



# The West Ender

By and for the West End Neighborhood

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February 2016

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### West End Association Meetings

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 6:00PM  
February 23

March 22

West End Room  
William G. White YMCA  
775 W End Blvd,  
Winston-Salem, NC

### Historic Resource Commission Meetings

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays at  
4:00 PM

March 2

April 6

Historic Resources  
Commission Meetings  
Bryce A. Stuart  
Municipal Building  
Room 530  
Winston-Salem, NC

Historic resources  
Commission **Certificate  
of Appropriateness  
Applications** submittal  
deadline 5:00PM no  
later than the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Wednesday of the  
month before the next  
HRC meeting.

### West End Collections

#### Garbage & Yard Waste

Thursdays, weekly

#### Recycling

Every other week  
February 1, 15, & 29

### Planning Renovations?

Consult the West End  
Historic Overlay District  
Design Review Guide.  
[http://historicwestend.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/WE\\_Guidelines\\_2006.pdf](http://historicwestend.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/WE_Guidelines_2006.pdf)

## Update on Brunson and the 2016 Schools Bond

by Jan Campbell Wharton

The Winston-Salem Forsyth County Board of Education will ask County Commissioners to include a \$325 million school bond on the November 2016 ballot. Included in this bond are a replacement for Brunson Elementary at a "location to be determined," increased capacity and replacement of the gym at Wiley Middle, and pedestrian and bus safety site improvements at Wiley Middle and Reynolds High.

Please see <http://www.wsfcs.k12.nc.us/2016bond> for more information on all bond projects

For Brunson, the bond would address problems with the school's facilities, the most pressing of which is overcrowding with over 600 students attending the 400 capacity school. In addition, maintenance of the 1959 building and its grounds has been minimal over the last 10 years. Brunson's current location is within a 100-year flood plain, and according to WSFCS Construction Manager, Bill Powell, recent federal regulations have increased the cost and complicated the process of building in a floodplain. WSFCS has not wanted to invest money in upgrading a building that will eventually have to be replaced, and past plans to rebuild the school have met with public opposition and lack of funding.

On January 14, a group of parents representing Brunson Elementary and the surrounding community met with Superintendent Beverly Emory, School Board Chair Dana Caudill Jones, and facilities staff from WSFCS about plans for Brunson.

Dr. Emory and Ms. Jones praised Brunson as a successful school, assigned grade A by the North Carolina Department of Education, and they attribute this success to Brunson's diversity of students and the mix of educational programs offered. They said they want to build on Brunson's strengths and to avoid disrupting its successful elements.

The plan is to rebuild Brunson in a different location, but finding the minimal 5+ acres to build the proposed 800 capacity school is challenging and costly in the urban core location of Brunson's residential area. WSFCS has considered 11 sites. In 2012, they commissioned architectural site proposals for rebuilding at Brunson's current location and beside Wiley Middle School (where Reynolds Stadium is now planned), but these plans were rejected for various reasons. Several other sites close to the current school have been ruled out as well.

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## **Brunson and the Proposed WS/FC Schools Bond Referendum (continued)**

Four sites are currently under consideration (one of which is not within the current residential area). All representatives of WSFCS agreed the location will not likely be finalized by the time the bond is voted on in November. They agreed to partner with the advocacy group to find a solution for rebuilding Brunson that is sensitive to the needs of its students and surrounding community.

The school board scheduled 8 hearings to gather public input on the bond (dates listed below). There are four more public meetings in March. Your participation is VERY IMPORTANT. If you care about the future of our neighborhood school, plan to attend one of these important meetings. School Superintendent Beverly Emory has thanked us for our involvement and participation in this critical process. The final bond proposal will go to county commissioners in April.

- Thursday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. – West Forsyth High School (1735 Lewisville-Clemmons Road, Clemmons)
- Monday, March 7 at 7 p.m. – North Forsyth High School (5705 Shattalon Drive, Winston-Salem)
- Thursday, March 10 at noon – The Downtown School (601 N. Cherry Street, Winston-Salem)
- Monday, March 14 at 7 p.m. – Speas Elementary School (2000 W. Polo Road, Winston-Salem)

Plan to attend one or more of these meetings to learn more about the bond and to advocate for Brunson and the other projects that affect the West End. The bond will be on the agenda at upcoming school board meetings as well. A calendar of events is available on the WSFCS website at <http://wsfcsel.schoolwires.net/Page/2>.

