



The West Ender

By and for the West End Neighborhood

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Strummin' Music in Grace Court, Sunday, Aug 27, 4:00-6:00 PM

Seth Williams and Sam Foster
- Blues to Southern Rock to Country

West End Association Meetings

**4th Tuesdays at 6:00PM
Next Aug 22, 2017**

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

Historic Resources Commission Meetings 1st Wednesdays at 4:00 PM

Sep 6, Oct 4

Bryce A. Stuart Municipal Building Room 530
Winston-Salem, NC

Certificate of Appropriateness Applications

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

West End Collections Garbage & Yard Waste

Thursdays, weekly
Recycling (Blue bins)
Every 2nd Monday:
Aug 28, Sep 11, Sep 25

Please do not store collection carts at the curb.

Place them at the curb no sooner than 6PM the day before collection and remove from the street by 8AM the next day.

Planning to Install Satellite TV?

Satellite dishes must NOT be visible from the street. Call the staff of the Historic Resources Commission for advice BEFORE work begins: (336) 747-7054.

historicwestend.org

Aug 2017

City Link 311: A Tool to Improve Our Community

by Dan McLaughlin

With multiple restaurants, speedy cars, and pedestrians in the mix, crossing at the intersections of 4th Street, Summit Street, and Brookstown Avenue was getting more difficult to maneuver. It wasn't until I saw someone almost get hit as they crossed the street that I decided to see if the problem could be addressed. I used City Link 311 on my smartphone, took a picture of the street, and logged in a complaint that there were no adequately designed crosswalks for this very busy location.

The City Link 311 application is available free from Google Play or the Apple iTunes stores to download to your smartphone. It allows you to report issues in your area. See a streetlight out – snap a picture, do a short description, and the complaint will make its way through the system. City Link 311 makes reporting issues relatively easy once you get the hang of it. In this case, it wasn't as simple as "your call has been referred to the proper department and the call is closed."

Be aware, this has happened to me several times. The incident may be closed, but the problem may not be resolved. The complaint is sent to the appropriate agency, so 311 personnel close the call, assuming it will be resolved. And, much of the time, this is correct. Sometimes it is not. But with the 311 application, you can go back and re-open the incident and continue working with the appropriate city department to resolve the issue. That is exactly what happened in this case.



It has taken several months to move this crosswalk project forward. There were requirements to have people come and survey the area, assess the situation, design the layout, and then have the plans approved and implemented. In this case, I continued to go back and ask for updates and received those from city staff as the project progressed through its stages. As you can see in the pictures, the new crosswalk locations allow for handicap and stroller access across the streets and provide room for pedestrians to stop as they progress across one side of the street to the other.

I appreciate the city taking the time to listen. As this example illustrates, City Link 311 technology works both to report problems and to monitor and track progress on resolving issues. I would encourage others in the West End to download the application and to participate in improving our neighborhood. You can also use the application from your computer:



Photos by Dan McLaughlin

cityofws.org/departments/city-link



Grace Court Park Repairs Coming Soon

by Cyndy Lively

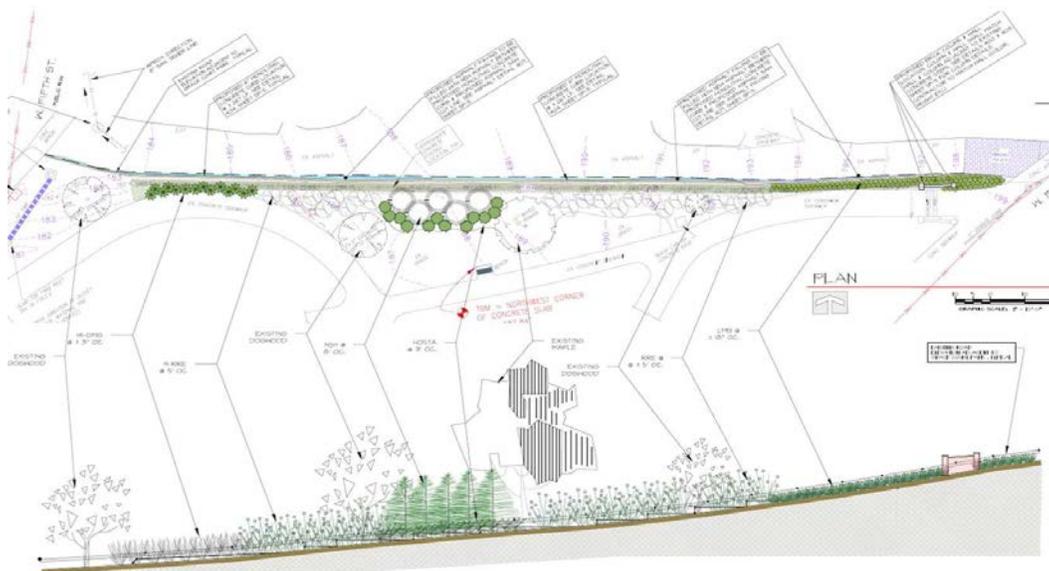
Following the removal of the deteriorating wall bordering the drive connecting Fourth and Fifth Streets, a decision was made not to replace the wall but provide a border of plantings instead. Jordan Consultants, a landscape design company was hired to produce a plan that would enhance the park and be in keeping with the historic nature of the space. Eric Jordan, of Jordan Consultants, ASLA, PA, and William Royston, Winston-Salem Director of Recreation and Parks, presented the plan for repairs to Grace Court at the July West End Association board meeting. The complete plan with photographs and illustrations can be found at: historicwestend.org.

