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By and for the West End Neighborhood

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## Upcoming Events

**August 3**  
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**August 3**  
FIRST FRIDAY GALLERY HOP  
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Downtown Arts District

**August 7**  
Historic Resource Comm. Mtg  
4pm  
Stuart Municipal Bldg  
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**August 9**  
Downtown Jazz  
6-9pm  
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**August 10**  
SECCA Community Day  
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**August 13**  
West End Assoc. Meeting  
7pm  
YMCA West End Room

**August 18-24**  
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**August 25**  
Pups in the Park  
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## Streetcars in the West End



- by Daniel Yohannes

The final meeting of the Feasibility Assessment team for the Winston-Salem Streetcar project was held last month, with a public forum held at the Anderson Conference Center at the Winston-Salem State University campus on June 27th, which gave the public a final opportunity for live feedback on the preferred form of transportation and the preferred route. The upside for the establishment of a streetcar for the central city would be that it would create a daily ridership of 2,250, and add 600,000 more square feet of commercial space and 1,300 more jobs than would be created without the streetcar line. The initially proposed line of the streetcar would be a four-mile route that would connect the Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center to downtown using First, Fourth and Fifth Streets and that would pass by BB&T Ballpark, through Wake Forest Innovation Quarter and Winston-Salem State University and terminate at the corner of 5th and Martin Luther King Dr. A section of the route would

run through the West End (1st street to Broad, then to 4th St, and then 4th through Burke St., back to 1st Street. See the Figure below). The cost to build that streetcar line would approach \$180 million. While officials said at the public meeting said the streetcar would stimulate growth and be a worthwhile investment, some attendees had concerns about the \$4.3 million estimated annual operating costs. This feasibility study was primarily a technical feasibility study. The planning board is still studying options to present to the city council in the future on a plan to pay ongoing costs including fares, local taxes, or contributions from companies that would use the streetcar line. The city and consulting firm (HDR) have been studying routing and other issues for the proposal, but it is to be emphasized that the city has not yet decided to pursue the project. The project still has to pass reviews at the federal level and a critical decision by the Winston-Salem City Council before becoming a reality.



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# HRC Guidelines: Vegetation and Landscaping



- by Mark Lively

Although the Historic Design Guidelines primarily emphasize building construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation, the Guidelines also establish rules for preservation of the historic character of the landscaping and vegetation in West End. Property owners in the Historic District should become familiar with the landscaping and vegetation guidelines when planning changes. The following excerpts from the guide highlight some of the considerations. Complete details are found in the Guidelines.

"The West End is characterized as a picturesque residential neighborhood that takes advantage of the natural topography of its landscape through the use of dramatically curving streets, terraced lawns, retaining walls and steps, and several parks. Colonel Jacob Lott Ludlow, the designer of West End, was influenced by the picturesque concept of suburban planning made popular on the national level by Frederick Law Olmsted. Ludlow's design, which remains largely intact today, responds to, rather than resists, the dramatic topography of the land."

"Plantings, especially trees, are important to the overall character of the District. The quality and integrity of the original design and planted landscape for West End are exceptional and include a wide variety of indigenous material and other plantings that help to define and service lawns, terraces, hillsides, and areas adjacent to stone stairs and walls connecting the houses with the street."

"As a result, landscape and environmental features are considered significant elements to the neighborhood. Such elements include: features that form spaces including topography, setback, and setting of buildings, vistas and views; plant plantings such as hedges, foundation plantings, lawns, gardens, and tree canopies; features that define circulation such as walkways, streets, alleys, driveways, and parking areas; and features that articulate a site such as ac-

cessory buildings, fences, walls, lighting, terraces, waterways, foundations, patios, sculptures, arbors, pergolas, pools, furniture, signage, and planters." "Whenever changes are considered for a site, it must be determined if these changes would follow established historic patterns and blend with existing historic site features and architectural styles of the neighborhood."

The preservation of large, mature trees is a critical goal for preservation of the West End environment. Removal of mature trees should be avoided.

Parking areas: "Locate new parking areas so that the topography of the building site and significant site features, including mature trees, are retained."

Tree Removal: "Removal and replacement of trees is allowed when a tree is dead, diseased, or dangerous. It is not appropriate to remove large, healthy, mature trees. When tree replacement is required, replace with a tree that is compatible with the character of the District. Species, size, and location of the new tree will be determined on case-by-case bases and with consultation with the City's Urban Forester."

New Construction: "Design new construction or additions so that large trees and other significant site features are preserved. Protect large trees and other significant site features from immediate damage during construction and from delayed damage due to construction activities, such as loss of root area or compaction of the soil by equipment."

Removal of large, healthy, mature trees should be viewed in the same way that we would consider the removal of an historic home!

**Note from the Editor:** *This article is part of a continuing series appearing in The West Ender to highlight selections from the West End Historic District Design Review Guidelines; the text is adapted directly from the Guidelines.*

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# First Street New Construction Discussion Summary

-By Mary Jane Skelly

At the July meeting of the West End Association, local architect Matthew Ronca presented plans for construction of a new single family home for his personal use on a vacant lot at the intersection of West End Boulevard and First Street. Some neighbors respectfully voiced their opposition to any structure being built on the narrow lot that has been vacant since the West End neighborhood was laid out in the early 1900s. Other WEA members and neighbors in attendance voiced support for the building as long as it is approved by the Historic Resource Commission. Some concerns were raised regarding whether specific elements of the proposed building conform to new construction guidelines as laid out in the Historic Overlay Guidelines. Members of the West End Association, including other designers and architects, agreed to meet with Mr. Ronca to discuss ways to enhance the design of the new house to increase compliance with requirements of the guidelines. Aside from the questions about the house itself, the most concerning aspect of the project was the proposal to remove a large tulip poplar tree (54 inches in diameter) located at the top of the property to accommodate construction of a garage. The WEA board voted to oppose any plan that would require removal of this large, healthy, mature tree. The plan will be formally considered by the HRC on August 7th (4:00 p.m. in Public Meeting Room of the Bryce A. Stuart Municipal Building, Fifth Floor, 100 East First Street, Winston-Salem). Neighbors are welcome to attend this meeting.

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