

WEST SALEM NEWSLETTER

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West Salem Neighborhood Association

Notice of Monthly Meeting: Monday, June 7, 2004

Christ Moravian Church Fellowship Hall, Corner of Academy & Granville at 7:00 PM
Come be a part of the growth and development of West Salem! Help make YOUR neighborhood great!

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS . . .

Jammin' In The Park—June 20—7 p.m.

We'll be jammin' so come join us for hotdogs and hamburgers provided by the **West Salem Neighborhood Association**. We'll also have a Homemade Ice Cream Contest so bring your favorite ice cream recipe! A prize will go to the maker of the ice cream voted the best of the evening!



Lawn chairs and blankets will make for a relaxing evening of good music, good food, good fellowship and GREAT ice cream!

Want to enter your favorite Ice Cream in the contest? Want to help organize this and/or future jammin'-in-the-park events? Sign up at the June meeting, Monday, June 7, or call Dan at 724.0393 or Carol at 761.1548. We need YOUR help!

Beginning Tuesday, June 1, at Christ Moravian Church

The Youth Hut (in the basement of the church office on the corner of Green and Academy) will be open from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday through Friday Play pool, ping-pong, cards, checkers, or just hang out and listen to tunes

Sunday, June 6, 7 p.m., Green Street Church

Green Street Church is forming a committee to explore a Non-Profit/501c3 status for community ministry efforts. They would love to have input from the West Salem neighbors—especially for collaborative projects. For more information, contact Pastor Kelly, 722-8379, or attend the meeting.

June 14-18 Vacation Bible School/Green St. Church

For children in the West Salem community. Classes for 4 year-olds through rising 6th graders will be offered from 6-8 p.m. The theme is **HEROES of Faith**—there will be games, snacks, crafts, mission projects, stories, music, etc. **Everyone is invited**—pick up a registration form at the church, or call the church office 722-8379.

Friday, June 18, 7:30 p.m., Christ Moravian Church

Fantastic Friday Family Fun Night There will be a Square Dance in the parking lot beside the Fellowship Building. Everyone is welcome! Wear your favorite square dance outfit and win a prize!

Sunday, June 27 at Washington Park picnic shelter

Green Street Church's Third Annual Picnic—Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be provided, bring a dish/dessert to share. African Harambee (Drumming and Dancing) will follow the meal. The meal will begin immediately following worship--12:45ish.

IDENTITY THEFT TIP: Buy a shredder and use it. Identity thieves may use your garbage to obtain personal information. Shred all old bank and credit statements, as well as "junk mail" credit card offers, before trashing them. Use a crosscut shredder-- they cost more than regular shredders but are superior.



MONTHLY NEIGHBORHOOD TRASH PICKUP Saturday June 5. Bring your bags and gloves and meet at the corner of Franklin and Green in the Piedmont Bible College parking lot at 9 a.m. Questions? Call Dan Houston, 724.0393.

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From the president:

YOU AND ME TALKING . . .

. . . that's what Social Capital is. The more we understand each other the richer our Social Capital. The more diverse our backgrounds, the richer our community as a whole. This is the message Robert D. Putnam and Lewis M. Feldstein brought to Winston-Salem at the Annual Echo awards banquet on May 18. This event recognized the most prolific social capital builders in our community. You will be proud to know that YOUR community, West Salem, was nominated for this award!

Putnam and Feldstein also brought up some other very interesting things. The best way to measure the amount of crime in a neighborhood is by counting how many neighbors know each other on a first name basis. The higher that number, the lower the crime rate. Social Capital begins in small personal groups and grows from there. We have created many small groups in West Salem in the last five years. Just think, your life can be extended just by joining a group!

The authors are now looking for other places that build Social Capital to highlight in their next book. Places like West Salem, where people from diverse backgrounds come together for a common purpose, thus building Social Capital. Do YOU have ideas for building Social Capital in West Salem? While you are thinking about this go out and introduce yourself to your neighbors; maybe they have an idea or two to share!

Dennis