



West Salem Neighborhood Newsletter

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Crime Prevention Tips Home Safety



Many burglars will spend no more than 60 seconds attempting to break into a home. Make sure every external door has sturdy, well-installed deadbolt locks.

Sliding glass doors offer easy access if not properly secured. You can secure them by installing commercially available locks or putting a broomstick or wooden dowel in the inside track to jam the door.

Never hide house keys under the door mat or a rock that is near your door. Most burglars know that trick. Instead give an extra key to a trusted neighbor.

When you move to a new house or apartment, have a competent locksmith re-key the locks.

All outside doors to your home should be metal or solid wood.

Install a peephole in all entry doors so you can see who is outside without opening the door.

Don't use door chains; they break easily and don't keep intruders out.

Prune back shrubbery and trees so that they don't obscure windows or doors.

Install outdoor floodlights or motion-sensor lights to eliminate any areas where someone might hide.

When answering the door, never let in a stranger for any reason.

Always ask service people for identification before letting them in your house. You may want to contact the company to verify their identity.

Don't leave anything, such as ladders or tools, lying around that can be used to break into your home.

If you are a female and you live alone, don't advertise it by putting "Miss Jane Doe" on your doorbell or mailbox. Just put the initial of your first name and your last name, "J. Doe."

Mark all your valuables with your license number. Engravers are available from the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office on a loan-out basis.

Write down and report to the police license numbers on vehicles used by suspicious persons in your neighborhood.

Consider installing metal grills on windows but make sure they are easily removed from the inside in case of fire or other emergency.



Preserve Historic Forsyth, Inc. would like to invite folks in West Salem to take part in PHF's first event: Preserve Historic Forsyth, Bethania, to be held Sunday, April 6, 2008, 2-6 p.m. at Bethania.

The tour will tell the story of the Bethania community—Forsyth's first planned community and 500-acre historic district—with visits to houses, churches, and landscapes dating from the 18th century and 19th centuries.

Rosalie Horton, a PHF board member, formerly of West Salem, has restored a log house which will be on the tour, as will the newly-restored Bethania mill, the new nature trail, and the landscapes central to a real agricultural town.

There will also be live music and great Moravian food for sale. PHF will be training a corps of docents for the tour, and would welcome volunteers from West Salem. You'll learn a lot and have a wonderful time! We look forward to working with you.

The docent training date (to be confirmed) is Saturday, March 15, 2008 from 9 a.m. to noon at Bethania Visitor Center.

Susanne Warren, West Salem resident and PHF board member, will be one of the docent trainers, along with Michael Terry, the professional staff member at Bethania Visitor Center.

PHF may be asked to repeat the tour in October for Preservation North Carolina, which will be holding their annual conference in Winston-Salem, October 9-11. If so, we would like for docents in April to give tours in

October, if they can.

The cost of the tour for adults is \$10—and half-price for members of Preserve Historic Forsyth. We invite you to become members of Preserve Historic Forsyth, Inc. To join, mail in a form from our website: www.preservehistoricforsyth.org. Individual membership is \$35; family membership \$65.

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Storm Water Ordinance Meeting



Tuesday, February 12, the City Council held a public forum to discuss the new Storm Water Ordinance. Sprigg Parker and Rick Henterly, our neighbors on Granville Drive, attended the meeting and brought back the following information:

There was not a lot of time for public comments. The Journal was there to cover the meeting and you can find their Wednesday, February 13 story online.

A few different people spoke; Realtor/Home-builder Association (seemed moderate), local citizens (strongly in favor of adoption) and a major developer (obviously against).

The Committee voted to revisit the issue (adoption of the updated ordinance) at the March 18 meeting after they review amendments and also take a closer look at comparable cities (including Charlotte's newly ratified and adopted ordinance).

In the mean time - we need to flood the City Attorney with comments. He will be distributing them to council members. They need to be received no later than March 7th.

Council Member, Molly Leight, supports a strong Storm Water Ordinance, as do many of us in West Salem, West End, and other city neighborhoods.

All comments must be submitted either by email to gregt@cityofws.org, or by snail mail:

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Newsletter Volunteers Needed

Are you one of many neighbors who look forward each month to receiving the West Salem Newsletter? Have you ever wondered how it comes to be delivered to your home during that first week of each month? Well, the answer is "volunteers".

Volunteers come to my home each month the weekend before our monthly meeting and pick up a bundle of newsletters prepared just for them. A short note from me tells each volunteer what their route is and mentions how many newsletters should be in their bundle.

Then that weekend, the volunteers get out into the neighborhood and diligently deliver newsletters to each of you.

Many of our volunteers have been doing this important task each and every month for years. And we appreciate you so much! This couldn't happen without you! But there are a few areas in the 'hood that aren't delivered because we need more volunteers. Or some of our volunteers have had to stop their work for health reasons or other reasons.

