



West Salem Neighborhood Newsletter

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Downtown Living with a Small Town Feel

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2007 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

As a neighborhood association we have participated for many years with NNO. This year we will hold our celebration event at the corner of Franklin Street and Green Street. One of the reasons we have chosen this location is because it is close to some of the unfortunate criminal activity that has occurred recently and we want to try to make something positive come from that. We want to send a clear message to the neighborhood—and those who might come here for illegal purposes—that we are a united community working hard to have a successful crime prevention program.

Our local police have been invited to join us for the evening and it will be a great time for you to sign up to participate with our neighborhood watch program.

We will have burgers hot off the grill, with the works, and soft drinks and water for all. There will be games for the kids and an opportunity to get to know all your neighbors across our wonderful West Salem.

We may even have a few surprises!

Bring your yard chairs, and a dessert to share with your neighbors.

Don't forget to leave your porch

light on for the evening to show unity within the neighborhood and the nation for crime prevention.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

WHAT: National Neighborhood Night Out

WHERE: Green Street at Franklin

WHEN: Tuesday, August 7

TIME: 6 PM—8 PM

Replaces our regular monthly meeting. This is too important an event for anyone to miss!

Here are the goals for our event:

1. Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
2. Generate support for, and participation in Neighborhood Watch
3. Strengthen neighborhood spirit and our wonderful partnership with the WSPD.
4. Send a clear message to any criminals or would-be criminals that we are organized and will stop anything that comes our way!



Please join us on Tuesday evening! Help end crime in our neighborhood! By uniting together we are become stronger than anything that could detract from our neighborhood. We will truly reinforce our "downtown living with a small town feel."

THE HISTORY OF NATW AND NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



The National Association of Town Watch (NATW) is a nonprofit, crime prevention organization which works in cooperation with thousands of crime watch groups and law enforcement agencies throughout the country. Since 1981, NATW has been dedicated to the development, growth and maintenance of organized crime and drug prevention programs nationwide. NATW's network has grown to include over 6,500 crime, drug and violence prevention organizations.

National Night Out, is a program that was the brainchild of NATW Executive Director Matt A. Peskin. The NATW introduced "America's Night Out Against Crime," in 1984. .

In an effort to heighten awareness and strengthen participation in local anti-crime efforts, Peskin felt that a high-profile, high-impact type of crime prevention event was needed nationally. At that time, he noted that in a typical "crime watch community," only 5 to 7% of the residents were participating actively. Due to the growth and success of these programs, he felt this percentage was too low.

Subsequently, he proposed a national program which would be coordinated by local crime prevention



agencies and organizations—but that would involve entire communities at one time. The first National Night Out was introduced early in 1984—and ultimately was held on the first Tuesday in August.

That first year, 400 communities in 23 states participated in National Night Out. Nationwide, 2.5 million Americans took part in 1984. The seed had been planted.

In subsequent years, participation has grown steadily. The 23rd Annual National Night Out last August involved 35.2 million people in 11,125 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide.

Over 11,000 communities are expected to take part in National Night Out 2007 on August 7th.

And our own West Salem will be part of this amazing effort! While the traditional "lights on" and front porch vigils remain a part of NNO, activities have expanded considerably over the years to include block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, festivals, neighborhood walks, safety fairs, contests, rallies and meetings.

Peskin said, "It's a wonderful opportunity for communities nationwide to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie."

While the one night is certainly not an answer to crime, drugs and violence, National Night Out does represent the kind of spirit, energy and determination that is helping to make many neighborhoods safer places throughout the year. It (NNO) is a night to celebrate safety and crime prevention successes - and to expand and strengthen programs for the next 364 days."

So turn on your porch light, and come on up to Green and Franklin for a fun evening of good food, good friends, and show YOUR support of the wonderful community of West Salem—the place we call home!



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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!



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS...

Hearthland Music Festival
September 8th, 2007
Tanglewood Park • Clemmons, NC
Gates open at noon, live performances from 1pm until 9pm! This is a family-friendly bluegrass festival produced by West Salem neighbor, Chris Koenig. For more information:
www.heartlandmusicfestival.com

SOUF BREAD & BROADS

Calling all ladies! SBB is the monthly gathering for women. We meet on the last Sunday of each month at 6 PM. For details, please call Patricia, 725.6771.

