



# The West Ender

By and for the West End Neighborhood

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### West End Association Meetings

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 6:00PM

Virtual WEA Meetings .

### NEXT MEETING

25 April VIRTUAL

A Zoom link will be available posted on the WEA Listserv.

### Collection Schedules

Garbage & Yard Waste  
Weekly each Thursday.

Curbside Recycling Collections  
Second Mondays. The West End is in the W-S Red Week zone.

Apr 3 & 17 May 1, 15 & 29  
<https://www.cityofws.org/645/Rollout-Recycling-Collection>

### West End Listserv

Information for the neighbors of historic West End in Winston-Salem.

Ask and answer questions about our neighborhood.

To Subscribe, visit:

[groups.google.com/u/0/g/west-end-listserv](https://groups.google.com/u/0/g/west-end-listserv)

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[historicwestend.org](http://historicwestend.org)

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[historicwestend.org](http://historicwestend.org)  
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HistoricWestEnd.org

April 2023

You are invited to the annual West End

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 8

11 a.m.

Hanes Park

🐰 There will be 3 Easter egg hunts (small children, big kids and adults).

🐰 Special appearance from the Easter bunny!

🐰 Light refreshments will be provided.

🐰 Bring your own baskets!

## EGG STUFFING PARTY

Join friends and neighbors at Joymongers Barrel Hall on Thursday, April 6 at 6PM.

Contact Andrea for more information: 786-863-9118

**EGG HUNT WILL START AT THE PLAYGROUND**



## West End Memories: A West End Craftsman



*Cast metal replica of the Salem "Teapot" made by local craftsman Linson (sp?) in the 50s or early 60s). Photo by Ben Wilson Jr.*

What could be more fun for neighborhood kids than to observe fire, molten metal, and a noisy, busy workshop in the West End? Few West End current residents knew of or remember Mr. Linson (the author is unsure of the correct spelling of his name. Contact us if you know who he was!) who operated his business and workshop in the carriage house garages near the 4th Street "Vance estate" (The Edgar D. Vaughn house, built in 1892, listed in the West End Historic Overlay District). Mr. Linson and his wife lived in the upstairs portion of the carriage house. His workshop was a myriad of coal fire, heat, industrial aromas, molten metal, and chunks of solidified alloy that, to us kids, looked like meteorites fallen from space. Fire and molten metal! He couldn't keep the neighborhood kids away from his door! The hand-crafted products of Mr. Linson's workshop were miniature metal castings of the "Old Salem Teapot" which were sold in Old Salem. Sadly, these cannot be found in the Old Salem gift shops today.

This one-man workshop operated a small coal-burning furnace to melt the alloys used to cast these teapots. After pouring melted alloy into teapot molds, Mr. Linson would extract the castings, lovingly grind & buff to remove rough edges, then

paint and tag each teapot for sale. I recall these typically being painted either black or silver. My family displayed one of these teapots in our West End home for probably 50 years and I still have it today (photo). The only other similar teapot I have found in this area was displayed at Mrs. Hanes Cookie Factory (plus a few offered by online resellers). This classic craftsmanship inspired me to create my own teapot casting during the "iron pour" demonstration at the Industry Hill Block Party in September 2022. Such great memories! I'll never forget witnessing the craftsmanship, sights, sounds, and smells of an old-world workshop while growing up in the West End.

Ben Wilson Jr.

*Editor's note: This is the second in a series of stories by Ben Wilson, Jr., who grew up in the West End.*



*The Mickey Coffee Pot, Old Salem, NC.*

*Photo by Alex Ford*

*[docsouth.unc.edu/commland/monument/478/](https://docsouth.unc.edu/commland/monument/478/)*

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## March 28 WEA Board Meeting

The members of the 2023 association board were elected at the February 25 meeting. The WEA board is composed of four officers and seven board members. The President's position remains open. Hunter McKay was elected Vice President, Peter Kramer will continue as treasurer. George Bryan will continue in the role of Secretary. Jessica Chandler was elected to replace Clint Buss. Justine Mitchell, Frank Johnson, Dan McLaughlin, Mark LaBrecque, and Carmen Kiper continue as board members. One board position remains open. Efforts continue to fill the president's position and the remaining board seat.

**Spring Social.** A budget was approved for a neighborhood **social event planned for May 13 at 3:00 at Joymonger's** Barrel Hall. WEA will provide pizza and drinks for neighbors. All West Enders are welcome to attend. Leaders of the WEA committees will be there to promote the activities of your neighborhood.

**Traffic Islands.** Dan McLaughlin reported that efforts have begun to renew and clean up the traffic islands in the West End. The newest islands are along W. 4th Street between 1st and Salem Parkway. Flower bulbs have been given to residents to plant in those beds. Unfortunately, Dan says neighbors have reported that the traffic islands are not working to reduce traffic speeds as intended. This has dampened enthusiasm for maintaining the plantings in them, and some residents have even expressed the opinion that the traffic islands should be removed because they are taking up parking space. On March 4, Dan, Keith Hicks and Wayne Berringer spent more than 3 hours on Spring cleanup work in the traffic island at 7th St., Broad St., and West End Blvd. Several years ago this traffic island was resurrected by a team of West Enders led by P.J. Lenihan. It has matured nicely but was long overdue for a cleanup. THANKS to the team of 3 (see photo).

**Easter Egg Hunt.** The traditional WEA Easter Egg hunt will take place at the Hanes Park playground on 8 April. (see cover story for details).

**July 4th Picnic.** Once again the WEA will sponsor a picnic on July 4th in Hanes Park. This event is always well attended. Watch for details on our FB page and in this newsletter.

**West End Membership:** George reported the Household membership drive this year was a success with our goal of 100 households. We currently have 97 and George has contacted past members and sent ones who haven't reupped an email. **Please renew your membership.** Visit [historicwestend.org](http://historicwestend.org) to find our PayPal link for renewal. Our business members are renewing. Seventeen business memberships have already done so and 15 more are pending. The newsletter format currently has room for 32 business member ads.

**WEA Meeting Format.** Hunter discussed in-person, hybrid, or other formats for meetings. Folks seem satisfied with zooming. George mentioned that we had success with the in-person meeting with the WSPD organized by Mark LaBrecque. He suggested we might consider holding in-person meetings with special speakers on an occasional basis and enjoy getting together with neighbors at our events.

**Neighborhood Safety and Security.** Mark LaBrecque reported on a WS Partnership meeting regarding the murder at Gatsby's Pub on Burke St. on Feb. 27 and at another bar just a block away on January 19. He and George attended. The Sheriff's Department is supporting WSPD officers in downtown Winston-Salem as a result. Mark has asked the Police for information on the number of calls they have from each bar. At the last city wide neighborhood watch meeting, ADA Jennifer Martin discussed crime preventative measures.

Mark then discussed crime prevention measures for West End. Ideas were discussed about ways to increase availability of security videos captured by neighbors to share with the WSPD when there is an incident. Mark will focus on an area and method.

WEA Business. Treasurer Peter reported on financial activities of the association.

<from the meeting minutes>



Keith, Wayne, and Dan renewing the Broad/West End Blvd Traffic Island.

Photo by M. Lively

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