



The West Ender

By and for the West End Neighborhood

UPCOMING EVENTS

West End Association Meetings

4th Tuesdays at 6:00PM
Next: Feb. 26, 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:
Feb, 11 & 25

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.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2019!

Renew your West End Membership Today! Details on the BACK PAGE and at historicwestend.org

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Elizabeth “Lizzie” Pepper and James C. Dodson House

By Margaret Supplee Smith

Lizzie and James Dodson’s architecturally distinctive homes in the West End and Buena Vista were built, not just to impress, but to house their large household of five daughters (Nannie, Agnes, Della, Nellie, Marjorie), two sons (John and Jim), a sister-in-law (Hattie Pepper), and two servants (Dora Moore and George Mitchell).

James Dodson was a tobacco man, one of five brothers born on a tobacco farm in Pilot Mountain, Surry County. In 1903, he started working for the RJRTC, where he was considered “one of the company’s most popular salesmen” traveling across the Carolinas. In 1910, he transferred to Winston-Salem, where he worked as a market supervisor and leaf buyer. Mr. Dodson must have been very good at his job.

In 1911, the Dodsons hired architect J. S. Zimmerman, who had designed the North Carolina Building at the 1907 Jamestown Exposition, to design their wooden 3-bay Colonial Revival house on Summit Street (which was on the 2018 Holiday Homes Tour).

Fifteen years later, like many of their West End neighbors, the Dodsons relocated to Buena Vista. They were almost 60 years old and had been married some 36 years when they hired Luther Lashmit of Northup & O’Brien to design a Georgian Revival mansion on North Stratford Road. Three of their adult children, Nannie, Agnes, and Jim, all unmarried, lived there for almost 50 more years.

The Dodsons were not a typical elite Winston-Salem family of their era. Although their fortune was based on tobacco, and the two sons worked for RJRTC, three of the five daughters pursued serious study in the arts beyond Salem College—to such places as the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, the Westminster Choir College in Princeton, and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia—and gave back to their community by teaching and performing.



The 1927 Dodson House, 363 N. Stratford Road

Photo by J. Smith



The 1911 Dodson House, 633 Summit Street

Photo by M. Lively

The Dodson House is hard to miss as one drives down Stratford Road toward Five Points. A monumental house in a monumental block on a street of monumental houses, the two-story, seven-bay, symmetrical brick house is impressive. Set deep on a large lot, the semi-circular front entrance porch and projecting sunrooms, surmounted by balustrades, form a tripartite composition. Underneath the historical façade, the house was “built like a battleship,” with vertical and horizontal vertical steel beams.



#SAVEFURSYTH

Neighborhood Watch

Forsyth Humane Society has taken a goal to increase the save rate of shelter cats and dogs in Forsyth County to 90% by the year 2023. In 2018 we achieved a 71% save rate! This accomplishment is the result of a community-wide effort to spay and neuter animals, adopt, foster, transport, and support your local shelters, rescues, and animal welfare agencies.

Why a 90% save rate goal and not a 100% save rate goal? This is a common sense acknowledgement in animal welfare that one, we don't adopt out aggressive or unsafe animals; and two, we make the same end-of-life decision for sick and suffering animals in shelter that we make for animals in our homes.

In February, we're asking local businesses, agencies, organizations, and all animal lovers to show their support of a 90% save rate by proudly displaying #SAVEFURSYTH in their work space and on social media.

--Sarah Williamson,

Executive Director, Forsyth Humane Society
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Proud animal-loving West End businesses who are supporting #SAVEFURSYTH (as of 1/24)

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| Burke Street Pizza | The Snob Shop |
| Cafe Gelato | The Spotted Owl Home Decor and More |
| Camel City Hemp | Trouville Home |
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| Fearless | URBN Girl |
| Old North State Tattoo Co. | West End Cafe |
| Quiet Pint Tavern | West End Station |
| Smokey Shays | Yours Truly |



