



The West Ender

By and for the West End Neighborhood

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FEBRUARY EVENTS

Special Events

The BIG Eat

Highlighting many downtown restaurants
Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership

dwsp.org/bigeat.htm

Tuesday nights

January 8th–February 26th

Recurring Meetings

Historic Resource Commission

Public Meeting Room, Bryce A. Stuart Municipal Building
100 East 1st Street
First Wednesday of each month @ 4:00pm

West End Association

West End Room, YMCA
775 West End Blvd.
Second Tuesday of each month @ 7:00pm

Board of Education, Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools

Education Building Auditorium
4801 Bethania Station Road
Second Tuesday of each month @ 6:00pm

Significance of the West End Neighborhood

- Mark Lively

The West End became Winston-Salem's first designated Historic Overlay District in 1993. The designation provides a process to protect the unique character of the neighborhood, while allowing necessary adaptations to accommodate modern lifestyles. The Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission (HRC) has authority to review significant changes within the West End Historic Overlay District to protect the neighborhood without creating a museum-quality district as found in Old Salem and Bethabara. Careful consideration of the appearance of the neighborhood is essential to preserve its historic character. Changes must be appropriate to the property AND to the District as a whole. The *West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Guidelines* assist property owners with planning and implementation of changes. The Guidelines also provide the framework by which the Commission and Commission staff determine the appropriateness of proposed changes to a property. The HRC is a twelve-member appointed board* that conducts the design review process for the Historic Districts, Historic Overlay Districts and Local Historic Landmarks in Forsyth County. The Commission meets



on the first Wednesday of each month at 4:00 PM. Each project is reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The decisions of the Commission are based on the guidelines set forth in the West End Historic District Overlay Design Review Guidelines. *Look before you Leap.* Before you begin work on any project that will affect the external appearance of your historic property, communicate with the HRC staff. The HRC staff can help with

interpretation of the Guidelines and advise you how to prepare your application for consideration by the Commission. Because commissioners serve in a quasi-judicial capacity, individual commissioners are unable to discuss specific plans that a property owner may be considering. Questions about applications should be directed to HRC staff members (336-727-2087).

Note from the Editor: This article and ones to follow in future issues of The Westender will highlight selections from the West End Historic District Design Review Guidelines; substantial sections of the text are adapted directly from the Guidelines. The full text can be obtained free of charge in PDF format at:

www.cityofws.org/Assets/CityOfWS/Documents/Planning/HRC/Local_Districts/WE_Guidelines_2006.pdf

Printed copies of the Guidelines are available from the Forsyth County Historic Commission for a nominal fee. The West End Association has a limited supply of printed copies available free of charge.

*The current roster of the HRC is found at this link:

cityofws.org/Assets/CityOfWS/Documents/Planning/HRC/Admin/HRC_Roster_20130108.pdf

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The Historic West End ARTSfest will be held on Sept. 14 [rain date 15th] this year. If you are interested in being on the steering committee for this year's festival please contact us at ws.artsfest@gmail.com. Thank you to Melissa Hannah for taking on the music/entertainment chair position. Kathryn Gauldin, a local fiber artist, [Fiber Works on Trade St.] will head up the artist recruitment position.



We need someone to head up the sponsorship, media/marketing committee. It is a great volunteer job, a chance to network and enhance our image as a "city of the arts"!

West End Association Dues

- Eric Elliot

It's time to pay your 2012 dues to the West End Association. We encourage all those living in the West End - and other fans and friends of the neighborhood -- to ensure your household is a paid member of the West End Association in 2012. Dues are \$20 per household. Dues are a primary vehicle by which the Association has funds for social and community benefit, and our dues-paying roster is THE primary way we emphasize that the Association's efforts represent (speak for) the concerns of our neighborhood in matters before the government agencies and public decision-makers.

The Association's work consists of volunteer labor (and fun) and lobbying from neighbors. The variety of minds, bodies, and contributions representing our full community matter. Whether you are a homeowner or renter, a long-time resident or

just passing through, we need your voice, your time, your talents and your financial assistance to do our neighborhood's work. Whether as a newsletter reader or a listserv member, a committee member, a monthly meeting attendee or a front porch new pass-alonger, we value your opinions, your hopes, and your feelings about our area. Share in our building a better West End by participating in the work of the WEA and paying your dues. Only dues-paying members can vote in the February annual meeting election of board members to the group. Come share your voice. Pay in person at the next West End Association meeting, or via Paypal by on our website at www.historicwestend.org, or mail to:

West End Association
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Historic West End Street Signs

- George Bryan

There are exactly 21 signs West End signs celebrating and delineating the our neighborhood. These signs were erected after a community fundraiser in the late 1990s. The West End Association voted at our meeting on Tuesday, January 8th to replace several damaged signs and have a few for future damage. On Saturday, January 12th David Elam and George Bryan began by straightening the sign located near the Daniel Boone traffic island. David has ordered additional reinforced signs to replace a sign near Crystal Tower and the car damaged sign at Hawthorne and Glade. These are your signs, so please keep an eye out for issues with the signs and let us know if any need to be repaired. The funds to replace these signs come from our neighborhood fund raisers.



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Snowsledding History

- Wendy the West End Windbag

Back in ancient times — i.e., the 1980's — several times almost every winter it would snow, and throngs of children and grown-ups

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