and a fenced yard.

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SMITHERS.

4 BR, 4 BA brick home w/a 45' x 28' family/media room. Has det gar + carport & original HW under carpet. Also on the property is a home that can be purchased separately. Brand new roofs installed in December. Must see.

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SMITHERS.

Lovely 3 BD brick rancher with full bsmt. Updated kitchen. Nice pool for entertaining. Property has large garage apartment with tons of storage, parking for your car and potential rental income to help make the mortgage payments.

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Charming 3 bedroom house in the front of South Hills. Short walk to Bridge Road restaurants and shops. Updated throughout, including finished basement, new paint inside/outside, new HVAC, new front door/garage door - plus more! Excellent school district.



Quality Fredrick-built Williamsburg style home front of South Hills historic details 4 bedrooms 3 full baths, hardwood floors, 11 80-inch windows & crown molding on main floor, master bedroom, large living room, formal dining room w/ French doors to covered porch, family room; eat in kitchen & large downstairs recreation area done in tongue in groove pine boards; 2 wood burning fireplaces, award winning school district, 6min drive to downtown, walk to Sunrise carriage trail & South Hills shops.



Front of the hill with classic styling best describes this lovely 3 bed 3 bath home with over 2300 sq. Ft. Of living space. This coveted neighborhood is just minutes from downtown charleston, south charleston, and is located in the south hills school district. This home boasts one-of-a-kind stone patios and walkways, original hardwoods, elegant woodwork, updated kitchens and baths, 2 wood burning fireplaces with a cozy den/office and so much more! First American home warranty provided!!



WOW FACTOR! Built like a tank, steel floor joists/subfloors, beamed vaulted ceilings, exposed brick. Magazine worthy tiered deck w/hot tub and PRIVACY. Beautiful landscaping w/large fenced yard. 3 car garage w/ workshop! Check out garage photos. Unbelievable kitchen. Designer Darin Fisher upscale master bath. Located in desirable neighborhood 1/2 mile from Holz and 5 minutes to downtown. Substantial list of improvements available. RARE FIND!



Beautiful 1 owner home in the heart of So Hills. Open floor plan w/ first floor master ensuite. Kitchen updated in 2015 w/ granite counters, 2 sinks, warming drawer, & bar seating. Lower level includes full bar w/ fridge, ice maker, & dishwasher! Covered back porch w/ built in gas grill looking toward a waterfall w/ a fire feature on both sides. Heated driveway to an oversized two car garage finished w/ epoxy flooring & cabinets for storage. Don't miss this house & all it offers!



Nestled in front of the hill- quiet, private yard. Screened porch/patio, cherry hardwood floors-large rooms-Jake Dudley built- large storage areas-workshop area-large entry foyer opens to large windows in living area-mature professional landscaping-front porch-multiple closet areas-quality built.



Beautifully maintained classic brick home offering 4 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, and 2 half baths. Darin Fisher kitchen with subzero fridge, double ovens, 5 burner gas stove, and granite/marble counters. Custom-built bookshelves and bar with ice maker, and built-in wine fridge. Updated hardwood floors, baths, windows, and roof. Ample storage throughout the house, including a spacious family room and laundry/storage room in the lower level and floored attic storage.



One of Charleston's most beautiful and prestigious homes. Everything in perfection in this custom built classic overlooking the capital dome. Private swimming pool with his and her's locker rooms, bonus kitchen in the basement with the family room, multiple garages all setting on over 3 acres and too many amenities to list



Spacious 1 story in Kanawha City. Well-kept home in immaculate condition, this house features an impressive floor plan with 3 bedrooms and 3 full baths on main floor, open living and dining room. Large updated kitchen with newer appliances. Family room off of kitchen with wet bar and built-ins. Rec room and office in lower level. Also includes oversized attached 2 car garage and whole house generator.



One floor living. Updated throughout! Refinished hardwood floors. Remodeled baths. Master Suite on main. Fireplace in Living Room. Access to deck from Formal Separate Dining Room. Finished lower level with Rec Room and 3rd bedroom. Oversized 2 car garage.



Great South Hills location, close to Downtown and Kanawha City, Recreation and shopping. 3 levels of open living space, Newly updated kitchen LG appliances. Large Master with deck overlooking Downtown Charleston and State Capitol. 3 Bedroom 2 Full and 2 half baths. Fully finished basement setup for entertaining with plenty of space for pool table. Media room with access to deck. Updated electrical and security system.



Renovated home in South Charleston offers GW school district. House offers 5 brs, including 2 on the main floor. Refinished HW floors and freshly painted throughout. Entire upper level updated & insulated w/ full bath. Lower level also features full bath & rec along w/ BR . Updates include electric, new roof and siding. HVAC/furnace, central duct work replaced & new windows throughout. Recently built covered back deck.

