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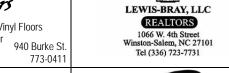
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# **West End Communication Page:**

### The West End Association Web Site

We are actively working on making the West End Neighborhood Web site even better. Please visit www.historicwestend.org information about our neighborhood's history, maps, links and membership information. Do you have pictures that you have taken in the West End that you would like to share? Your photo may be featured on the Web site. Please email pictures to thewestender@yahoo.com

# The West End Blog (W.E.B.)

Interested in what is going on in the neighborhood between newsletters? Sign onto the West End Blog where you can find neighborhood links, neighborhood watch updates, recommendations of services, and special events. Interact with other West Enders by leaving your comments. www.westendneighbors.blogspot.com

# West End Listserv is now a Yahoo Group:

Join the West End Listserv to receive neighborhood crime alerts as they are reported, weekly events in and around the West End, Neighborhood Socials, discuss hot topics with other West Enders and get other important news between monthly newsletters. Also receive an electronic copy of the monthly newsletter with active links. Please send an e-mail to thewestender@yahoo.com to be added to this group.

# Be a part of the solution

Have an Idea that will help make our neighborhood a better place to live, work or play? Email us with your ideas. New committees are forming soon.

# **New West Enders?**

Are you new to the neighborhood or do you have a new neighbor? Let us know so we can welcome our new neighbors in our next newsletter.

# Your Association at Work

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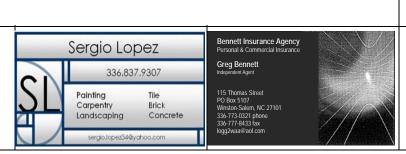
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The West End Association is working to make the neighborhood a better place to live, work and play. Current projects that the WEA is working on:

- Sponsor of the 2008 RiverRun International Film Festival
- Planning for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the West End Home Tour- December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- Planning Neighborhood Watch meetings and forming watch groups
- Neighborhood beautification/ clean up on May 17th







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# West Ender

By and for the West End Neighborhood

May 2008



# Upcoming WEA meetings:

- May 6<sup>th</sup>
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>
- July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Where: West End Room at the Central YMCA Time: 7:00- 8:45pm

The WEA Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. The Board Meetings are open to all WEA members and board meeting locations will be Emailed to all WEA members.

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Hope Du Jour on May 6th in Winston-Salem (and the West End)

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participating restaurants in Hope du Jour. One of the presenting sponsors of this event is the

assistance provider in Forsyth County distributing in their last fiscal year over \$3.5 million in

services including \$2.1 million in prescription medications. The work of CCM is done by over

We invite you to dine out on May 6<sup>th</sup>, before or after the West End Association's May meeting

West End Neighborhood Clean-up on May 17<sup>th</sup>

There will be a neighborhood clean-up held in the West End on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Neighbors are

overgrown and may affect pedestrian traffic in the neighborhood. Please bring gloves and

any gardening tools to help. The group will meet at the steps near the playground at Hanes

Park. Please join us to help make the neighborhood a beautiful place to live, play, and work.

Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am- 2:00pm. (Rain date will be the same time and place on

May 24th.) You may also want to bring snacks and drinking water. This is an event for all

ages. Parent supervision is required for all children to make sure our little ones stay safe.

Please send any questions that you may have to thewestender@yahoo.com. Thank you in

asked to pitch in to help clean up some areas in the neighborhood that have become

500 volunteers and 18 paid staff. Clients are interviewed to verify the need for assistance

Crisis Control. Over 100 restaurants at www.hopedujour.org will participate. You will notice

in the West End. West End Café, The Old Fourth Street Filling Station, The Lighthouse,

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# Traffic Calming Committee Information: (April Meeting)

The committee met on April 10<sup>th</sup> in a conference room at the Central YMCA. We used a large map of the West End overlay to facilitate discussions of the traffic problems in the West End Neighborhood. Mark and Ellis opened the meting by outlining a strategy to identify streets and intersections in West End that are experiencing chronic problems with speeding and high traffic volume. Our goal is to solicit input from neighbors about the areas that should be targeted for changes that could help to ameliorate problems. Neighbors from three major areas of the West End district overlay were present representing Summit Street, West End Blvd. in the vicinity of Brookstown Ave., and Fourth Street on the south side of First St. The main problems identified were:

- Excessive speed on numerous streets including, but not limited to
  - Summit Street from West End Blvd, to Fourth Street
  - Fourth Street between Business 40 and First Street
  - First Street from Burke Street down to Hawthorne Rd.
  - o Brookstown Ave. between Fourth Street and West End Blvd.
- Excessive traffic volume on residential streets when alternate thoroughfare routes should be used.
- Drivers going too fast to and from St. Paul's daycare facility.