FAMILY SERVICES

You've no doubt noticed the new construction going on Broad Street at Salem Avenue. Family Services, a United Way organization, is constructing their offices. We are

fortunate in that this is the first GREEN construction building in Forsyth County. Environmentally-conscious construction is young in the United States. Some financial institutions and non-profit organizations have begun constructing facilities that use renewable sources of construction materials, as well as energy-efficient buildings.

We are excited to have this new construction process being used in our neighborhood. For more information on Family Services, please check out their website.

<http://www.familyserv.org/>



Artist's rendition of new building



West Salem Garden Club regrets to announce that the annual **West Salem Cottage Garden Tour**, scheduled for August 4th, **has been cancelled**. Tours during the previous four years have featured an average of ten homes. This year, due to a variety of reasons, we were unable to put together enough participating homes, so a decision was made by club members to cancel.

The West Salem Cottage Garden Tour has been extremely successful the past four years and the garden club plans to continue with tours in the future. West Salem Garden Club invites all Historic West Salem residents with an interest in gardening to visit with us at a monthly meetings (third Thursday of month) and see what we are all about. For more information call Judy Ruff, president – 724.0213 or Allegra Strohmman – 631.8303.

Green Street UM Church

All neighbors are invited to Green Street Church for MOVIES during the Sunday School hour! View clips from films that stimulate discussion about issues of life and faith, then share in discovery. 9:45 AM, August 5, 12, 19.

The **Green Street UMC Health Ministry** will be open August 8, 6:30—7:15 PM. This free clinic is open to anyone without insurance or who is underinsured. On September 5, the health Ministry will resume its normal schedule of each Wednesday night following the **Welcome Table**.

Exchange SCAN is looking for volunteers and donors. SCAN, Stop Child Abuse Now is a local organization that has about six different programs that work to prevent child abuse. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Melody Brown at 748.9028 X127. If you'd like to make a contribution, contact Richard Brodeur at 748.9028 X117.

Ballpark Moving Forward

As you all know, plans are underway for a minor league baseball park and mixed use development on the north side of business 40 between Peters Creek Parkway and Broad Street. Zoning change signs are up, and the latest meeting to discuss the plans with the neighborhoods occurred on July 24.

This meeting focused on just the ballpark, with the intention of holding future meetings once the mixed use development plans have matured. The key ballpark issues are lighting, sound, traffic, parking, and design.

The proposed lighting and sound systems use the latest technology, and it appears that no additional light or sound will cross business 40 into West Salem. The traffic and parking plans have matured significantly since previous meetings, and seem generally sound. In fact, the parking plans avoid our neighborhood entirely. Some of the traffic adjustments may well benefit us by improving safety and traffic flow along Broad Street. The preliminary design



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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS continued. . .

features a brick structure with the look of the Brookstown area mills.

West Salem Neighborhood Association as well as other neighborhood associations share lingering concerns about fireworks and other uses of the ballpark (such as concerts). Right now fireworks are anticipated to occur approximately seven times per summer, on Friday nights or July 4, and by law they must end by 11 p.m.

Plans for other events are unclear. These events will require city permits and the ability to host them may be limited because of potential damage to the playing field.

Most significantly, the developer has agreed to establish a neighborhood advisory committee to work collaboratively on these issues both before and after the opening of the ballpark.

Overall the consensus at the meeting was that the value of the ballpark and the developer's efforts to minimize impact on the neighborhood are greater than the remaining concerns. Thus attendees verbally supported the approval of the developer's plans for the ballpark.

City Council approval will include strict language ensuring the developer meets the commitments they have made to the neighborhoods.

WEST SALEM'S LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Have something to say? Want to voice an opinion about something? Send your letters to the editor to Patricia Olmstead, polmstead@triad.rr.com or 620 S Broad Street, 27101

Be Considerate of Your Neighbors. . . with your dog's daily duties.

My dog gets fed twice a day and usually does her "thing" twice a day. I walk her every morning which is her favorite time to get rid of her dinner the night before. In the evening, we repeat the process, this time getting rid of breakfast. Unfortunately for my neighbors, she tends to do her business in many yards along the way. That is why I always have a bag in hand and scope up the waste from her previous meal.