The West End Neighborhood Association is pleased to announce that our Safety Committee has formed a Neighborhood Watch. The West End Neighborhood Watch is a volunteer program that is committed to making Historic West End an even safer and more welcoming neighborhood for all to enjoy. The main goal of this program is to raise awareness on crime prevention and reporting. It is not a vigilante group, rather a group of neighbors being more intentionally mindful of our surroundings and suspicious activity. We're currently looking for volunteers, both for Block Captains and Members. The main duties for both positions are to keep an eye out for suspicious activity, report suspicious activity, and let the larger Neighborhood Watch group know what you saw. Block Captains also are responsible for conveying information from the watch to the neighbors on their street, helping recruit members, and helping develop meeting agendas. The Neighborhood Watch welcomes any and all West Enders who wish to volunteer to keep their neighborhood safer, whether you rent or own does not matter.

The West End Neighborhood Watch also maintains a closed Facebook group, which is used for sharing crime prevention and safety information and for sharing information regarding crime and suspicious activity around the neighborhood. You can join the Facebook group by going to this site here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/339421046870327/>

Once there, please click the Join button and you'll be asked to provide your address or street name. Once you've provided that information, an admin for the group will accept you and you'll be able to see posts as well as post yourself. If you wish to volunteer to be a Member or Block Captain, please email me at maeary487@gmail.com. The next Watch meeting is on Wednesday, February 6th, at 6pm in the West End Room at the William G. White Jr YMCA. We hope to see you there!

-Matt Early

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Hanes Park Renovations Update



Frequent rain and unusually low temperatures have impeded progress on the Hanes Park renovation and repair project, but the planned changes are now beginning to take shape. Funds were approved for extensive improvements to Hanes Park in two bond referendums in 2014 and 2018. The phase one of the 2014 project received \$1,725,240 from a combination of bond funding and supplements added subsequently by the city. Phase one has funded installation of new stone walls that closely match the original masonry used to construct the main stairway entrance and elsewhere in the park. The parking lot adjacent to the tennis courts with its entrance from Sunset Dr. has been redesigned. A new tennis court viewing area has been built on the east side of the courts with stone walls replacing the former metal bleacher seats. The children's playground has new sidewalks to improve handicap access and new picnic tables and benches. Extensive landscaping has installed many trees and plantings to enhance the appearance of this area of the park.



*Renovations of the maple allee' began in late January.
Photos by M. Lively*

Construction of a new public softball field is well underway in the southeast corner of the park. Two inadequate fields have been removed and a well-designed new field is taking shape. There will be dugout shelters and a storage building to house equipment. The public facility will provide a much improved field for everyone, as well as the RJ Reynolds girls' softball team, to use starting with their 2020 season.

An additional \$2,000,000 was approved in the 2018 bond referendum for the Hanes Park renovation and repair project. According to Mr. Robert Prestwood, City of Winston-Salem Engineer, "the timing of the project worked just right to add back in the overlook section of the project [master plan] that we couldn't afford in Phase 1. Mr. Prestwood noted that the scope of the initial contract with the general contractor, Bar Construction Co., has been extended to allow Bar to begin the construction of "a wall along Glade Street" (at the intersection with N. Hawthorne Rd.) and to "move right along from that to building the overlook and associated walls and trails" in that quadrant of the park. The master plan calls for construction of an octagonal overlook with stone walls and columns.



New tables and benches in playground area.

With the constant weather delays, it is difficult to say when this first part of the project will be completed, possibly by the fall of this year if the weather allows. The city is currently considering which parts of the Hanes Park master plan will be implemented with the remaining \$1.5M in the Hanes Park budget. Visit historicwestend.org for more information about the Hanes Park plans.

-M. Lively

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West End Association Benefits

by Jan Wharton

- Represents residents of the West End to protect the continued health and well-being of the neighborhood as a vibrant downtown housing option.
- Produces and delivers a newsletter with timely information about neighborhood concerns and upcoming events as well as advertisements from local businesses and service providers.
- 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.

Renew YOUR West End Membership for 2019 TODAY!

Dues: \$20 per household or \$80 per business member (includes ad in newsletter and web site).
 Visit historicwestend.org to renew by PayPal or mail your check with the form below.

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