So I come to you this month asking for your help. Have you ever asked

yourself how you could contribute to your neighborhood? Ever wanted to get involved, but just didn't know how. Well this is how. If you would be willing to commit to delivering newsletters each month, please contact me. There are a couple of routes available. We'll pick one that is just right for you! Call or email me at 391.3146 or polmstead@triad.rr.com.

You won't be sorry! Volunteering is fun!
Patricia

Please Knock Before Entering

Last month, I told about someone putting a concrete block in our car without bothering to unlock the door or roll down the window. As with our cars, when our homes are broken into, we feel more than pain over whatever temporal loss ensues. It's as though something almost sacred has been violated. The American feeling is very deep that a man or woman's car is their chariot and their home is their castle: if the drawbridge is up, don't try to come in.

Over a hundred years ago, a pastor in Great Britain experienced a break-in of his home. The robbers were successful in their criminal goal. Later, the victim wrote about his experience and left us a list of reasons why he was giving God thanks that he'd been robbed.

His list is worth our careful consideration. He said that the robbery caused him to feel gratitude because:

1. It had never happened to him before.
2. The thieves took his money and not his life.
3. They took all he had, but that wasn't very much.
4. Finally, he was glad that he was robbed and was not the robber.

Think about it.

Frank Hartwig



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Rick and I have done a little research on term definition, and storm water plans for other cities if anyone would like links to read before writing.

I think we need to have some educated comments to make. I know we did a superb job with the Gateway/watershed issues, so let's keep it up. The best local link (educational) that I found was this North Carolina State University document:

<http://www.bae.ncsu.edu/stormwater/PublicationFiles/Bioretenion2006.pdf>

Some of our developers would be well served to read it!!

Strigg Parker & Rick Henterly

Board of Advisors Update

Annually we provide information about our board of advisors. The Board meets quarterly with the president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer to discuss future plans and to advise on various opportunities and challenges faced by our neighborhood. Board members serve either a one, two, or three-year term.

In last month's newsletter we thanked members of the board who were leaving, but accidentally omitted thanking Roger Wooten for serving and would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to Roger for serving.

Our current board consist of Sarah Carter, Kristen Tanguay, and Judith Ruff. Our by-laws allow for up to 7 advisors, and we have found this is an optimal number of participants. The leadership team has met and proposed the following additions to the board of advisors for a period of three years. We have spoken with each and all have agreed to serve.

Joann Reed
Apryl Roland
David Roland
Josh Sutter

We will vote on these new members at the next neighborhood meeting. If you have other neighbors that you would like to recommend for future service, please contact Steven Shafer at steven.shafer@wachovia.com or 336-409-1378.



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HUTTON STREET DEVELOPMENT

Jane Milner of the Housing Partnership and Councilmember Molly Leight will be at the March meeting of the West Salem Neighborhood Association to discuss a potential development slated for the Hutton Street area behind Mr. Barbeque.

The proposed development is a twelve unit apartment complex designed to accommodate individuals with physical limitations that make traditional housing difficult. The complex proposal includes full time property management and the provision of necessary services for the tenants to live independently.

Please come prepared with questions. For more information call Barry Lyons at 748-8183.

There's a new lady in town—Pie Lady that is! Anne Rainey Rokahr has purchase the wonderful old bungalow on the corner of West and Laurel. And she is starting a pie making business. Her tried and true pies include Spicy Chili Cheese, Spinach and Cheese, Steak and Guinness, Apple, and Apple & Prune. Prices range from \$14 to \$17. Email her—anneraineyrokahr@gmail.com—if you'd like to place an order, and watch for her ad in future editions of the West Salem Newsletter!



Sweetpea's Fashions **New & Resell** has been in the neighborhood for over three years, but has recently undergone a name change. They are located at 836 S Broad. You should go down and check them out sometime! They will buy as well as consign. You'll find a full selection of fashions (sizes 2-34W) including jewelry and a small selection of men's clothing—AND books household, and decorative items! Check out their ad on page four!



A note about "box elder bugs" to all neighbors!! These little bugs are black (about 1/2 inch or so) with red lines on their backs—they'll make you think of a lightning-bug. They eat box elder maple trees (along w/ other maples) during summertime.



Long, dry summers create large populations of them (which is why they were/are so prevalent right now on this side of town). They can travel (fly/crawl) up to 2 miles from their summer feeding source to over-winter in nooks and crannies of houses, gravel, debris . . . while often seeking out warm spots during fall/winter/spring (southern exposure of houses, etc.).

