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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 a Yahoo Group:

Join the West End Listserv to receive neighborhood crime alerts as they are reported, 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.

Linked In?

If you use the networking service Linked In, you can join the West End Association Group. Please send an e-mail to thewestender@yahoo.com and we will send you the link to join.

Service Bulletin Board on Blog

We would like to have a service bulletin board on our blog. Do recommend a plumber, a painter, or a contractor? Do you have a babysitter that you recommend or someone who does lawn service? If you are willing to share his/her name, we would like to put their names and contact information on the blog for neighbors to reference.

Your Association at Work

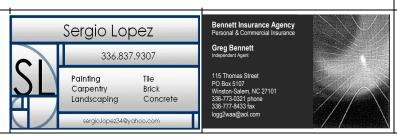
The West End Association is working to make the neighborhood a better place to live, work and play. Current projects that the WEA is working on:

- Planning for the West End Neighborhood Cleanup & Fall Festival- October 25th
- Planning Neighborhood Watch meetings and forming watch groups
- Neighborhood beautification
- Planning for the 30th anniversary of the West End Home Tour- December 14th, 2008

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• Sept. 9 (Board)

• Nov. 11 (Board)

All general meetings will be

held on the second Tuesday

of the month in the West End

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The WEA Board meets on

numbered months at 7pm. The Board Meetings are

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and board meeting locations

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By and for the West End Neighborhood

September 2008

Creative Bridge Design Art Exhibit **Upcoming WEA meetings:**

The art exhibit, Creative Bridge Design, will take place Tuesday, September 16th and run until September 30th at the DADA Center in the Downtown Art District in Winston-Salem, NC. The art exhibit is to inspire and motivate both the Winston-Salem Community and funders of Business 40 Project to incorporate public art into the Business 40 Bridges. The presenting of local artists' works and designs of innovative bridge design will be among the first visual models to present to the public and NCDOT for the Business 40 Bridges. It will be a chance for the community, the Arts, and the State to work side by side on a large scale project that will heighten the city's development and identity as the "City of the Arts".

The art show is OPEN to local Winston-Salem and Forsyth County artists, architects, engineers, and designers that are 18 & older. Artworks will range from drawings, both artistic and technical, painting, watercolor, photography, graphics, and 3D. Artwork should illustrate in some form a cultural connection to the Winston-Salem community. Imagine new symbols and artistic expression to represent Winston-Salem. Final deadline will be September 5th.

Additional information on Business 40 Project and Public art: http://www.business40nc.com/ or http://www.winstonsalempublicart.blogspot.com/ For further information on *Creative Bridge Design* art exhibition contact: Katie Gunter at gunterk7@gmail.com

A Community Garden in the West End a Possibility?

Many urban areas have seen the benefits of a community garden in the neighborhood. Volunteers from the neighborhood prepare the soil, then plant fruit, flowers, and vegetables, and share their bounty with the neighborhood. Our neighbors in West Salem have had a lot of success with their community garden, and several West Enders are interested in starting one in our community. If you would like to participate in a community garden in the West End, please e-mail thewestender@yahoo.com.

Benefits of Community Gardens:

- Provides a catalyst for neighborhood and community development
- Stimulates Social Interaction
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Letter from the Vice President

There is an exciting new trend in real estate sales in the West End neighborhood; a majority of homes sold in the past year were bought by families with small children. According to long term West Enders, there are dozens more children here now than there were even five years ago.

Families are choosing the neighborhood because of the way of life that a historic neighborhood affords. There are sidewalks, trees, playgrounds, parks and a genuine sense of community. They also mention being walking distance to downtown and the new baseball stadium as reason for choosing the West End. So let's welcome all the new little ones to our neighborhood!

Clare Fader, WEA Vice President

Planning Some Home Renovations? The West End Historic Overlay is Your Guide

The West End Historic Overlay District was created to protect the unique character of the West End neighborhood. The Historic Overlay District promotes the preservation. conservation, restoration, and rehabilitation of architecturally and/or historically significant structures and features within the District.

The original purpose of the guidelines was to allow flexibility for modernization while preserving the unique historical character of the neighborhood rather than creating a museum-quality district.

If you are planning any exterior renovations on your home, please use the West End Historic Overlay as a reference so you will know what types of modernizations can be made, while keeping the historic features.

It is important to point out that it is the responsibility of the property owner to seek review and approval from the Historic Resource Commission (HRC) prior to starting any work on your home. One of the purposes of the HRC is to assist and consult with property owners about proposed work. In the early planning stages of a project, property owners should call the HRC staff with any questions or concerns. The staff can also assist by interpreting the Guidelines, suggesting solutions to problems and explaining the review process. For assistance, call 336-727-2087

"Third Thursday" West End Socials

The August West End Social was a great event. Caffe Prada provided some great snacks and the neighbors provided the wonderful company. Because there are new neighbors coming to the neighborhood every month, we thought it would be a great idea to meet every month. Caffe Prada has something for everyone: coffee, wine, beer, and of course some delicious gelato and other desserts. This is a great way to get together between larger West End Event throughout the year. The next Third Thursday Social will be September 18th from 6pm-8pm. We look forward to seeing new faces and those that are

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West End Neighborhood Clean-up and Fall Festival: Saturday, October 25th

The West End Fall Festival will be a fun event for neighbors of all ages. This will be a day full of activities and an opportunity to meet new neighbors and catch up with old friends.

We will start with a neighborhood cleanup in the afternoon, followed by a neighborhood potluck picnic. Apple cider, pumpkins, and activities for the kids will be just a part a great neighborhood event and a West End tradition. Please watch for more details in upcoming editions of The West Ender.

If you are interested in being on the planning committee, please send an e-mail to thewestender@yahoo.com.

2009 Membership Drive for the West End Association

Membership in the West End Association is for each calendar year. We will be having membership drives for 2009, starting in October. You can bring your check for \$15 to any of the Third Thursday Socials, the Fall Festival, or General WEA Meetings in October or December. When you consider the price of other neighborhood associations in the city, \$15 a year is a heck of a deal. The money that we raise pays for printing of the monthly newsletter, sponsoring neighborhood events such as the Holiday Home Tour, ARTSfest & RiverRun, neighborhood beautification, the Easter Egg Hunt, Fourth of July Picnic, Fall Festival, and more. Just as important, our organization is only as strong as its membership. There is power in numbers, especially when we are working with city planners who may have plans that affect our neighborhood.

Are You Registered to Vote for the November Elections?

If you are new to the area or just to the neighborhood, make sure you have updated your voter registration. At the Web site http://www.sboe.state.nc.us, you can find out of you are registered to vote, get registered to vote, apply to vote absentee, and find your poll location.

The West End Association Needs Volunteers/Committee Members:

Share your interests with others in the neighborhood by volunteering to be on one (or more) of the West End Association's Committees:

- 2008 Holiday Home Tour- Homes for the tour and steering committee members
- Neighborhood Safety Committee- Block Captains and neighbors willing to participate
- Traffic Committee- Neighbors interested in discussing speeding/traffic issues
- Volunteers Needed: Substitute delivery persons to deliver the West End Newsletter
- Volunteers needed for the West End Fall Festival

If you are interested in forming other neighborhood groups that benefit the neighborhood, please feel free to discuss your ideas at any of the neighborhood meetings, held the second Tuesday of each month, or post your ideas on the West End Listsery (details about joining the Listserv is in the Communications section, on the back page).

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