The brick "wing wall" and original iron railing on the stairs leading to West 4th Street that was removed will be replaced to match the other side. No existing trees will be removed but rose bushes and other plants along the wall's footing will be removed. The footing will remain as it will not interfere with the proposed plantings.

George Bryan proposed using granite curbing along the driveway rather than concrete curbing as planned. Mr. Royston agreed that this would be optimal but he needs to locate a stock of available curbing. There was a discussion about avoiding the use of the proposed ornamental grasses in the plan, and Mr. Jordan agreed to consider some alternatives.

Following the meeting with the WEA, Mr. Jordan revised the plan as proposed and the city has shared it with the WEA. The main change was to propose the use of 8 inch high granite curbing along the driveway (if a source can be found) to be consistent with the historic use of granite curbing throughout West End. The Grace Court Park plan will be considered by the Historic Resources Commission (HRC) at their September 6th meeting. Interested neighbors are invited to attend and provide input. The WEA association agreed to support the plan before the HRC.

Following a discussion of the level of maintenance the new plantings would require, Mark Lively suggested that the WEA may want to consider offering to organize volunteers to help maintain the plantings.



Landscaping plan proposed by Jordan Consultants, ALSA, PA, for repair of the north end of Grace Court Park. This image is from the original version of the proposal. View the revised, high resolution plan at the West End web site: historicwestend.org.

Sunday Strummin' 2017 Summer Music Series Continues in Grace Court Park

The first Sunday Strummin' on June 25th drew a crowd of close to sixty neighbors to Grace Court to enjoy **Doug Davis and his band**. The second performance was cut short because of a thunderstorm, so we hope to bring **Colin Allured** back for a future performance. The music series, sponsored by the West End Association, will bring artists to Grace Court on the Fourth Sunday of each month this summer from 4PM-6PM (weather permitting.) Grab the family, something to sit on and bring a picnic to enjoy a laid back afternoon of music in the park.

NEXT: Seth Williams and Sam Foster - Blues to Southern Rock to Country Sunday, August 27th

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West End Issues in Brief



Hanes Park Renovations: The *Hanes Park Repair and Renovation Plan – Phase I* was approved by the Historic Resources Commission on March 1. As reported here in the May-June issue, MLA Design Group is in the final stages of preparing the construction drawings and acquiring the necessary City construction permits that will enable the City to obtain bids from contractors. Once bids have been received and reviewed, the final construction contract will be submitted to the City Council for approval. Construction should start by late Fall.

Grace Court Wall Replacement: As reported in this issue (page 2), officials with the Winston-Salem Department of Recreation and parks met with members of the West End Association at our July meeting to present their initial plans for replacement of the brick wall that was removed from the north end of Grace Court Park. The plan has been revised as suggested by the WEA and will be presented to the HRC at the September 6 meeting. See February *The West Ender* for details: historicwestend.org/wea-newsletters/2017/201702.pdf.

Northwest Boulevard Traffic Safety Improvements. The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools system has developed plans to improve safety along the segment of Northwest Blvd. between N. Hawthorne and Reynolda Roads. The project is funded by the county bond issue approved by voters in November 2016. The goal is to discourage pedestrians from crossing at locations without crosswalks and to improve student pickup and dropoff areas for Wiley and RJR High. An open meeting was planned for Wednesday, Aug. 16, at RJR High School. Visit the West End web site to view the plan: historicwestend.org.

Spring Park Erosion Control. Keith Huff, Winston-Salem Director of Stormwater/Erosion Control, provided the following update on City efforts to repair and control the erosion damage between 6th Street and Spring Park along West End Blvd.:
"We have met with various individuals in the neighborhood to gain perspective and address some of their concerns with the project. In addition we have gained HRC approval for the drainage phase of the project and are approaching 100% plans for the project. We have also filed for our 401 and 404 permits. The legal teams are still working to finalize the agreement between the apartments on 6th street and the City."

Brunson Elementary School Replacement. From W. Colon Moore, Director-Construction and Planning for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth Co. Schools: A site has not yet been secured for the planned replacement of Brunson Elementary School. Several options are still being considered. Site selection should be completed within the next 9-12 months. Design is scheduled to begin in 2019, with construction starting in 2020. Plans are to open the new school for the 2022-2023 school year.

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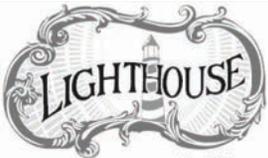
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