



The West Ender

By and for the West End Neighborhood

UPCOMING EVENTS

West End Association Meetings

4th Tuesdays at 6:00PM
Next: Jan. 22, 2019
West End Room
William G. White YMCA
775 W End Blvd, Winston-Salem

Historic Resources Commission Meetings

1st Wednesdays at 4:00 PM
Next: Feb. 6, Mar. 6
Bryce A. Stuart Municipal Building Room 530
Winston-Salem
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:
Jan, 14 & 28, Feb, 11 & 25

Fall Leaf Collection

Leaf collection began on November 5 for most of West End. The last collections will be during early January. Visit www.cityofws.org to find the next date.

Do not store collection carts at the curb.

Place carts at the curb no sooner than 6PM the day before collection and remove from the street by 8AM the next day. City code requirement. HRC Guidelines require trash and recycle containers to be stored where they are not visible from the street.

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Historic Snowfall Delays 2018 Homes Tour!

by Mark Lively

The largest accumulation of snow seen in Winston-Salem since 1930 came on the very day set for the twentyfirst biennial West End Holiday Homes Tour. After months of planning and effort by countless volunteers, Toni Phillips and I (co-organizers of the tour) refused to believe the weather forecasts on the Saturday night before the date. There had been snow on tour days in the past without problems. We thought we would be able to pull



The Poindexter Cottage at 124 West End Blvd., during the West End Holiday Homes Tour, Dec. 16, 2018
Photo by M. Lively

it off. Then came the surprise on Sunday morning when we were both standing in West End Boulevard with snow almost to our knees. We realized that the weather folks were right and 14 inches was more than just the usual dusting of snow in Forsyth County. Ironically, the previous record of 18 inches recorded on Dec. 17, 1930 (Winter Storm..., Winston-Salem Journal, Dec. 11, 2018) was during the final year of the primary period of historical significance, 1887-1930, that defines the West End Historic District Overlay.

Fortunately, thanks to our very generous homeowners who agreed to open their homes for the tour, we were able to stage the tour on the following Sunday. Only one of the eight historic homes was unable to participate. We estimate that about 250 guests (one third of the visitors in 2016) were able to attend in spite of the short notice about the makeup date. Most of the volunteers who had planned to help were able to be there, even with their very busy holiday season. The West End Association is very grateful for the support of our friends, neighbors, and sponsors who make this event possible every two years. We are very proud to be able to say that we have not missed a tour in the last 40 years. This event could not happen without the cooperation and support of so many people.

We also thank our corporate sponsors for their generous contributions. The tour is the primary fundraiser for the West End Association and the net income supports our neighborhood activities for the following two years. We are especially grateful once again for the generous financial support of our 2018 Presenting Sponsors: Sam Ogburn, Sr. and Elizabeth Ogburn of Home Real Estate; and Michael Ryden of Leonard Ryden Burr Real Estate. A complete sponsor list can be found on page 3 of this issue.

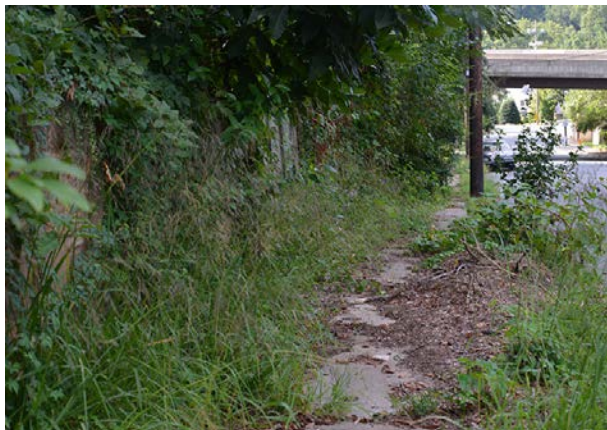
We look forward to the 22nd West End Holiday Homes Tour in 2020.



