



West Salem Neighborhood Newsletter

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Downtown Living with a Small Town Feel

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REPORT ON NEW STADIUM

As many of you know our neighborhood has had a couple of meetings with the mayor and the developer of the proposed baseball stadium. This report is an update to those meetings to make sure that everyone is well informed.



Our first meeting was held and carried on cable channel 14. We received a complete presentation on the plans for phase 1: the stadium and phase 2: retail shops, movie theater and potential grocery. All the pertinent information was also discussed in various articles in the Winston-Salem Journal. Visit <http://www.journalnow.com> for information on those articles.

There were some concerns voiced at the meeting of lighting, noise, and traffic. There were also concerns from our neighbors who must move as a result of the development. The mayor felt another meeting needed to be held with those specific neighbors on Watkins and Green Streets that must move.

At the second meeting monies were promised to the neighbors moving. This amount has changed since the meeting. Those affected are aware of the monies from the developer and monies/assistance from the city.

Lighting and noise from the stadium are designed to be less intrusive than the current stadium. Hopefully we will have little issues. [Other than the fireworks, of course.] As far as transportation issues, there are plans to accommodate traffic on Peter's Creek Parkway and Broad Street. However, the transportation department of the city had additional research to do, since there are plans to close Broad Street down to a two-lane road instead of the four lanes today. We also discussed keeping the Green Street Bridge as a pedestrian-only bridge to keep the connections of our neighborhood on both sides of business 40.

Please make sure to share with Molly Leight and the neighborhood leadership your feelings on the stadium. It is important that we are involved in the process to make sure that our concerns can be addressed in a timely manner.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVOLVEMENT

The Neighborhood Association is only as good as our participants. We have a number of committees that could use involved folks like you. Some are one-time events, while other committees are more involved. None should take more than one hour per week of your time. Here are a list of the committees: Beautification, Neighborhood Watch/Crime Prevention, Music in the Park, Fundraising, Activities, Easter Egg Hunt, July 4th, Halloween, Winter Pot-luck, Christmas Caroling, WOSHI/Housing Initiative.



Please contact a member of the leadership to get involved today.

And remember! You do not have to be a homeowner to be involved. Renters are neighbors too, and each and every one of us can play a part in making West Salem a great neighborhood! Join us!

Everyone is WELCOME!!

REPORT ON UDO 166

Neighbors were involved in the public meetings to discuss rooming houses and bed and breakfast inns located in Single Family zoning districts. There is a text amendment before the planning board that will amortize existing rooming houses located in these districts, and force them to convert back to single-family residences. The amendment that made rooming houses illegal in such zones was approved and passed in 2004. This text amendment is to accommodate the loophole created by the first amendment. The first amendment made it illegal to create any new residences. However, any ones that were created prior to the passing could stay in operation. The new text amendment is to amortize these older properties and correct the situation.

Some of the affected properties are located in our neighborhood, so our association has been involved. Please stay aware of the news regarding this situation. As an association, we support this UDO.

We know that it may involve changes in those properties in our neighborhood; but we feel that these changes will provide overall improvement in our neighborhood in areas zoned as single family (RS zones). Assistance may be needed in helping our neighbors find other places to live within their budgets. We are fortunate that our neighborhood has many options of housing for various budgets without the need for rooming houses.



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New Board of Advisors

The officers of the West Salem neighborhood association have appointed the following individuals to the Board of Advisors pending association approval:

Judith Ruff: Judith, a graduate of Salem College, is a long time resident of West Salem and from one of its oldest families. She brings with her not only an extensive knowledge of West Salem's history, but also a forward vision for its future and preservation.

Roger Wooten: Roger is also a long time resident of the neighborhood. His community involvement includes Little Theatre, facilitation of a HIV support group through his church and involvement with his son Casey's school.

Kristen Tanguay: Kristen is a relatively new resident of the neighborhood, but has already proven to be a real asset by being involved in several key projects. She brings with her the experience of helping to implement a successful Neighborhood Watch Program in one of Charlotte, NC's older neighborhoods.

Patricia Olmstead: As outgoing president, Patricia is being appointed to a one year transitional seat so that the new officers can continue to draw upon her considerable knowledge and resources.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Hearty Winter Cornbread

- 1 Cup Self-Rising Flour
- 1 Cup Self-Rising Corn Meal
- 2 Eggs
- 1 Can Creamed Corn
- 1 Small Jar Pimentos (drained)
- 1 Small Can Green Chillies (drained)
- Buttermilk as needed to make batter

Combine flour, corn meal, eggs, creamed corn, pimentos and green chillies. Add buttermilk to form a soft smooth batter, about 3/4 of a cup.

Melt 1/8—1/4 of a stick of butter in an iron skillet on the top of the stove then pour batter into skillet. Bake at 400 degrees for 35 to 45 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.