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PINCH - Home sits on 2 acres and was recently updated with almost new everything including, kitchen, baths, flooring, HVAC, hot water tank, plumbing, and gutters. 3 bed rooms, 2 full baths, partially finished basement which includes den, bonus room, utility room and full bath.

\$189,900



SOUTH CHARLESTON - 3 bed room 2.5 baths with many beautiful updates including, all new kitchen, new baths, new windows, etc. Hardwood floors, ceramic tile and carpet. New private deck on rear. Roof less than 5 years old. Close to all amenities in around the Southridge area. This one won't last long.

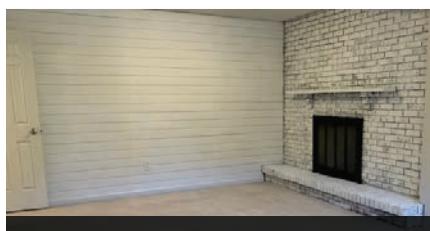
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GREAT OPPORTUNITY - one-story brick and stone rancher. 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA. New flooring and new paint in some rooms. Beautiful cathedral ceiling in the formal LR. The FR has a wet bar and built-in bookshelves with a stone fireplace, new roof to be installed. great opportunity. **\$269,900** MLS 244659



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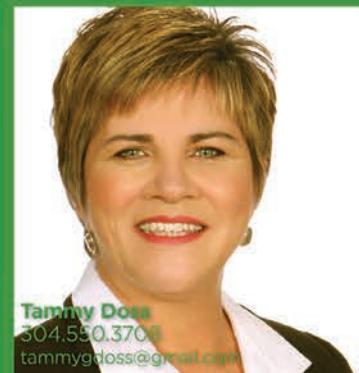


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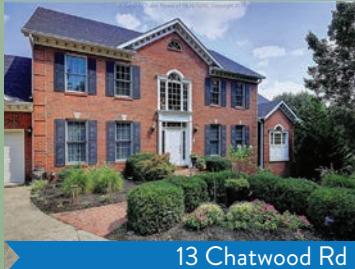
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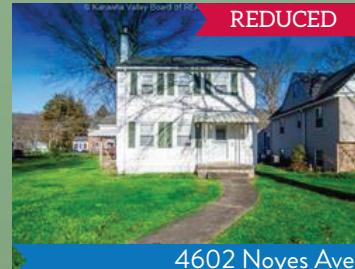
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NESTLED IN SOUTH HILLS. Close to shops & downtown Charleston, the 1896 Whitney Farm House & Carriage House w/ an add'l 780 sq ft, enjoys convenience while secluded in a private, natural setting. This classic gem w/ heart-pine flrs, glass cabinetry from original windows, stonework, gardens, expansive yard, & wrap-around porches. The interior offers recently renovated kitchen, bath, & laundry rooms feat Winchester English & French Tile, high-end appliances, & marble counters.

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WILD AND WONDERFUL AT ITS FINEST! This breath-taking contemporary/rustic, 3 bed, 3 & 1/2 bath home sits on 30 acres, offering an array of decks & walkways. You can find yourself standing on beautiful rock formations overlooking the care-taker home, barns & pasture lands along Davis Creek. Boasting quality throughout, some features include standing seam roof, over-sized copper gutters, wrought iron & stainless railings by Matt Wallace. A truly remarkable home.

\$35,000



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We're continually on the hunt for experiences that add richness to our lives. In the spirit of the revival of road trips, we are proud to feature a monthly section featuring destinations within driving distance of Charleston. We feel that our smart and savvy readers will find these trips interesting and entertaining.

TOLEDO, OH



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Driving five hours northwest of Charleston brings you to Toledo, Ohio. In 44 years of living in Charleston, I never considered Toledo a road trip destination, but wow, what a treat. You'll want to explore Toledo's internationally-known museums, beautiful parks, and noteworthy food scene. Here is what I recommend for your Toledo, Ohio weekend getaway.

WHAT TO SEE & DO IN TOLEDO

The best attraction (and it is free!) in Toledo, Ohio, is the Toledo Museum of Art, offering 45 galleries cram-packed with priceless works of art (30,000 items) in a massive space (great for social distancing). This beautiful venue showcases Degas, van Gogh, Rubens, and Picasso, to name a few. In a separate building, the state-of-the-art Glass Pavilion has glass-blowing demonstrations and a jaw-dropping renowned glass collection, one of the best in the world.