After much discussion, the group decided that the best approach may be to identify the streets and intersections that are experiencing problems. Once a map has been marked appropriately to clearly locate the areas of primary concern, we will request a meeting with Mr. Stan Polanis to solicit his advice on how best to request corrective measures. We hope to be able to convince the City of Winston-Salem to prepare a traffic engineering plan that can be implemented as part of the street restorations and resurfacing that must be made following completion of the water and sewer projects scheduled for completion later in 2008. -Submitted by Brenda Penny and Mark Lively

# Birds of the West End

The bird column appearing in our local paper recently announced a four-day National Bird Census called the Great Backyard Bird Count. As a devoted bird watcher, I participated and sat on our second floor balcony for three early mid-February mornings and counted the birds that I saw and heard. West Enders who check out the birds probably notice that the birds are most active and visible at sunrise. If I had been out at noon when it's warm and comfortable, I wouldn't have seen much. As midday, the birds have eaten and are resting quietly. So early morning it was, warmish with a mug of coffee.

Suddenly, a large bird flew into the backyard tulip tree, no more than 30 feet distant. Easily crow-size, his breast was heavily barred with bright reddish marks and black moustaches. It was a gorgeous hawk, silently perched on a branch at my eye level, his sinister intent was probably to check out our birdbath and feeder. All the birds had melted away at this approach, so after a half a minute he took off, was joined in the air by another hawk, and both zoomed toward Hanes Park. Thanks to the Great Backyard Bird Count, I had an unforgettable close view of or local Cooper's Hawk – often seen from afar, rarely so close. Our other resident hawk, the Red-tail, is much larger with a whitish breast.

My total count for three early mornings was twenty. Besides the common ones, I listed titmouse, nuthatch, house finch, towhee, dove, downy woodpecker, red-bellied woodpecker, Carolina wren, white-throated sparrow and junco. The last two are winter birds the have left our area now. Strangely, mockingbirds missed the count, although the were present both before and after.

-Submitted by West End resident, Ann Listokin

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- 1) Most tanks leak, or have had some oil spilled around the filling point which results in soil contamination, obviously not good for the environment. Even if the tank is empty, has been filled with foam or sand, or has been removed, soil contamination may exist at the property.
- 2) Many mortgage companies now require the tank to be removed on sale or re-finance of a home as they consider them a liability.
- 3) The fund has finite dollars, so the time to act is now, while the fund is available

If you would like to know more about this program and how you are eligible to have your heating oil tank removed at no cost to you, please call, Katy O'Kennedy at 336-409-6877.

# The West End Association is Only as Strong as Our Membership

We would like to say thank you and extend our appreciation to the 50 current members of the WEA. While there are over 800 residents in the West End, the Association can only represent those who have membership in WEA, therefore, one of the most crucial components of the WEA is the number of members that we have. When the WEA is asked for opinions/feedback/ input on issues such as the new baseball field. YMCA expansion, or the upcoming Business 40 project, the association is often asked, "How many people does your association represent?" The larger the number of members, the more clout we have with such issues. Residency does not make you a member but \$15/year can! Your annual dues helps the West End in many ways. Some of the projects that your dues help fund:

Monthly West End Newsletter (Delivered by neighborhood volunteers)

- The West End Easter Egg Hunt (Free for participants, organized by volunteers)
- Joining Preserve Historic Forsyth (We are a historic neighborhood.)
- Sponsor for RiverRun Film Festival (Offices and VIP party are in the West End)
- Title Sponsor for ARTSfest (held in Grace Court every other year)
- Sponsor West End Holiday Home Tour (Tour of West End homes)
- Representation, if needed, for issues affecting the West End

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