



West Salem Neighborhood Newsletter

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Downtown Living with a Small Town Feel

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Neighborhood Watch has noticed an increase in car break-ins and home break-ins. We want neighbors to know that these crimes as well as others have not gone unnoticed and are being addressed with the Police Department. We want to thank all neighbors who have taken part in making calls to the Police department to report suspicious persons as well as crimes they have witnessed taking place.

The neighborhood association website has the Police call report log by week as well as the arrest reports. We encourage everyone to review this report weekly as you may notice a pattern at times as well as what is going on around you.

Our best defense against crime is prevention, however, this is not always enough. Please do not keep valuables in your car, not even loose change. If you do not have an alarm on your house or your car, you might want to invest in one. If you have an alarm installed in your car, make sure the alarm will go off if the door is pried open as well as if the windows are broken out. Some alarms will not go off if only windows are broken out.

The Neighborhood Watch is also aware of certain "hot spots" are in the neighborhood and is being addressed with the Police Departments assistance. There is a direct correlation between the increased crime and illegal drug use within the neighborhood. One thing to remember is crime has increased throughout the City, not just our neighborhood. We all need to be accountable for being good neighbors and to continue to maintain a strong relationship with the Police Department and assist them with as much information as possible. It is important that we give them as much details as you can, the Police don't live next door, we do.

It's easy to point out what is wrong, but it is not so easy to point out a solution. We would like for everyone to become active neighbors and for every problem, also offer a solution or a game plan to address these concerns.

Please come out to our Neighborhood monthly meetings, the 1st Tuesday of every month and let's work together as neighbors should. If you are not part of the Neighborhood Watch, please come to the February meeting and share your contact information with us, we will be happy to add you to our list of contacts. At the February monthly meeting, a pamphlet will be available for neighbors that contains strategies to help us prevent crime.

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WSPD Web - New Resource

The police department has rolled out a new resource we want to tell you about. The URL below will take you to a new site that allows citizens to get information from the police: <http://www.wspdp2c.org/p2c/>.

The goal for the site is to allow citizens of Winston-Salem to view police records, search for specific incidents, get crash reports, and submit an online report in an easy and simple manner.

We are also working directly with the police to get a single point of contact for neighbor's concerns as well as a location for accountability for resolution and assistance problems. Keep vigilant in watching what is going on. We have a great opportunity to improve the safety in our neighborhood to help keep the small town feel that we have worked hard to create. We have been asked to provide pictures of the park before and after, as well as information and photographs about our advocacy. If you have some information that you would like included in our dossier for either award, please get them to me as quickly as you can. We have to have our information to the awards jury by February 1st

We waste precious hours fearing the inevitable.

It would be wise if we spent this time adoring our families, cherishing our friends and living our lives.

Maya Angelou

Evaluating Neighborhoods

Some time ago, here in front of our home on Montgomery Street, we had parked one of our cars overnight. The next morning, the passenger side window was smashed in, a concrete block was lying on the floor along with chunks of glass. Missing from the car was our son's book bag. The books were not taken. The young culprit was soon found and turned over to the courts.

That book bag had cost us about \$1 at the Goodwill Store. Repairing the window cost our insurance company tens of dollars and the car was in the shop for parts of two days.

The worst thing for us was having the jitters for months about leaving our cars out at night for fear that vandalism or something worse would happen again.

Not too long after all this happened, our "daughter" (she had sort of adopted us as her parents) asked us why we wanted to stay where we were here in West Salem. She and her husband had just bought a house in a somewhat upscale suburb on the edge of the city. Our answer was that we liked it here and had no desire to move. She listed how bad the neighborhood must be here in the "inner city," citing the possibility of drug users, muggers and prostitutes.

We changed the subject, not wanting to start any kind of debate since we knew we wouldn't convince her anyway. A few months later, we were vindicated. First, it turned out that her next door neighbor in the "burbs" was beating his wife who ran, screaming, on several occasions, to our daughter's house, usually at night, for refuge. Divorce ensued. Then, a very similar scenario played out, this time two doors the other way. A noisy divorce ensued. The coup de grace, however, came the night when a mass of police and federal agents showed up across the street. Their sirens and flashing lights in full evidence, they hauled the neighbor, complete with his loot and his arsenal, to prison for his Mafia activities.