They are not usually destroyed by ordinary pest control measures (many chemicals do not kill them according to internet sources as well as Wilson Pest Defense). A simple dish soap and water (1:4) solution will destroy their skeleton and kill them almost instantly. There is no complete way to eradicate them without removal of maple trees, but keeping them somewhat under control is a good idea.

They can become overwhelming if left to multiply (which they do rapidly). Their waste is reddish in color and stains. While they are not toxic, nor do they destroy the trees upon which they feed, having an infestation of them on/around your home is quite a nuisance as we have experienced. Most pest control professionals advise to "ignore" them since they "disappear" during the summer, but they can truly get out of hand if you do so.

On any given warm day (50 degrees and up) at our home this past fall/winter season, our foundation as well as the south side of our house was totally covered. We've killed what feels like thousands upon thousands.

If everyone makes a small effort to control them, we can perhaps keep these little critters at bay.

Thanks!

David & April Roland

WEST SALEM'S MARCH 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, 3/4, 7 PM

West Salem Neighborhood Association monthly meeting, Christ Moravian Church Fellowship Hall, corner of Granville and Academy

Saturday, 3/8, 10 AM—1:30 PM

Granville Residents Association Hot Dog Sale! Pinto beans, cornbread, cakes and pies also available!

Tuesday, 3/11, 7 PM

West Salem Civic Club Monthly Meeting, 1010 Hutton Street.

Thursday, March 13, 6:30—8 PM
CHANGE Metro Council Meeting
Knollwood Baptist Church.

Saturday, March 23, 3 PM

Annual West Salem Easter Egg Hunt, Granville Park!

West Salem's Annual EASTER EGG HUNT!

Calling all kids! Children of all ages are invited to bring your parents and come to Granville Park the Saturday before Easter for lots of fun and prizes! There will be Easter Eggs hidden in three different age-group areas, ages five years and under, 6-8 and 9-12. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes for each age group. And lemonade for everyone! So hop on over for lots of fun, candy-filled eggs, lemonade! There will be Easter stories read to the kids and possibly a visit from the Easter Bunny.



Hope to see you there!



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WEST SALEM CLASSIFIEDS

Have something you want to sell? Have a service you want to tell your neighbors about? What about a lost pet? Found pet? West Salem neighbors can post here for FREE!

FOR SALE: New apartment-size electric stove, \$175. Call 723.1051 or 727.9903.

FOR SALE: Wooden Bar, \$100. Call 723.1051 or 727.9903.

FOR SALE: Weight Bench & Weights, \$75. Call 723.1051 or 727.9903.

FOR SALE: Marilyn Monroe Plates, \$45 each. Call 723.1051 or 727.9903.

FOR SALE: Antique Oriental Screens, \$500 each. Call 723.1051 or 727.9903.

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

FOR SALE: PUPPET THEATER - New Lillian Vernon standing theater with window, pull curtains and two backdrops, 43"x45", \$35. Call 777-0012

FOR SALE: KIDS' WOODEN CHAIRS Two 32" high-back traditional spindle chairs w/ curved arms, varnished, seat 12x15", \$20 Call 777-0012

FOR SALE: ROUND WOODEN KIDS' TABLE, 30" with 4 removable legs, varnished, \$15. Call 777-0012

FOR SALE: KITCHEN TV - Portable 5" Black & White TV in box, never used, \$10. Call 777-0012
FOR SALE: SCOOTER - red Kick'n'Go push scooter with hand brakes on front handlebar, 36" tall, wide footing, safe, excellent condition, \$20. Call 777-0012

FOR SALE: SILK SCREENS - 14 Wood-mounted 19"x22" Rhema Dura silk screens, some new, some used once, excellent condition, beveled wooden frames, \$10/each or \$125 for all. Call 777-0012

FOR SALE: RIVERSIDE ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, This is a really great piece. Fits back into a corner like a corner unit, but is full sized inside like a wall unit. Original Retail price from Haverty's, \$1,200. For more information, dimensions, and pictures go to the classifieds on the WSNA website. Call 391.3146.

FOR SALE: For all you Coca Cola Memorabilia savers! We have 2, intact, empty Coke bottles. One from Bangladesh, (Bangla script) and one from Egypt (Arabic script). \$5 each. Call 722-0535

WANTED: Gently used twin mattresses and box springs for bunk beds. If you have these items, email Anne Rainey Rokahr at anneraineyrokahr@gmail.com.

FOR SALE: 1960's hoop with slip \$30 call BK 750-0936, beeps leave message

FOR SALE: Amalfi dress pumps 7 1/2 skin-brown, worn once, \$20 call BK 750-0936, beeps leave message

FOR SALE: Kennedy assassination newspaper headlines NC, \$15 each call BK 750-0936, beeps leave message

FOR SALE: Old Salem print, framed, fall tones, \$25 call BK 750-0936, beeps leave message

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