



Welcome to July 2026

There is another chance to help with our Emapthy project from May and we see the return of the Kid's Movie and FREE PIZZA event in West Toledo. Check out the details later in this email

The Old West End Fest Ended Early Due to Gun Violence

Late on June 6th, about a mile from where we had our booth, a mass shooting took place injuring 12 people. Luckily no one was killed and no SHoWLE people were victims. The Sunday activities were canceled and will not be rescheduled.

SHoWLE thanks all our volunteers who helped staff our booth on June 6th.

More details about the incident can be found on our blog:

<https://humanistswle.org/2026/old-west-end-festival-ends-early-due-to-gun-violence.html>

Summer Picnic Was Almost Perfect

We had our summer picnic on June 20th at Wildwood Metropark. A good time was had by all. The weather was perfect except for some gusty winds that blew paper products around.

Thanks to all who attended and shared dishes.



News & Notes

Change in donation platform

Since we've been taking memberships and donations online through our website we have used a few tools to help with processing payments and donor information. We recently learned that the tools we use have been purchased by a company that will be ending the free tier of their product and charging users hundreds of dollars and added processing fees. SHoWLE just can't afford it so we are changing the tools we use.

We have now made the transition to Zeffy. It is a platform a few other AHA chapters use. The main benefit is it is totally free for us to use. Zeffy doesn't charge processing fees but you have the option to give a tip to them at the time you donate to keep the service free for us. Since they don't charge a fee then 100% of your donation and membership goes to SHoWLE.

Looking For Cash Donations

We are currently looking for cash donations to help fund our kid's movie and the visit from Fish Stark in September. We hope to have \$200 to help fund both events. If you are able please visit the following link to donate online:

<https://humanistswle.org/donate>

GoFundMe Funds

Most should be aware of Gofundme, the platform people and groups use to host fundraisers. Gofundme has started a program called Gofundme Fund where you set aside money in a virtual wallet then donate to fundraisers and groups you wish to support. This is where SHoWLE comes in.

We now have a group page on Gofundme. People who want to support a group in Toledo for example can do a search and find our page. Like people can do on Facebook, individuals can start fundraisers that will benefit SHoWLE like to celebrate a birthday. We may use the platform in the future to host our fundraisers but for now we have a regular home on the platform.

The payment processing isn't free for us but this is another avenue you can use to support SHoWLE especially if you use Gofundme often.

Here is a link to our page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/charity/secular-humanists-of-western-lake-erie>

Our address is changing

Soon, SHoWLE will be dropping our post office box and having chapter mail sent to Doug's house. Our address will be

[2541 Schroeder Ct](#)

[Toledo, OH 43613](#)

Please update your address books now.

How we protect your identity

For some people, it can cause personal or work issues if it is known you are a member of SHoWLE or attend our events. While we do have a general photo waiver policy: *attending our public meetings and events you grant SHoWLE the use of your image or likeness for promotion of the group and our mission* - we do understand and acknowledge that not every person in our group or who comes to our events are "out" has humanists or "heathens" or however your family would label you should they find out. We do our best to make sure people know we are taking pictures and you can let us know you don't want to be photographed. Also if we talk about members in a blog post or on our social media we purposely don't use full names. So if Sally Smith won the chili cook off we would just note that Sally won - or if there was more than one Sally we would use their last name initial. You can also let us know it is okay to use your full name in public but the default is not to do that.

We Have T-Shirts Available



We have a limited supply of SHoWLE T-shirts we got during the Here for Good Campaign last year. You can order them using our website form:

<https://humanistswle.org/donations/showle-t-shirt-sale>

Price for all shirts is **\$20** each and if you want it mailed to you then it is an **extra \$6 for shipping**. Once you buy a shirt we can arrange a meetup to get the shirt or you can pick it up at a meeting if you want to save shipping costs.

You can also pay for it using cash or check. [Use our contact form](#) or send us an email with a request for number of shirts and the size and we will get back to you

Quantities are limited

Members Stuff

Update Your Profiles

Members can update their profiles on our website. When you joined the group there were options to choose like if you wanted to be in a future directory, if you wanted to be texted reminders, and if you were in the AHA. There is also a box to add the names of others covered under your Household membership for those who have them.

All of that information can be changed on your profile at anytime.

<https://humanistswle.org/register/edit-your-profile>

A video showing how to use the member page is here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HCzPyPtgUk0>

Photo Waiver

Just a reminder that by attending our public meetings and events you grant SHoWLE the use of your image or likeness for promotion of the group and our mission. If you think it will be an issue for you please reach out to Douglas or a Board member before a meeting or event so we can be sure to avoid you and crop you out of published images. We do not use full names in public materials.

