



Next meeting Monday, September 9, 2002

Deeds Hall, Piedmont Baptist College, Room D-105 at 7:00 PM

Come be a part of the growth and development of West Salem! Help make YOUR neighborhood great!

Words from Wiggins

Dennis Wiggins
Association President

A Grand "ville" Get together

The **Wachovia Highlands Neighborhood Association** and the **West Salem Neighborhood Association** executive committees have been discussing ways to meld our two groups into one powerful organization. During our discussions we discovered that we are already working together in numerous ways and have many core beliefs in common. We realize that both our groups have many strengths and what either of us does affects the larger West Salem whole. By joining together we feel we can be more focused and supportive of each other and ultimately be more effective.

There were several concerns raised by members of WHNA Executive Committee. First, we might dilute our effectiveness by getting too large. Second, we don't want to lose our focus on our grassroots efforts. Third, we want to stay focused on the core values that have surfaced to guide us during our two years as an organization. These values are: timely and efficient communication, leadership development, celebration of diversity, and the strength of being a grassroots association. West Salem's health is dependant on all its parts and we respect all our neighbors—though we sometimes question their actions. These are the values that have kept us on track and values that are respected by a broad spectrum of people in West Salem.

At our organizational meeting we committed ourselves to paying attention to all parts of West Salem—the good, the bad, and the ugly. We realize that each part of our community can raise or lower the health of West Salem as a whole. Also, the Wachovia Highlands Newsletter is really, as it always has been, a West Salem newsletter and will now be named West Salem Newsletter.

With Michael Bricker taking the lead, West Salem has been working on the process of getting Historical District designation for West Salem. Michael will need our support. We also want to enhance our neighborhood communication through the melding of WHNA's fledgling phone tree with WSNA's larger one.

If you have not yet invested in West Salem, there are many ways to do so. Talk with any officer about WOSH*i*, our West of Salem Housing Initiative. Even those of us who are economically challenged can consider purchasing our own home in West Salem. The rent you pay could be the same as a mortgage payment. Don't give your money away to someone else—invest in *yourself* and be part of West Salem.

We realize that by staying focused we will see results that will tangibly affect the *safety, beauty, and economic status* of every resident that has invested in West Salem.

Dennis

Message from Barry Carlton

About WSNA & WHNA joining forces . . .

The joining of the two neighborhood organizations will result in many positive changes for West Salem. For example, we will become much better connected and informed about what is happening throughout the entire neighborhood. We will be able to speak with one powerful voice to our city and county representatives about our needs and concerns. United together we can also take a much stronger stand for the common good of everyone. Only through unity can we hope to reach the high ideals we seek to achieve. Many thanks to Bob Litaker, Dennis Wiggins, Chris Leak, Patricia Olmstead, and the many others who helped make our neighborhood union a reality.

Question of the Month . . .

West Salem Colors / Logo

What colors do you think best represent West Salem? What colors would work well on T-Shirts, signs to mark the entrances to West Salem, welcoming folks to our neighborhood? Put on your thinking caps and come to the September meeting with your ideas! Keep in mind that to keep cost down, we need to limit ourselves to no more than two colors.

Neighborhood News . . .

*WOSH*i**

Take a look at the historic renovation being done at the house at 635 Granville Drive! This house, which will soon be home to Winston-Salem Symphony violinist, Andrew Emmett, is undergoing historical renovation. Given that West Salem will soon be given historical designation, the City of Winston-Salem has realized the importance of restoring West Salem homes in a historically sensitive manner. Through the WOSH*i* program, the City is supervising the repairs on this home keeping the original windows and siding, as well as maintaining other structural integrity.

Price Reduction!

The house at the corner of Academy and Green has been reduced to \$69,900! Let's avoid having another investment property with absentee landlords. Tell your friends and neighbors about this property! It could be another wonderful family home or someone in our neighborhood could invest and turn it into a well maintained rental property. Call Carol Faley (761.1548) or Barry Carlton (721.1814), West Salem's resident realtors. They will donate a percentage of their commission back into West Salem through WOSH*i*.



*West Salem September
Calendar of Events*

NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, September 4

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

West Salem Garden Club

Meets the first Wednesday of each month.