West End Sidewalks - Clear the Path!

The West End is fortunate to have an extensive network of sidewalks that allow residents to easily move throughout the neighborhood to reach our parks and downtown Winston-Salem. Unfortunately, some neglected sections of the network present unnecessary barriers for West End neighbors, especially those with disabilities, limited mobility, or families with strollers. Council member Jeff MacIntosh has recently addressed concerns of a resident who has difficulties using a motorized wheelchair to go from her West End home to locations in downtown Winston-Salem. The obstructed sidewalks force pedestrians like her to use the street, which can be difficult and dangerous. There are three typical obstacles: 1) neglected areas overgrown with vegetation or obstructed by debris; 2) trash, recycling, and yard waste rolling carts that are left on sidewalks long after the collection days have passed; and 3) broken and uneven sections of concrete. We are fortunate that the majority of our sidewalks are free and clear because they are well maintained by conscientious property owners or by the City. The first two obstacles should be easily resolved by appropriate attention of property owners. The City is responsible for repairing broken and uneven sidewalks. With the following reminders we hope to increase awareness to the problems created when sidewalks are not properly maintained by property owners.

Overgrown vegetation. There are some sections of our sidewalks that are partially blocked by overgrown hedges, weeds, and tree limbs that grow across the paths (photo). Property owners are responsible for keeping sidewalks clean and free of debris or obstructions. We urge West End property owners to regularly inspect the sidewalks bordering their property and take appropriate steps to keep the paths clear for pedestrians. If politely asking the property owner does not resolve problems with obstructed sidewalks, a call to the CityLink 311 (336-727-8000) or by using the CitiLink App on your smart phone can alert the city to a problem that they will be able to address. If the property owner fails to correct the problem in a timely fashion, the City can send a work crew to do the work at the expense of the property owner.



Overgrown sidewalk in West End, Sept. 2018. Photo by M. Lively



Trash and recycle bins left at the curb on West End Blvd days after the collections, Sept. 2018. Photo by M. Lively

Trash/recycle bins blocking sidewalks. The citizens of Winston-Salem are fortunate to have efficient services for removal of solid waste, yard waste, and recycling. When those carts are left on sidewalks on days not designated for collections they detract from the appearance of the neighborhood and often become obstacles for pedestrians. City Code requires property owners to place these carts at the curb no sooner than 6PM on the day before a scheduled pickup and to remove them from the curb and sidewalk no later than the day following pickup. The West End Overlay District Guidelines require further that these *carts be stored in locations that are not visible from the street and screened from public view*. Apartment owners have a particularly difficult time meeting these regulations as complexes tend to have many of each kind of bin. Residents of the apartments should be aware of the requirement to remove carts from the street in order to help the owner to comply with the City codes. Carts that are left at the street should be reported to CitiLink or to the Historic Resource Commission staff so the City can identify the owner and encourage them to properly store the carts.

Broken and uneven sections of city sidewalks are often caused by tree roots that have pushed up the concrete or by heavy vehicles that have driven over the sections. The City's Street Division is responsible for sidewalk repair, replacement and maintenance. Citizens should submit requests for sidewalk repair by reporting problems to the Streets Supervisor, Mr. Michael Doub, at 336-727-8000, or by email to michaeldo@cityofws.org. Requests are reviewed and prioritized along with other requests.

Together we can help pedestrians, especially those with limited mobility, by keeping our city sidewalks free and clear of debris, undergrowth, and waste carts.

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by Jan Wharton

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- Sponsors neighborhood concerts, social events, meetings, and civic presentations.
- Maintains and improve parks and public services in the area.
- Encourages participation in the conservation and rehabilitation of the neighborhood's historic homes and buildings.
- Acts as a liaison between the neighborhood and businesses affecting the residential character of the area.
- Advocates for cooperative planning between residents, developers, city planners and other city departments such as the Historic Resources Commission, the Department of Transportation, and Recreation and Parks.

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