We've joined Walmart Spark for Good

Walmart recently launched Walmart Spark Good Round Up where customers can round up their purchases to the nearest dollar and donate the change to their favorite charity. We would love for you to choose us as your charity to receive these donations every time you shop on Walmart.com or in-store at Walmart.

<https://bit.ly/sparkhumanists>



Upcoming Events

Complete details can be found on our [Events Page](#). Unless noted, all meetings and events are free and open to the public

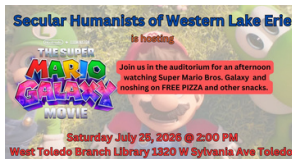


50 Kits, One Community, Endless Impact — Part 2

July 11, 2026 @1 PM
Bev's House 2133 Copley Dr.

On Saturday July 11 we will gather at Bev's House to complete the other 50 kits. If you helped on May 2nd and wish to help again feel free to show up and if you had wanted to help then but weren't able then please come by July 11th.

[Read more](#)



Kids Movie: Super Mario Galaxy

July 25, 2026 @2PM

West Toledo Branch Library **1320 W. Sylvania Ave,**

We return to the West Toledo Library Branch Auditorium for a kids movie and FREE PIZZA and other snacks.

[Read more](#)

We Have A Podcast - Glass City Humanist

Our latest episode of the Glass City Humanist podcast:



Episode 125: Why Our Best Defense Is a Bold, Joyful Positive Humanism

We have to deal with a lot of negativity as we scramble to protect our religious liberty but at heart Humanism is a progressive positive lifescance. Then we look at some of the religious liberty dumpster fires we have to manage before the midterm elections.

Have you donated to SHoWLE lately?

SHoWLE does operate with membership dues but we also encourage people to donate above and beyond their yearly dues if they can. We use donations to further our mission to educate the public about Humanism and build a Humanist community in the Greater Toledo NW Ohio area.

One use of donations is to pay for our booth space at the Old West End Festival which is about \$150 and we will be using donations for the coming visit of AHA Executive Director Fish Stark in September - for example, the venue cost \$100 to rent.

[If can help out, please donate today](#)

You can also send us a check or money order to SHoWLE [2541 Schroeder Ct Toledo, OH 43613](#)

Do you have an idea for an event?

Do you have an idea for an event or a speaker? Let us know about it. Your idea is more likely to happen if you give us a detailed sketch of what you have in mind. Just reply to this email and gives us the details.

For more information check out this page on our website:

<https://humanistswle.org/event-hosting>

Are you looking to be an activist as a Humanist?

Here are some helpful links to learn about activism on the national, state, and local level:

American Humanist Association Action HQ

<https://americanhumanist.org/actionhq/>

Americans United Action Network

<https://www.au.org/get-involved/au-action-network/>

American Atheists Activism

<https://www.atheists.org/activism/>

UUA Justice

<https://www.uua.org/action>

Ohioans Against Extremism

<https://ohagainstextremism.org/>

Honesty for Ohio Education

<https://www.honestyforohioeducation.org/>

Volunteer with Equality Toledo

<https://equalitytoledo.org/volunteer/>

Toledo Troublemakers

<https://redwineblue.controlshift.app/groups/toledo-troublemakers>

Toledo Persists

<https://www.facebook.com/ToledoPersists/>

Note SHoWLE is a 501 3(c) charity and does not endorse candidates for elective office.

Our Mission:

The mission of the Secular Humanists of Western Lake Erie is to provide a supportive local community for humanists and other nontheists, while promoting an ethical, reasonable, and secular approach to life through education, community service, outreach, activism, and social events.

We envision a Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan where secular people are respected and integrated in broader society, live values of reason and compassion, and enjoy a friendly humanist community.

Join or Donate to the Group

Are you a member?

Joining the Secular Humanists of Western Lake Erie gets you the following benefits:

- A monthly meeting with like minded people
- Ability to guide and vote on the direction of the group
- Serve in leadership positions and on our Board of Directors
- Discounts on sponsored events and group merchandise
- Regular communications about meetings, events, and other topics of interest to the group before the general public
- Most importantly, you will gain the opportunity to make your voice heard and know that you are part of a greater movement working for the values we share.

We have two membership plans:

\$20 for an Individual

\$30 for a Household (two or more people at the same address)

Visit <https://humanistswle.org/join-our-group> to join online or get information to join by postal mail. We also have a fixed income level available on our join page if needed.

You can donate to the Secular Humanists of Western Lake Erie

Please help us provide a supportive local community for humanists and other nontheists, while promoting ethical and reasonable secular world views through education, community service,

outreach, activism, and social events.

Donate on Line

You can also donate by sending a check or money order to:

Secular Humanists of Western Lake Erie
2541 Schroeder Ct
Toledo, OH 43613

Donations are tax deductible.

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