



# West Salem Neighborhood Newsletter

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## West Salem's 5th Annual EASTER EGG HUNT

**WHEN: Saturday, April 7**

**TIME: 1 PM—3 PM**

**WHERE: Historic Granville Park**

**C**hildren 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, Easter stories by Del Perry and possibly a visit from the Easter Bunny.

Hope to see you there!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**A**s noted above, it is time for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. I'm looking for volunteers to help the day of the egg hunt for set up, supervising, break down and clean up.

If you would like to help, but you are unable to attend that day, there are others ways you can help. Donate a dozen candy filled eggs, or just plastic eggs, or just candy.

Mike and Barry have offered to open their home for us to have a **FILL THE EGGS WITH CANDY** party (date to be announced later)

We normally have a visit from

the Easter Bunny, but this year she is going to spend time with her children and will be out of town. She has offered her costume for someone else to use but MY bunny tail is too BIG for her bunny suit so we're in need of an volunteer to be the Easter Bunny.

Del Perry has offered to tell Easter stories as he has done in the past UNLESS, the birth of his grandson interferes. The baby isn't due until April 22, but as we all know babies have their own timing. In the event that Del will not be in town I need either another story teller or story reader. If you would like to volunteer to do this, let me know.

If you can help in any of the ways listed above, please call me anytime 725-9998 or e-mail me at

joannsweetjo@yahoo.com.

Thanks to you all for all you do for your neighborhood!

Joann Reed

Volunteer Lead for Easter Egg Hunt



## UDO 166

**O**n March 5, the Winston Salem city council passed the Unified Development Ordinance No. 166 by a unanimous vote. This ordinance will result in the registration of rooming houses located in residential zones by 2008 and will require conversion to single family homes by 2011 unless rezoned. Many West Salem residents were there to speak about the problems created by illegal rooming houses.

This amendment will be helpful to the city in two ways. One, it will help the neighborhoods that are trying to secure their housing stock

and decrease crime to identify and close down problem properties run by irresponsible investors. Two, it will start the process needed to make single room occupancy dwelling a more viable option by requiring it to be in appropriately zoned areas where in can be monitored and inspected for safety and health codes. Proper administration of this ordinance will help both "at risk" neighborhoods and people who need SRO housing that is safe and decent.

## GATEWAY PLACE

**A**s you remember from our last newsletter, we have had a meeting with the developer, Place Properties, since our last meeting. They are putting in a student housing complex as part of the Gateway development. There is some concern about the effects on our neighborhood and Washington Park neighborhood. The size of the facility is quite large: over 300 units and four stories tall. They are in the development phase for zoning.

Jeff Githens, the representative for the developer, has sent some information about the addition of student housing to a mixed development area and the positive aspects. If anyone is interested in getting complete information, please email me at:

stevenshafer@sprintmail.com

Here is an excerpt from one of the articles discussing the pros of such a situation, Revitalizing Communities from the Outside In, from the Urban Land Institute March/April 2006:

**Town** – and – gown cooperation is increasing as developers, colleges, and host neighborhoods realize that adjacent neighborhood revitalization

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**THE APRIL MEETING of  
the WSNA**

West Salem Neighborhood  
Association is  
7 PM Tuesday, April 3  
at the Christ Moravian Church  
Fellowship Hall. Everyone is  
welcome!

**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!



**NEWSLETTER ADS**

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**APRIL'S MEETING**

**O**ur next neighborhood meeting will be a bit lighter than some of our previous ones, and hopefully not as packed with information. Thank you to everyone that is coming. We have a great turnout and lots of good information is shared.

We anticipate discussing personal safety with a presentation from the Police Department's crime prevention unit. We will also take some time to discuss the Easter Egg Hunt and make sure that all is in order. Finally, we will have some time for open discussion about concerns in our neighborhood. Please come and participate; we look forward to having you there next Tuesday evening, April 3, 7 PM.

**WEST SALEM CIVIC CLUB**

**O**ur neighborhood has a wonderful asset of which many may not be aware. We have the **West Salem Civic Club**. The Civic Club began as a men's club back in the forty's with the purpose of "bringing together at frequent intervals those who are interested in civic betterment of any nature in West Salem area, with the purpose of:

1. The advancement of our schools.
2. The support of our churches.
3. Placing our community on an equal basis with other sections of our city."

The Civic Club meets on the Second Tuesday of Each Month at the West Salem Civic Club building located at 1001 Hutton Street just below Latham Elementary School.

Everyone is welcome to join the Civic Club and participate in Civic Club activities and events. We try to ensure that these events are announced in the West Salem Newsletter each month.

**West Salem Civic Club . . .**

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**Gateway Place . . .**

offers tremendous opportunities for all partners. Urban universities are becoming more sensitized to the quality of environment of their host neighborhoods. For students, life outside the classroom is just as important as it is inside.

**Campus** – community redevelopment can benefit three entities: the university, the developers, and the neighborhood. Cooperative projects include housing with retail and parking, which tap into the captured market base of students, faculty, and alumni. This action works to revitalize the community by spurring more retail activity, which in turn helps the existing merchants. Likewise these merchants recognize the large potential markets in their own backyards.

We are meeting in the near future with Washington Park to discuss a strategy/plan on how to address our mutual concerns. If you would like to be involved in this meeting or in any discussions, please let Steven Shafer (stevenshafer@sprintmail.com/721/1049) or Carol Faley (cfaley@triad.rr.com/761.1548) know. The housing committee is taking the lead in this process.

