



The West Ender

By and for the West End Neighborhood

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Home Field Advantage: Home Field Helps All

by Kathryn Spanos



Home Field Advantage (HFA) appreciates the invitation from the West End Association to provide an update on plans to construct a multi-sport facility for RJ Reynolds High School. On November 9th, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools and HFA were successful in receiving approval of a site plan (see next page) from the City County Planning Board, bringing the project a step closer to breaking ground.

Planning for this facility has been underway for nearly five years with extensive dialogue around its location and use. Amidst the debate, we remain grounded in our belief that the students attending RJ Reynolds High School should have the same access to after-school athletics and activities as their peers at other schools. As it stands today, 12 RJR teams, representing 1765 students, must travel to six different locations across Winston-Salem to practice and play games. Being on a sports team should be about camaraderie, confidence and skills building, not about transportation challenges and financial burdens but that is the reality faced by our students.

In a time when we should be encouraging students to participate in sports as a proven vehicle for improving school attendance, classroom behavior, academic success and graduation rates, we are creating barriers and socio-economic divides. Yes, if you have access to a car, getting to practice is easy and there's a full contingent of family members there to support you for games. But what about our RJR students and their families without these resources? At RJ Reynolds, nearly 50 percent of our students are on free/reduced lunch yet we are asking them to drive miles just to be part of a sports team.

We believe the time has come to give every student equitable access to sports and after-school activities, and we'd like to do it in partnership with our neighbors. We hope we can return to the pages of The West Ender to provide you with updates on the construction plans and timeline. WSFCS, including the administrations at RJ Reynolds High School and Wiley Middle School, are having productive discussions on key items such as the new Wiley gym. And, we are energized by the community support that we've received to date as we work to raise the remaining \$2 million needed to complete the facility.

We invite you to learn more at www.rjreynoldshomefield.com. We are excited about the opportunity to create a facility that generates not just school pride, but community pride as well.

Editor's Note: At its October 2017 meeting, the West End Association board agreed to provide an opportunity to the proponents of the proposed RJR sports stadium to share their reasons with the West End community for building a sports stadium within the historic boundaries of Hanes Park in front of Wiley Middle School.

UPCOMING EVENTS

West End Association Meetings

4th Tuesdays at 6:00PM
Next Nov 28, 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
Next: Dec 6
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:
Nov. 20; Dec. 4 & 18

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. City code requirement.

Fall Leaf Collections

Leaf collection began in West End November 6. Trucks make 3 rounds each season. The next collection in West End will be in mid to late December. Visit the City web site for an estimate of the next date at your address:
https://www6.cityofws.org/COWS_ServiceFinder/LeafCollection.aspx

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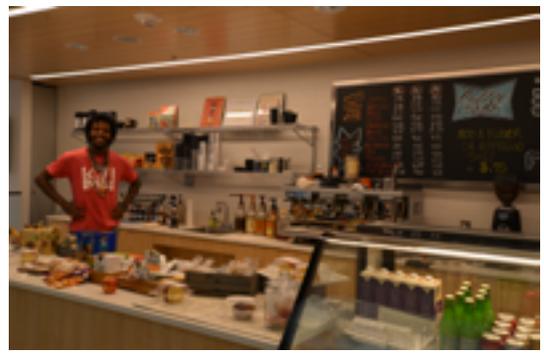
New Central Library a Reality!

If you haven't been, you need to go. The new Forsyth County Central Library, which opened its doors August 31st, offers something for everyone. The soaring, light-filled space is a vast improvement over the former building. Coffee Park Central welcomes patrons into the multi-story lobby.



For the younger set, an expanded Children's Library is located on the first floor. Teen Central provides separate space for older youth on the second floor. The North Carolina Collection occupies a large, second-floor space with plenty of room for those interested in using these exceptional materials. A comfortable reading room, complete

with a gas fireplace, and an outdoor balcony on the third floor provide unique alternatives for those looking for a place to relax.



New technology, including self-check-out kiosks, the Makerspace, and expanded computer resources, bring the Central Library into the 21st Century. Go welcome our new West End neighbor.

by Cyndy Lively

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UNSUBSCRIBE: west_end_listserv-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

POST: west_end_listserv@yahoogroups.com

PREFERENCES: Register with Yahoogroups and login to the WestEndListserv group site. You can elect to receive individual emails as they are sent or a single email with the daily digest of all messages sent each day.

2018 West End Association Membership

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Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ New member? _____

Mail check to West End Assoc., PO Box 21054, Winston-Salem, NC 27120 or use PayPal at historicwestend.org

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Membership ONLINE: <http://historicwestend.org/about-wea/join/>

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