This is definitely not diet food, but goes great with soup or beans for a hearty winter supper!

Have a recipe you'd like to see included here? Call Patricia 725.6771. We'd love to share your favorites!



Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Don December 9th West Salem had its first tour of homes and everything came together to make a wonderful event. The lovely homes, picturesque carriage rides, stately church and resounding trombones, created an experience that showed the city what a wonderful, vibrant neighborhood we have here. A nice sum of money was raised to fund the neighborhood association's events and programs and everyone came together with a renewed sense of community.

On behalf of the steering committee, I would like to thank everyone that worked so hard to make this wonderful event possible. From the folks willing to open their homes, to the individuals who worked on getting sponsors and publicizing the event, many man hours were required to pull the homes tour together and everyone came together with smiles and ideas.

Each of our sponsors is listed on the page to the right. I encourage you to frequent their businesses as often as possible!

So once again, to everyone who made it possible-----Thank you.

Barry Lyons
Steering Committee
West Salem Homes Tour



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Patricia Olmstead	620 South Broad Street	
Roger Wooten	509 Washington Avenue	
Steven Shafer	432 Beaumont Street	
SPECIAL THANKS!		
<p>THANK YOU CHRIST MORAVIAN CHURCH!</p> <p>Our special thanks to Christ Moravian Church, 919 Academy Street, 722.2007, for providing support, music, and a wonderful tour of one of the oldest churches in our city. Christ Moravian is a good neighbor in so many ways, including providing space for us to meet each month, a place for our neighborhood gatherings, and they also coordinated a huge trash clean up event this past year with their youth.</p>		

Some provocative thoughts. . .

"Character may be manifested in the great moments, but it is made in the small ones." - Phillips Brooks

"I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality." Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up." - Thomas Edison

"In each of us there is a little of all of us." Georg Christoph Lichtenbert



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NEWSLETTER ADS

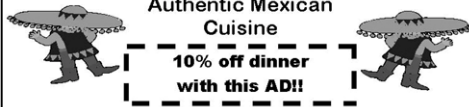
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ALL NEIGHBORS WELCOME!

REMEMBER! You do not have to be a homeowner to join the West Salem Neighborhood Association and become involved! EVERYONE can become a good neighbor!

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FEBRUARY'S MONTHLY MEETING

This month's West Salem Neighborhood Association will be at 7 PM Tuesday, February 6 at the Christ Moravian Church Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome! As part of our focus on crime prevention, we will have members of the Winston-Salem Police Department as Special Guests! Bring your questions and concerns and come on out!

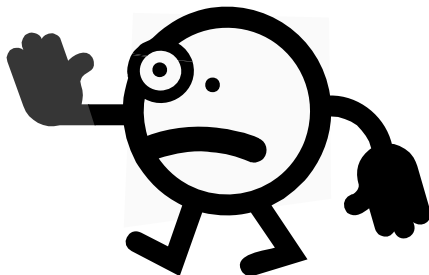
CRIME PREVENTION

A successful crime prevention program includes block captains as part of its initiative. Following are some of the duties of block captains. Check it out and if you think you'd be interested, contact Steven Shafer, 721.1049.

Potential Block Captain Duties:

- Assist Chairperson with meetings
- Communicate with group members
- Communicate with Chairperson
- Distribute flyers
- Assist with National Neighborhood Night Out
- Assist in assignment of Chairperson and other Block Captains

LET'S TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME!



What's The Number?

Do you know who to call when you see a dog digging in your trash? What about a house on your street that has piles of trash on the front porch and knee-high grass in the front yard, a car parked on the sidewalk, suspicious characters wandering the neighborhood, or furniture dumped at the end of the street in the middle of the night?

The city has departments to handle these issues and most any other. You just have to know which department and the phone number to call. Each has a specified procedure and they can tell you what you need to do, if anything, to help. In most cases, just a phone call will resolve the problem. That's what our city employees are there for. You pay their salaries in the form of taxes, so take advantage of them.

Whatever the problem is that you are trying to resolve, documentation is key. So, when you call the problem in to the city, make sure you write down all the details you can, like:

- The description of the problem and any small details you think could help
- The date and time of day you noticed the problem as well as when you called it in.
- Make a note of who ho took your call and what they said to make follow-up easier.

It is also important to make sure the problem was resolved in the time that it was supposed to. If it isn't, you'll need make a follow-up call to find out why and remind them of the problem. Remember, it is up to all of us to make the neighborhood the best it can be. With the right steps and the help of the city, West Salem is on it's way there.

Don't know who to call for different issues, call 727.8100. This is a city HELP LINE and the operator can give you the right number for any issue you have!

All City Departments: 727.8100
Police Non Emergency: 773.7700
Police Emergency: 911