

HAPPY NEW YEAR, WEST SALEM!**Monthly Meeting, Monday, January 3, 2005**

Christ Moravian Church Fellowship Hall, Corner of Academy & Granville at 7:00 PM

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS . . .

West Salem Neighborhood's third annual **Winter Holiday Gathering** on December 6, was great fun! Over 70 people turned out to celebrate the holidays . . . and good food!! So many people stepped up to help make this a wonderful event, I'm sure to miss thanking everyone, but I'm going to try. Thank you: **Dee Perry** made dozens of phone calls. **Dan Houston** provided our music, **Judy Strickland** gathered and presented door prizes and arranged for recognition gifts for Dennis and Ginger Wiggins in appreciation for all they have done for West Salem over the past four years. **Joann Ackley** manned the registration table. **Carol Faley** provided the paper products and table cloths. **Mike Anthony** and **Barry Lyons** decorated the fellowship hall. **Gary Roberts** gave our benediction. **Bob Litaker, Dennis Wiggins, John Reed, Del Perry, Gary Roberts, Sarah Carter, Pat Thrift,** (and no doubt many others) stayed to clean up after the party. And **EVERYONE** brought delicious food!

Caroling returned to West Salem the evening of Winter Solstice! About a dozen folks came out to stroll the streets of West Salem lifting our voices in song for our residents. We strolled through Granville Place regaling the residents, down Holland, Shober, West, and Hunter, and finally returned to Carol Faley's for hot soup! We can't wait till next year!

West Salem Civic Club Activities**Civic Center is located on Hutton Street****Monthly Meeting**

Tuesday, January 11, 7 PM

Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, January 15, 4:30 PM

Bingo

Saturday, January 22, 7 PM

**Neighborhood Watch Tip**

Keep your doors and windows locked!

Winston Salem State University's Center for Community Safety has opened a computer lab on Fourth Street to help teachers, students and neighborhood groups look up crime and economic data.

The lab, paid for by grants from the Governor's Crime Commission and the Winston-Salem Foundation, has five computer workstations. People using the lab can do research using Geographic Information Systems technology, which can map such information as crime trends or the location of convicted criminals who have been released from prison.

The software also tracks and maps economic information, the location of major employers, churches and health-care centers. Currently, the center is in working on a project mapping the places where former prisoners now live in northeast Winston-Salem.

The center receives grants to bring community groups together with police to come up with ways to reduce crime.

The center will demonstrate the lab to neighborhood associations and such community groups as **CHANGE**.

A Change of Roles

Neighbors, you may know that (along with several other Protestant and Catholic therapists) I am among the Adjunct Clinicians at Trinity Center. With my recent completion of extra certification in conflict transformation, I am taking a "baby step" toward retirement—and no longer accepting counseling clients. My Trinity title is now *JustPeace Mediator*, specializing in family and faith community mediation. Please help me spread the word that there are alternatives to "Fight or Flight." Of course I remain a minister in connection with Green Street Church, and I value my connections with the West Salem community.

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The Housing Partnership has two (twin) brick houses (circa 1930) at 617 and 619 Hunter Avenue in the heart of West Salem that it wants to sell as owner occupied homes, special needs houses, or for investors. Will consider all serious offers.

Each house has over 1300 SF, LR, DR, K w/area for stack W/D, 2 BR and bath, an upstairs bonus room and storage and unfinished cellar and garage bay, deck, front porches, and one has a fenced yard.

One house is completely rehabbed with new kitchen, updated bath with claw foot tub and pedestal sink, mostly new electrical and plumbing & HVAC, new roof, new back deck, refinished hardwood floors, high ceilings with picture molding, freshly painted, new windows, rocking chair front porch, and firewall separation in the shared garage unit; the second house has the new roof, windows and refinished floors and some new electrical, but needs all cosmetic, kitchen, bath and HVAC updates. We were asking \$215,000 for both with one complete and the second "as is" but will consider all offers.

For eligible first time homebuyers, there is possible funding from the City Housing Assistance Program funds from \$4,000-\$12,000 depending on the income and size of the family and possibly other down payment assistance from other lenders. There is also the possibility of City funding for eligible buyers to complete the second house.



My goal, as a West Salem resident and realtor, is to provide you with the best in all professional real estate services – whether you are buying or selling a home. A member of the Coldwell-Banker Vintage Home Specialists Team, my special interest is older homes.

For a Comparative Market Analysis of your home or other real estate questions, please call!

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