West Salem took on a warm, neighborly glow. A stolen book bag paled to insignificance.

A neighborhood is its people, upscale or not.

Frank Hartwig



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UPCOMING FUND-RAISING

ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

We plan to have an arts and crafts fair later this year and want to make sure that everyone from the neighborhood wishing to participate has an opportunity. We anticipate some food vendors, some musicians, and arts and crafts display vendors.

There will be 4 ft, 6 ft, and 8 ft tables available. If you are interested in being a vendor at this event, please contact Steven Shafer at stevenshafer@sprintmail.com or call 721-1049. We will be opening this up to craft guilds and other local artisans, musicians, and food vendors.

FLOCKING FUND-RAISER

We will also be having a 'flocking' fund-raiser. Flocks of 20 to 25 flamingos would appear on one's yard overnight. There will be information accompanying the "flock" so the "flocked" neighbor will know how to have the flock removed. There is a \$15 charge to have the flock removed. However, for an additional \$7 you can have the flock directed to another yard. Flock insurance is available for the low cost of \$12 for those who wish to stay flock free for the duration of the fund-raiser.

This is a humorous opportunity for us to have a good time and raise money for our neighborhood at the same time. This fund-raiser will help fund our summer activities, such as Music in the Park – On the Road, the Fourth of July block party, and National Night Out.

MacIntoshes Nominated for 2008 Heritage Awards

Jeff and Susan MacIntosh have been restoring some of our old homes on Franklin street and have done a wonderful job! One of the homes was just bought by a new homeowner—a new West Salem neighbor!

For their efforts, the MacIntoshes have been nominated by the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission for the 2008 Heritage Awards. The winner will announced on May 7. They received two nominations.

The first nomination was for their two properties located on Franklin Street, 1027 and 1030. This nomination recognizes the efforts on the part of the MacIntoshes in rehabilitating the exterior and interior of their houses in a sensitive manner that respects its architectural details.

The second nomination is for the rehab of the Charles M. Taylor House located at 934 West Fifth Street. This rehabilitation has resulted in the sensitive adaptive reuse of a historic home into and office.

Jeff and Susan say, "We are very honored and excited about the nomination. Jeff and I remain committed to rescuing houses that simply need, "manpower, money and make up."

Granville Park Update

The city is working on the replacement for the children's playground. When we learn the date for the completion of the playground, we plan to have a park party to celebrate the new equipment. Watch future newsletters for details of this important celebration.

We believe that the new playground equipment will result in our park being used more by families in the neighborhood, thus decreasing criminal activity. If you would like specific information, please contact Steven Shafer at stevenshafer@sprintmail.com.

February Meeting of WSNA

Please try your best to attend our neighborhood meeting on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008 AT CHRIST MORAVIAN FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

Our guests for this month's meeting will be one or more representatives from the police department to answer questions, and discuss issues with us. We recognize that there may be some follow-up to this meeting later this year as our interactions with the police will increase.

We will also be discussing the new board appointees.

Finally, we will have some discussion about sidewalks, trash collection, bus routes, and pedestrian activities with a City representative from the City Department of Transportation.

Latham School is involved in a school project for a safe-path. With the new stadium and the increased activity at the Gateway, pedestrian activity will increase in our neighborhood. Please come prepared to discuss potential trash can locations, or cross walks that may need some updating/painting/lights.

West Salem Nominated for 2008 Heritage Awards

Congratulations neighbors! We have been nominated for two 2008 Heritage Awards. Created in 2006 by the Historic Resource Commission to recognize Forsyth County residents who are leading the way in the preservation field.

The first one is a nomination of Granville Park for the work of "both the neighborhood and the City in retaining this valuable natural resource within one of Winston Salem's historic district's West Salem." The second nomination is for "Advocacy in the preservation community." We are being recognized for our efforts over the last several years to recognize our historical significance and maintain the important qualities of such an area.