The proposed \$325 million bond referendum includes the following projects (among others):

- A replacement school for Konnoak Elementary on its current campus
- \$29.4M in maintenance and capital improvements across the district
- A replacement school for Lowrance Middle at Paisley IB Magnet
- A replacement school for Paisley IB Magnet on its

current campus

- A replacement school for Brunson, with the location yet to be determined
- A new Pre-K Center, with the location yet to be determined
- Additions at Easton, Griffith and Ward elementary schools
- Renovations for Philo-Hill Magnet Academy at its current campus
- Renovations for John F. Kennedy High School at its current campus
- Student safety and traffic improvements at Southeast Middle, Wiley Magnet Middle and Reynolds High, Meadowlark Elementary and Middle, and Parkland High
- New gym and additional classrooms at Wiley Magnet Middle on its current campus
- Renovations at East Forsyth High on its current campus
- A new middle school at Smith Farm Elementary
- A new middle school on Robinhood Road
- Land for a future eastern elementary school
- Renovations to North Forsyth High's original 1963 building (excluding the auxiliary gym)
- Technology updates for every school. The 56 schools that do not have classroom technology solutions will receive them for their classrooms, and schools that have the solutions will have them refreshed. Media centers at each school would also receive new furniture and a 3D printer.
- Safety improvements for the stadiums at Mount Tabor and Glenn high schools
- Updating cameras at all schools to district standards
- Adding entry-access controls to all middle schools

Contact Jan Wharton ([whartonjan@gmail.com](mailto:whartonjan@gmail.com)) if you would like further information or to assist in our advocacy efforts. We welcome everyone's involvement and ideas.

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## 2016 West End Holiday Homes Tour



The West End Association will continue its long standing tradition of showcasing historic homes in the West End neighborhood with the **2016 Holiday Homes Tour to take place on December 11, 2016**. An organizing committee is being formed and WEA is recruiting homes for the tour. This is always an exciting and fun event for West End and for Winston-Salem. It is our major source of funds to support our neighborhood activities. Many participants are needed. Home owners who share their beautiful historic homes are very essential.

We have opportunities for volunteers to organize and manage all aspects of the tour. We still have openings on the organizing committee. We will need volunteers to help guide visitors in the homes, to help with decorations of homes, to identify sponsors for the event, and drivers to provide transportation between the homes. This is a great opportunity to meet many of your West End neighbors and to help the WEA stage this significant event. If you would like to be part of the tour, to share your home for the tour or to volunteer, please contact us today.

**Homes Tour Contact: [thewestender@yahoo.com](mailto:thewestender@yahoo.com)**

### Using the West End Listserv

The West End Listserv was created in 2010 by the West End Association for the benefit of the neighbors in Historic West End.

**SUBSCRIBE:** Send an email to the address below. Your request will be reviewed and subscription activated if you live or work in the general West End neighborhood.  
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**PREFERENCES:** Register with Yahoogroups and login to the WestEndListserv group site. You can elect to receive individual emails as they are sent or a daily digest of all messages sent each day.

**SEARCH** the group for past message content. Looking for that roofer or those plumbers recommended by neighbors in the past? Just search:  
[https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/West\\_End\\_Listserv/](https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/West_End_Listserv/)



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**USPS:** West End Association Membership, PO Box 21054, WS, NC 27120-1054

Your membership supports many activities:

- Communicatiions: Monthly newsletter delivered to your door, neighborhood List Serv
- Social events: Easter Egg hunt, July 4th Celebration
- Community engagement: City parks in West End, Brunson Elementary, Central Library
- Neighborhood preservation and beautification: Historic Resource Commission, zoning

Anyone may join. Voting membership open to those who live in the West End and to anyone who owns, leases, rents or occupies property in the the West End neighborhood

**Renew Online or by mail. Contact us by email for business memberships.**



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