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Another free Toledo attraction is the mural scene. The Frida Kahlo, Love Wall, and Still Dreaming (MLK) are really great, so be sure to watch for them.

Toledo has the best and most sophisticated Metropark system I've seen anywhere in the country, with 14 parks in the Greater Toledo area that you have to see to believe. They include



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numerous botanical gardens, ornamental grasses, sculptures, and artisan villages. You can even dive into learning the arts at some of them, or camp and kayak.



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Weekend TRAVELER



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Learn what it is like to live on the Great Lakes at the National Museum of the Great Lakes, where displays, exhibits, and hands-on activities help better your understanding of this unique part of the country. You can also hop aboard the Col. James M. Schoonmaker and Tug Ohio docked outside of the museum, included in the admission price.

Sports enthusiasts will enjoy watching the Toledo Mud Hens, a minor-league baseball team, playing in a top-rated stadium. Or, see Toledo's professional hockey team, the Walleyes, at Huntington Center.

At the Hollywood Casino Toledo, enjoy gambling via slots, table games, and poker rooms in this eye-catching venue. Live entertainment is suspended due to COVID, but typically the live entertainment at Hollywood Casino Toledo is primo.

The Toledo Zoo is another big attraction to roam around and admire exotic animals (over 10,000) such as gorillas, giraffe, penguins, and polar bears.

WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK IN TOLEDO



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Toledo is a treasure trove for great eats that aren't pretentious and overpriced. Coffee and pastries are superb at Black Kite Coffee, in Toledo's Old West neighborhood. Try the Ohio Honey Lavender Latte, for something original, and a vegan cookie or coffee cake. Be sure to explore the 25 blocks of beautiful Victorian homes around the area.

Schmucker's is a Toledo institution with 20 gourmet pies and a menu full of comfort food favorites. Try the Hot Roast Beef Sandwich, with flavorful roast beef and mashed potatoes piled on white bread, then topped with a rich brown gravy. Yum! Chocolate-peanut butter pie is the best seller.



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Tony Packo's is another Toledo heavy hitter. Mentioned on the TV show MASH, this local eatery with six locations serves up Eastern European cuisine with dishes such as stuffed cabbage, Chicken Paprikas (the signature dish), and Hungarian hot dogs.



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I appreciated finding premium seafood and impeccable service at Real Seafood Co., where the Parmesan Encrusted Flounder with a lemon caper beurre blanc sauce was absolute perfection.



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At Maumee Bay Brewing Company, enjoy a wide variety of craft brews (12 on tap) and upscale pub grub from the Brew Pub on the second floor of the historic Oliver House. Grab handcrafted coffee and donuts for the ride home at Holey Toledough,

a gourmet donut shop.

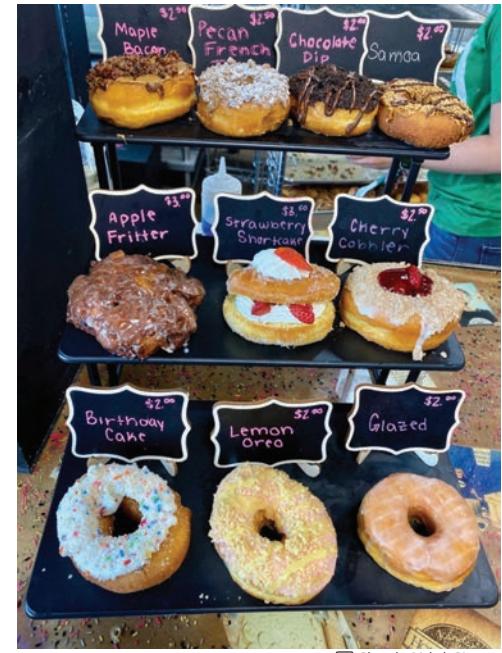


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WHERE TO STAY IN TOLEDO

My top pick for Toledo accommodations is Maumee Bay State Park, a 1300-acre property. Located on the Lake Erie shores, this state park is a special place, with affordable and comfortable lodge rooms and cabins, a long list of amenities, a golf course, nature gardens, and an onsite restaurant. Bicycle and nature trails are nearby.

A few minutes outside of Toledo, in nearby Swanton, sits Cannaley Treehouse Village in one of the Metro Parks. Enjoy a unique stay in a custom-built treehouse at this new venue, with four units that can sleep two to six persons. With perches in trees to pitch your tent above ground, tent platforms offer three other spaces for camping experiences. Guests share a common fire pit.



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TOLEDO FOR THE WIN!

Toledo, Ohio, is a fantastic place for a road trip and weekend getaway. This huge Ohio city has world-class attractions and has recently experienced a renaissance. You will be so glad to have discovered it.



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