"The next meeting will be September 4th, 7:00 PM, at Green Street United Methodist Church. Supper with the congregation will precede the meeting at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The topic of our meeting will be: Prayer Gardens. Please make plans to attend, and bring a friend!"

Cordially, Philip Van Horn 724-2586

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**Wachovia Highlands Neighborhood
Association Monthly Meeting**

Meets second Monday of each month at Piedmont Baptist College, Deeds Hall, Room 105

The Wachovia Highlands Web Site is LIVE!! Take a look and let us hear from you with suggestions!

www.whna-ws.org

Sad News. . .

West Salem has lost a great friend and contributor. We are sad to announce that Dr. Larry Fields, the principal of Latham Elementary School, recently passed away unexpectedly during surgery. Dr. Fields always had his students, teachers, and staff at heart and his dedication meant a lot to our community. He was a caring professional, and we are sad to lose his wisdom and his concern that every child could have a chance to learn and grow. He will be missed by many.

iSaludos vecinos latinos! ¡Les pedimos que nos acompañen en nuestra reunión mensual de la Asociación del Vecindario de Wachovia Highlands! Vengan a ayudarnos a hacer de nuestro vecindario un mejor lugar para vivir, trabajar y jugar. ¡Con mucho gusto los esperamos a todos!

- ¿Cuándo?** Lunes 9 de septiembre
- ¿A qué hora?** Desde las 7:00 a las 8:00 PM
- ¿Dónde?** En el Piedmont Bible College
- ¿En qué lugar?** Sala 105, Deeds Hall
- ¿Dirección?** Calle Franklin Street

Neighborhood News . . . continued

West Salem Civic Club

The West Salem Civic Club will meet Tuesday, September 10, at the Civic Club, 1010 Hutton Street. For a little fun, the Civic Club plays bingo on Saturday, September 14, at 7:00 PM. **EVERYONE** is invited!

West Salem Neighborhood Watch is collecting old working cell phones that have batteries and chargers. The phones will be given to neighborhood ladies for protection--ladies who like to get their exercise in the evenings walking around the neighborhood, but do not have cell phones or the means to get them. These phones will not be connected to a cell company. They will only be used to dial 911 in case of an emergency. If you have such phones you wish to donate, please call Bob Litaker ~ 725.2789.

Let's keep West Salem on the move!!

Green Street Church Neighborhood Activities

Rev. Yar (Ellen Yarborough)

- Come to "The Welcome Table!" Green Street Church's community fellowship suppers will be each Wednesday at 5:58 p.m. As before, donations of one dollar for adults and fifty cents for children are requested (but not required) for the meal.
- The Green Street Church Health Ministry will be open on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30. To consult about health issues, we have two medical volunteers: Dr. Steve Bisette, a member of Ardmore Baptist Church, and Teresa Brady, RN, one of our own members.
- After the **Welcome Table** meal on September 11, Rev. Kelly Carpenter will be joined by Rev. Neil Routh (the new minister at Christ Moravian Church) and other representatives of the neighborhood in a Service of Commemoration on the anniversary of 9/11/01.
- Green Street Church is celebrating its 100th Anniversary all through September, culminating with a special service September 29. There will be guest musicians and a barbecue--and **all West Salem neighbors** are invited to join in the celebrations!
- Another special event will be on Wednesday, September 24, at 4:00 PM, when we will dedicate the mural that artist James Williams is painting in our Prayer Garden.
- Our ASP (Art-Study-Power After School Program) starts September 9, and will run from 3:30 to 5:30 PM Monday through Thursday each week, for elementary and middle-school students. There seems to be no cost to participate, but there may be occasional outings that require some \$\$\$. As you know, we are not in the habit of shutting anybody out of programs if there is a problem finding money to participate. We have some adult and college student volunteers--but of course **MORE** are needed. A Tutor Training Session is scheduled for volunteers on Friday, September 13, from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Rev. Kelly will have more information about the details of this, so interested folks can call him at 722.8379.

More information on these and other Green Street Church and Neighborhood Events can be found at their web site: www.greenstreetchurch.org

QUESTIONS? Contact us:

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