**QUOTES**

Spring is here. Why doesn't my heart go dancing? – *Lorenz Hart*

Who gives himself with his alms feeds three — himself, his hungry neighbor, and me. – *James Russell Lowell*

The love of our neighbor in all its fullness simply means being able to say to him, "What are you going through?" – *Simone Weil*





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## WEST SALEM CLASSIFIEDS

**H**ave something you want to sell? Post it here and on the West Salem Website. Email or call Patricia, 7 2 5 . 6 7 7 1 o r polmstead@triad.rr.com. We've had many successful sales through this **FREE** service!!

**FOR SALE:** Solid maple drop leaf dining table with four arrow back maple chairs. EC - \$185. Call 761.1548

**FOR SALE:** 2 swivel bar chairs, moss green velvet upholstery with dark wood base, excellent condition. \$175 for both. 777-0839.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### New Beginnings.

**2**007 begins a new year in the life of the West Salem Neighborhood Association. There is a new leadership team in place, and while there are some "old faces" still serving as board members, there are also new faces on the board. This is good. This is as it should be.

Many new neighbors have joined West Salem neighborhood, and many of them have jumped right in and gotten involved. This too is good, and as it should be.

Neighborhoods become what they are as a direct result of the people who live in them. And our neighborhood is a very good neighborhood.

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## WEST SALEM GARDEN CLUB

**T**he West Salem Garden Club enters it's seventh year of life this year. The garden club has been instrumental in bringing visitors into West Salem for five years worth of their annual West Salem Cottage Garden Tour.

This year marks the sixth Cottage Garden Tour. As in past years, this tour will be held on the first Saturday in August, August 4, 2007. If you are an avid gardener and would like be on the tour, contact Carol Faley, 761.1548 to put your garden in the running for consideration.

The garden club is also instrumental in bringing the Garden of the Week program. Soon you may notice a Garden of the Week sign popping up in yards around the neighborhood. Lookout, it might end up in your front yard early one morning when you least expect it!



The garden club is always looking for new members. If you are a gardener, a want-to-be gardener, or just like the camaraderie of good friends, consider joining the garden club.

### New officers this year are:

Judith Ruff, president  
Carolyn Gilsenan, vice president  
Craig Moretz, secretary  
Pat Gnozzo, treasurer  
Craig Moretz, program director

The garden club meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome! Come out and join the fun!

Anyone who would like more information on the Civic Club, how to join, or what activities are coming up, should contact Bob Litaker, 725.2789 or Susan Warren, 631.9333.

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### *New beginnings . . .*

My neighbors—good neighbors—include renters and home owners and property owners who live outside West Salem—all of whom care about this neighborhood and want what's best for everyone who lives here.

The association has meetings every month. It's understood that everyone who cares about West Salem cannot come to these meetings every month. Perhaps there are those who cannot come at all, for one reason or another. And that's okay too, because your support of West Salem can manifest itself in other ways.

You can watch out for your neighbor. You can pick up trash on your block regularly. You can plan a flower in your yard for your neighbor to enjoy—as well as yourself. You can volunteer to help with the Easter Egg Hunt as well as other events. You can come out to events and meet your neighbors. Who knows, your new best friend could be waiting there for you!

I'm proud of my neighborhood and it's current and past leadership, as well as those who reside here. I'm proud to call West Salem "Home." I can't imagine living anywhere else.

My thanks to each and everyone of you who has worked so hard to help make West Salem a wonderful place to call "home."

Patricia Olmstead  
past president, WSNA

**YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PUB**  
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**WEST SALEM  
 APRIL CALENDAR**

**WEST SALEM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION APRIL MEETING**

Tuesday, April 3  
 7 PM at the Christ Moravian Church Fellowship Hall, corner of Granville and Academy

**WEST SALEM ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**

Saturday, April 7  
 1 PM—3 PM  
 Granville Park  
 All children are welcome! Bring your parents and come to the park for fun, prizes, stories, and just maybe— a visit from the Easter Bunny!

**WEST SALEM CIVIC CLUB**

Tuesday, April 10  
 7 PM at the West Salem Civic Club

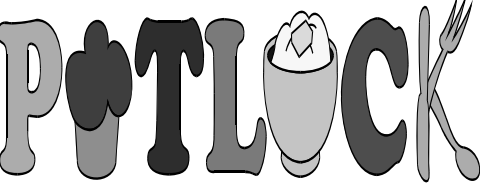
**WEST SALEM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PLANS POT LUCK TO WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!**

Saturday, April 21, there will be a pot luck supper to welcome new neighbors to West Salem. Has someone moved in on your block in the past two or three years? We want them to be our guests for a neighborhood pot luck. Please contact Steven Shafer by phone (721.1049) or by email (stevenshafer@sprintmail.com) to let him know the name and address of your new neighbor. Or if you don't know your new neighbor's name, just give him the address. He'll take it from there.

**THE WEST SALEM GARDEN OF THE WEEK SIGN BEINGS CIRCULATION IN APRIL! WATCH FOR IT IN A GARDEN NEAR YOU!!**

The West Salem Garden of the Week sign will begin "sprouting up" this month. Keep your eyes open, who knows, it may grace your garden!

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**Neighborhood Pot-Luck Returns!**

A few years ago we began a Welcome Program with a neighborhood potluck to welcome new neighbors to West Salem and to just get together for some fun and friendship.

Well, this welcome program is returning again to the forefront of our activities. The first such pot luck will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April. We are finalizing the location and will be announcing it at the neighborhood meeting on Tuesday 3 April 2007. We look forward to getting a number of folks together to welcome our new neighbors.

We anticipate pot-lucks taking place once every couple of months. If you would like to work on the pot-luck committee, please contact Steven Shafer or Barry Lyons.

Everyone is welcome!

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