



The West Ender

By and for the West End Neighborhood

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July 2016

Celebrating July 4th in Hanes Park

by Cyndy Lively

UPCOMING EVENTS

West End Association Meetings

4th Tuesdays at 6:00PM

July 26 & Aug 23

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

Historic Resource Commission Meetings

1st Wednesdays at 4:00 PM

August 3, Sept 7
Historic Resources Commission Meetings
Bryce A. Stuart Municipal Building
Room 530
Winston-Salem, NC

Certificate of Appropriateness

Applications submittal deadline 5:00PM no later than the 2nd Wednesday of the month before the next HRC meeting.

West End Collections

Garbage & Yard Waste
Thursdays, weekly

Recycling (Blue bins)

Every other week
June 20, July 5, 18

Planning Renovations?

Consult the West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Guide.
http://historicwestend.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/WE_Guidelines_2006.pdf

The West Enders turned out for the annual 4th of July Picnic in spite of soggy ground and the threat of rain. Concerns about a large puddle blocking the parade route proved groundless as participants largely ignored parental suggestions to avoid the water hazard. While the crowd was a little smaller than usual, a record amount of chicken and barbecue was consumed.



Riley Meehan leads Issac Wharton (left) and Asher McGarrah (center) with her scooter through the parade puddle. (Photo by Sally Meehan)



4th of July Revelers. Back row left to right: June Meehan, Riley Meehan, Ella Marion, Slate Marion. Front row: Morgan O'Sullivan, Maggie O'Sullivan, Kira Madan. (Photo by Sally Meehan)



The parade approaches The Puddle. Issac Wharton (on bike), Connor McGarrah (tie dye), and Asher McGarrah (scooter). (Photo by Cyndi Thompson)



Hanes Park Renovations Project Update

by Cyndy Lively

Almost two years ago, the citizens of Winston-Salem approved a bond referendum that allocated \$1 million for the repair and renovation of Hanes Park. MLA Design Group, a prominent landscape architecture firm based in the city, was hired to develop a master plan to repair and improve the park. The city added an additional \$750,000 when it became clear that the funds would only cover a portion of the unmet needs identified in the planning process. As a first step, MLA contacted stakeholders – including the West End Association, Friends of Hanes Park, the West Highlands Neighborhood Association, the WSFCS, and business owners near the park – to identify and prioritize needs. Meetings were held individually with all groups and input was solicited in writing to give everyone an opportunity to express both their desires and concerns about the future of the park. A public input meeting was held July 21, 2015 where a site analysis listing park assets and issues was presented. MLA prepared two draft concepts of possible renovations that were presented at a public meeting on December 9, 2015. They requested further comments from the community by the end of the year to prioritize the proposed improvements to the park. The West End Association responded in writing on January 20, 2015. The initial plan was to present recommendations to the community in February or March 2016.

Because much of Hanes Park lies within a flood plain, an environmental impact study will be required to determine the impact of code regulations on the proposed improvements. Over the last several months, MLA conducted a complete survey of the park in preparation for the required flood plain study. They also conducted a cost analysis of proposed projects. An open meeting was held on June 16th at Wiley Middle School to review the proposed recommendations for the park. These were presented in the form of poster boards depicting landscaping and facility upgrades.

Unfortunately, the initial site analysis for the Hanes Park project – posted on the MLA website and presented at the July 2015 public meeting – appears prescient. “Turf wars” was among the numerous issues raised. Hanes Park has long served a variety of groups along with their competing interests, most prominently the city’s Department of Recreation and Parks and the school system. In addition to these “stakeholders,” the park serves as the premier public outdoor space for the entire city. A desire to enhance and improve the quality of that space for everyone who uses the park doesn’t negate the concerns student athletes and school officials have about the quality of the facilities available to them. As hard as the MLA Design Group tried, meeting the expectations of everyone involved seems impossible.



Hanes Park Renovations Master Plan Project Update Meeting



Winston-Salem

Join us to review proposed improvements for Hanes Park

**Thurs., June 16, 2016
Drop-in Meeting: 5:30 - 7 pm
Wiley Middle School,
1400 Northwest Blvd.**

Notice announcing the Project Update meeting sent to addresses surrounding Hanes Park in the first week of June.

Holiday Homes Tour Seeks VOLUNTEERS

The West End Association **2016 Holiday Homes Tour will take place on December 11, 2016**. We have a full slate of homes for the tour but we still need lots of help. This is an exciting and fun event for West End and for Winston-Salem. We currently need volunteers to recruit sponsors and design marketing, organize volunteers, and to driver shuttles on the day of the event. Participation in the Home Tour provides you with a great opportunity to meet many of your West End neighbors and to help the WEA stage this significant event that supports our activities. Please contact us today.

**Homes Tour Contact:
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Proposed Grace Court Wall Repair



The Recreation and Parks Department plans to remove a deteriorated brick wall that extends between West 5th Street and West 4th Street along the north side of Grace Court Park. The wall separates the park from the driveway beside the Taylor House at 915 West 4th Street. The brick wall has been deteriorating for years and must be removed or replaced. The city has consulted with the Historic Resource Commission staff about options for this project. The HRC would probably not approve replacement with a new brick wall as that construction material may not be congruent with Historic District guidelines.

HRC staff has suggested that the city consider removing the existing wall entirely and to replace it with a hedge. Another option under consideration is to install an appropriate fence (like wrought iron/aluminum) that would be consistent with the historic character of the District. Any form of fence would require maintenance and could easily be damaged by vehicles using the driveway alongside it. At a recent West End Association meeting, Jeff Smith, a longtime resident of the neighborhood, told us that there was a hedge there before the wall was constructed. Councilman Jeff MacIntosh (NW Ward) has asked the West End Association for ideas about the best replacement of this wall. If you have ideas that could help guide the city, please contact the West Ender at 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.

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

Your membership supports many activities:

- Communications: 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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