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Board of Advisors update

BEvery year we must thank our board members whose terms have expired, or whose life's situations have changed and have asked to resign from the board. The Association thanks Irma Jackson, Ellen Hendrix, and Patricia Olmstead for serving so diligently on the Board of Advisors. Normally at our February meeting we take time to discuss and vote on the board of advisors for the next year. Unfortunately our neighborhood has been plagued with criminal activity that needs our focus. As a result, we are going to postpone the discussion of the board members until our March Meeting. Just as a reminder, here is what our constitution mentions regarding our Board of Advisors.

“BOARD OF ADVISORS: There shall also be a Board of Advisors consisting of a minimum of five and a maximum of seven mature men and/or women age 21 or older. The Board of Advisors shall be recommended by the Officers and the Members of the Association and approved by a fifty-one percent (51%) majority vote of the Membership of the Association.

This Board shall serve in an advisory capacity and provide guidance to the officers of the organization. This Board shall be a rotating Board serving for three years. “

We are in the process of reaching out to nominated board members to ask if they are willing to serve on the board. If you have names that you would like to nominate for board membership, please contact Steven Shafer via email at steven.shafer@wachovia.com. One of the current officers will contact the nominated party and confirm ability and willingness to serve. We will vote on these board members in our March Meeting.

New Secretary

For the past year we have functioned without a secretary. Per the following information, Mike Anthony is being appointed to serve as the secretary of

the West Salem Neighborhood Association until the end of the year, which is the end of the current term.

“A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by appointment by the acting President and will run to the end of the current term.”

New neighbors and construction

There has been an increase in activity in the neighborhood with construction. Two new homes have been constructed on Hutton Street near Latham School. Also condominiums are under construction between Poplar Street and Marshall Street. Take a moment to look at these new homes. Also, if you have friends that would like to live in our great neighborhood, then make sure to let them know about these new locations. Also, if you see someone you don't recognize while out walking, take time to say hello and welcome to the neighborhood.

Crime Report for West Salem

Unfortunately we have seen an increase in criminal activity across the city, and West Salem has not gone unscathed. We cannot encourage you enough to call the police whenever you are aware of illegal activity. Make sure there is formal report taken ask for the report number.

As you are aware, we post weekly reports from the police department on police calls and arrests on the West Salem Neighborhood website, www.westsalemneighborhood.org, for your convenience. We encourage you to review regularly for trends.

One of our neighbors did some basic mapping using this information

and noticed some trends that have since been shared with police. You can find trends for your area of the neighborhood as well.

CRIME ALERT! The Winston Salem Police Department needs our help in reducing the car break-ins by assisting in locating a young white male, blondish-reddish-brown hair, usually wears a ball cap, about six feet tall, lean. He goes door to door asking for money for gas. If you see someone matching this description, please call 911. Be sure to ask for a call back so you can share the information you get with the neighborhood. You can call or email Steven Shafer and he will get the word out. (721.1049 or stevenshafer@sprintmail.com) Thanks!!

WEST SALEM'S FEBRUARY CALENDAR

If you would like to have a brief announcement of community activities published monthly in our newsletter, please call or email Steven Shafer.

Tuesday, 2/5, 7 PM

West Salem Neighborhood Association holds their first meeting of the new year. Representatives of the Winston-Salem Police Department will be our guests. Come out and let your voice be heard.

Tuesday, 2/12, 7 PM

West Salem Civic Club will celebrate Valentines' Day at their first meeting of the new year. You'll be entertained by Old Timey Music! So come on out, bring a snack and a Valentines' card and come prepared for fun! **EVERYONE'S INVITED!**





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FOR SALE: GIRL'S BIKE - 14" wheel Schwinn banana seat, wide handlebars, lavender, great ride, \$20. Call 777-0012

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JUST FOR FUN . . .

Puzzlers—Here are some vanity plates for to tickle your mind. Can you figure these out? Answers found at the bottom of this page.

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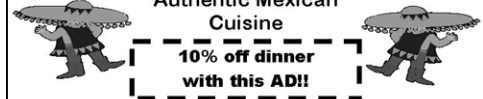
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