Unfortunately for me, I have neighbors' dogs that often come into my yard and do their business. However, there is no one that picks up after them. I hate stepping in it and I feel my space, my yard is violated. I know that dogs need to relieve themselves, but I really don't want to see it or smell it.

Remember that poop left out will harbor flies and flies lay maggots creating more flies. Please be considerate of your neighbors and scoop the "poop" behind your dogs.

Marion Wiggins
Walnut Street

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!

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FOR SALE: Upright Piano with beautiful mahogany finish. Wm. Knabe Co. from the early 1900's; refinished by Jackson Piano 9 years ago. \$550 OBO. Call Vera or Mike at 727-8609.

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PIANO LESSONS, West Salem NCSA graduate wishes to teach children and novice adults piano and brass technique! Piano Lessons for adults. -15 \$ an hour.—Enjoys teaching, especially children! Convenient location, (704 Granville Drive.) Encourages talent and musical development. If interested contact Julian Hinshaw: 336.253.3546/ jhinshaw1@pop.ncarts.edu

FOR SALE: Hibiscus Plants in various colors. Mature plants in decorative pots, \$10 each. 725.8081

FOR SALE: Dinette table, 48" with four chairs and three matching 24" bar stools. \$150 for all. 725.8081

ART STUDIO: The Chrysalis is a new art studio and Gift Gallery. It features recycled arts and crafts, like dog collars made from men's neck ties. For an unusual gift, come shop during the First Friday Gallery Hop – 7 PM–10 PM – or by appointment 336.970.0744. Located at 524 Liberty Street above the DADA Community Center.

YARD SALE: 948 Academy Street, August 11th. 8 AM till noon. Furniture, small appliances, name brand men's clothing, glassware and more. Rain Date: 8/18



DID YOU KNOW . . .

The city will not pick up yard waste collected in plastic garbage bags. Place your yard waste at the curb—not on the sidewalk— or in the yard waste cart provided by the city—but not in plastic bags.

Also, remember to keep trash out of your yard waste—often if yard waste accumulates trash and paper debris, the city will not pick it up.

And finally, be sure to separate your tree limbs from grass clippings and weeds. And keep your tree limbs no longer than six feet and no larger around than six inches.

Following these three easy tips will ensure that your yard waste will be carried away in a timely manner!



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FRONT PORCH VIEW

Following is the first of what we hope will be a series of homespun stories by one of our neighbors, Frank Hartwig, who wrote serially for a newspaper in Indiana years ago, before he and wife Nancy came to call West Salem home. Perhaps in future Front Porch Views you will see some of what makes West Salem neighbors feel so much at home here in our little down town neighborhood.

I get the impression these days that young folk sort of feel that they have a corner on love. But that isn't so. I found out for sure just this morning.

Grandpa Stiles and his Missus stopped by to visit, and while she was out back smiling through the top of

her bi-focals and chatting and inspecting the pumpkins for her grand kid's jack-o-lanterns, he sat on the porch swing with me.

He talked, pacing his conversation to the gentle motion of the swing, his white moustache softening his regal features. His straight back rested lightly against the curved back of the swing. I inquired concerning his wife's health. He answered and then reminisced of their life together. Tears warmed his eyes (as they often do the eyes of those who grow old gracefully) as he spoke of their mutual love.

I remember how he searched for words or a word picture to express his heart-thoughts. He paused a long time, then said, "I used to say, 'I need my wife like I need my right

arm,' and I thought I was saying something. But, I saw too many fellas who got along swell without their right arm. Then I got to saying, 'I need my wife like I need my heart.' That lasted a while, but, then, I saw a man who loved as I love and maybe more who lost his wife and lived on—somehow, he lived on. So now I say, 'I need my wife like I need my eyes; maybe I can get along without them, but life would be dark—and inconvenient—and painful.'"

We didn't say anything after that. The Missus came and they each carried a pumpkin out to the car and drove off together. The morning sun shone brighter -- even after I wiped my eyes. Youth just doesn't have a corner on love.

