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Word on the street of West End is that the July 4th Picnic was loads of fun! While it was H-O-T hot outside, many neighbors came out to enjoy the food and fun—I have specific direction to let everyone know that the watermelon and Andrew's ribs were AMAZING. Always fun when everyone can get together and celebrate!



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Don't Let Moisture Ruin your House!



 **Upcoming Events**

August
Aug 2—City Council Meeting

Aug 7 — HRC Mtg @ 4pm Bryce A. Stuart Mun. Bldg

Aug 28—Great NC Beer Festival @ Tanglewood Park

September
Sept 1 — HRC Mtg @ 4pm Bryce A. Stuart Mun. Bldg

Sept 6—Labor Day

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Water damage comes from three main sources: Rain, groundwater, and plumbing problems. All 3 sources can be identified and remedied, but the key is to catch the signs early!

Rain. Keep an eye out for plaster flaking off of ceilings, brown or grey water stains, dampness in an attic, rotten soffit or fascia boards. Typically, shingles have deteriorated past the point of repair, flashing was improperly installed or has been damaged, or gutters have become clogged and the resulting backup leads to water problems with the roof. Proper gutter maintenance is the number one method to prevent rain-water issues. If you see rain running over or behind gutters immediately inspect them for stoppage and to identify if they are fastened to the structure properly. If caught early on, rainwater issues can typically be dealt with by roof repair, basic fascia/soffit repair, or painting ceilings. If left too long they can cause big headaches in the form of tearing out and replacing plaster ceilings, entire soffit/ fascia replacement, and rafter and framing damage.

Groundwater. This can be the silent killer of older homes. So many of the homes built in the Piedmont have dug out basements, which can quickly become ponds, depending on the exterior grade. It is imperative that the grade slopes away from all sides of the house at 1" per foot. This should continue away from the structure as far as possible, however, 5'-6' would be a minimum. This helps keep rainwater from getting in through foundation walls. Basements and crawlspaces should be kept dry by means of laying down a 6-mil poly barrier. Do not cover the entire surface below a house in 1 session. This quick drying can cause trim and moldings to shrink up too much inside the house and lead to cracks. Try to do the whole surface over a few weeks. You should keep the poly back from all exterior walls approximately 2' in order to allow some moisture to still escape and prevent water damage to the interior of soft masonry foundations. Dehumidifiers and sump pumps are a more mechanical means of remedying moisture incursion. Downspouts and any connected hoses should be checked for function, and do make sure downspouts are not spilling water back close to the house. Stones, bricks, and black piping can all be used to route water away from the house.

Plumbing leaks. Often, older homes are plumbed with a mixture of plumbing materials that have been cobbled together over the years. These combinations and the fittings that connect them can lead to many problems. When copper and galvanized are improperly connected it can cause electrolysis, and small pinholes will form in the copper line. As with rain, look for water stains on ceilings or water standing in basements and crawlspaces. Toilet flanges, improperly caulked tubs and showers, and failing grout in shower pans are leading contributors to water problems in homes. Small preventive maintenance throughout the year can pay big dividends over time. Moisture problems and the ensuing damage from termites, ants, rot, and mold can be extremely damaging and costly to repair. Catch the signs early and stay on top of preventive maintenance!

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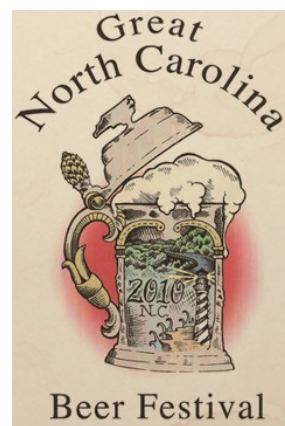
We all know what a great time the North Carolina Wine Festival was that it only seems natural to end the summer with the Great North Carolina Beer Festival. The event will take place Saturday, Aug. 28 from 1-8pm at Tanglewood Park.

Visit www.greatncbeerfestival.com to get your tickets in advance for \$25.00, otherwise they are \$30.00 at the door. You also have the option to get the \$50.00 VIP tickets. The website also offers information on how to volunteer, directions, etc.

\$25.00 goes a long way, getting you unlimited beer tasting, a free commemorative tasting glass, as well as live music, contests and a program.

If interested make sure you follow these guidelines—

- Must have ID to show over 21 years of age
- No coolers or outside food or drink allowed
- No pets
- FYI—even will be held rain or shine



Letter from the WEA President...

I have recently been attending a few HRC committee meetings and have been reminded of one of the purposes in having a neighborhood association. We not only promote social events for our neighborhood, but we also attempt to ensure our district stays historic. For those who are not familiar, the HRC is the Historic Resource Commission, and they are in charge of maintaining the Historic District according to the guidelines set by each Historic Area. We've recently had a few instances of guideline infractions in the neighborhood, so I thought it would be a good idea to remind the residents again about the guidelines. Most of us are familiar with rules regarding large changes to the exterior of our houses, but what about tree removal or walkways? What about the sides or back of a building? When you decide to make a change to your home, I would recommend that you get a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA), which is the application that is completed and sent to the city (avail. online). It is an easy process to follow and usually are approved quickly! The guidelines are also on the WEA and HRC web sites, and I have included two helpful links below for additional resources.

Thanks for helping us keep us historic,
Timo Collins
President WEA

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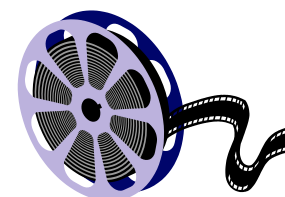
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HRC Meeting 8/4

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a/PERTURE Cinema—Special Events

- **The Bachelorette Final Rose Ceremony**—Monday, Aug 2nd. Doors open at 7:30pm, show starts at 8pm. Admission is FREE.
- **Kirikou and the Sourceress**— a/kids summer animated series will show August 10-11th. This film will also show at 11am daily for \$5.00.
- **Pelada**—Aug 17-19, 7pm. A documentary following two former college soccer stars who didn't quite make it to the pros. Not ready for it to be over, they take off, chasing the game. From Brazil to China to Iran, and in between, Pelada is the story of people who play.

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Aug 8, 2pm	Aug 29, 2pm
Aug 16-19 7pm	Aug 31, 7pm



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