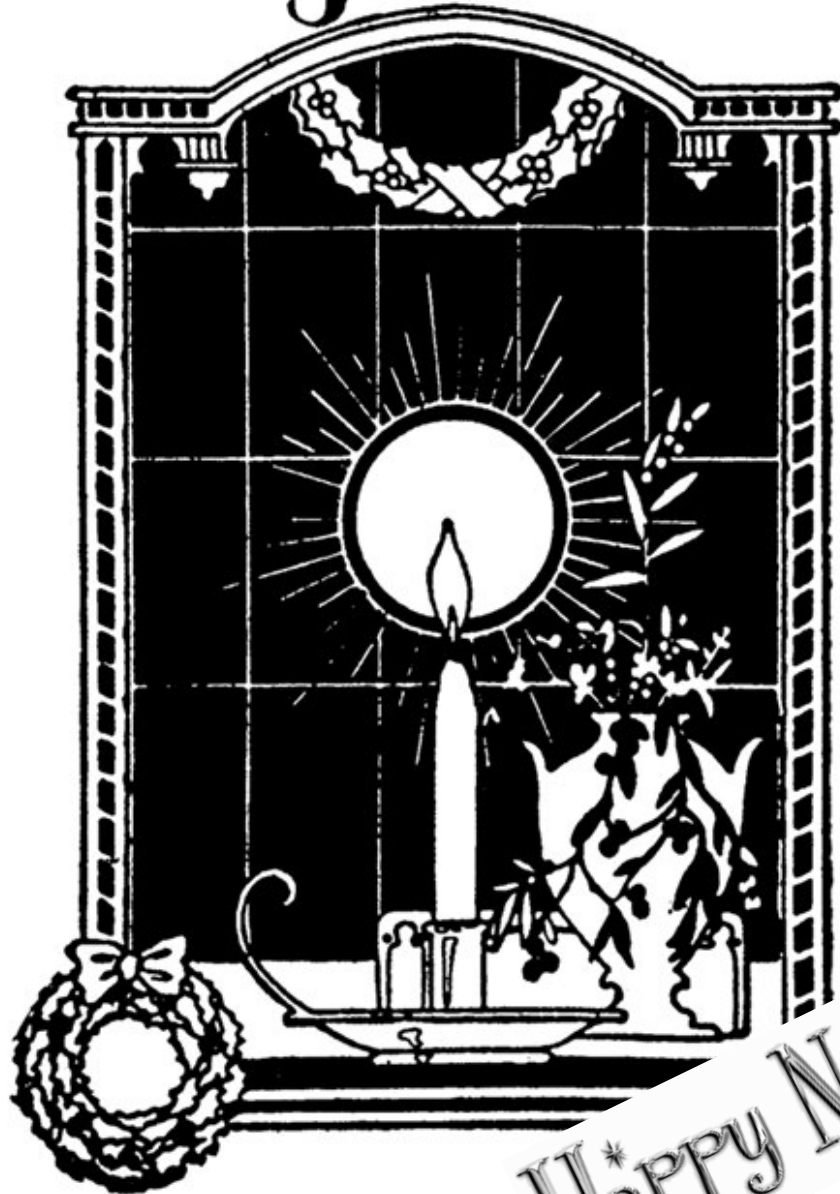




West Central Neighborhood Association  
**WCNA Newsletter**

Winter 2008

**Merry Christmas**



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**Message Board**

The main page of the WCNA website offers a Message Board feature to share your views and opinions with others. It's also a good way to ask for or offer help and suggestions. Whatever message you leave can be viewed and replied to by other visitors to the site.

**General Membership Meetings**

General membership meetings of the WCNA are held on the third Monday of every month at 7pm at Well-spring Interfaith Social Services, 1316 Broadway.

**Advertisement Guidelines**

The WCNA prints four newsletters per calendar year with a circulation of 1400 per issue. WCNA business and organization members receive 1 free ad approximately 1-3/4" x 3" in each newsletter of the calendar year after dues are paid.

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**Membership Information**

A membership application is available on the last page of this newsletter

# Membership Drive

It is time to renew your membership in the neighborhood association or to become a new member. Until the November meeting of the board of directors, all memberships were individual, based on a calendar year (January through December), with one amount for all members. As such, all memberships will be due for renewal as of December 31.

At the November board meeting, it was decided that it would be more fair to pro-rate memberships, so that those persons who join later in the year do not have to pay the full amount. After June 30, new individual memberships will be \$10.00. In addition, a Senior category was established for members over 60 years of age, with individuals paying \$10.00, \$5.00 after June 30.

Also, the board voted to raise the price of an individual membership for everyone under 60 to \$15.00. So, the following is a listing of the present membership categories and their cost:

- \$10.00 Senior over 60
- \$15.00 Individual
- \$50.00 Organization\*
- \$50.00 Business\*
- \$100.00 Patron
- \$500.00 Benefactor
- \$1,000.00 Lifetime

A membership form is printed on Page 8 of this newsletter.

*\* For organization and business members we will print your business card-sized logo in each newsletter of the calendar year after dues are paid. You must provide the logo*

## 2009 WCNA Officers Elected

The West Central Neighborhood Association (WCNA) elected its slate of officers for 2009 by acclamation at its November 17, 2008, general meeting. The officers are as follows: Mike Anderson, president; Steve Miranda, vice president; Charlotte Weybright, secretary; Chris Ruckman, treasurer; and Cherie Stark, membership. Mike, Steve and Charlotte are returning in the same positions they held in 2008. Chris Ruckman is replacing Mike Walsh, who has done an outstanding job as treasurer for the past three years. He also served a year as vice president before that. Cherie Stark, wife of former association president Jack Stark, is replacing Casi Bromelmeier, in charge of membership for over two years.

The association would like to take this opportunity to thank Mike Walsh and Casi Bromelmeier — husband and wife — for all their dedication, hard work and the long hours they have spent making our organization and its works successful. They will remain active as non-voting members of the WCNA Board of Directors.

# Emmanuel Christmas Schedule

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 917 West Jefferson Blvd., announces its Christmas services schedule. It is as follows:

**Christmas Eve Family Service**, Wednesday, December 24, 7:00 pm. Pre-service music begins at 6:30 pm.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**, Wednesday, December 24, 11:00 pm. Pre-service music begins at 10:30 pm. Celebration of Holy Communion.

**Christmas Day Festival Service**, Thursday, December 25, 10:00 am. Celebration of Holy Communion

**New Year's Eve Worship Service**, Wednesday, December 31, 7:00 pm. Celebration of Holy Communion



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## West Central Neighborhood Association, Inc.

### Mission Statement

The mission of the West Central Neighborhood Association is to enhance the environment of the West Central neighborhood by improving the quality of urban life for its residents, business owners, and visitors. It is committed to the preservation of diverse neighborhood assets as well as economic and partnership development.

### Vision Statement

The vision of the West Central Neighborhood Association is to create a friendly environment that is rich in beauty, culture, diversity, and community and that is valued by its residents, business owners, and visitors.

West Central Neighborhood Association is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit

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dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the

chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.



You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

*The information at the top of this article is reprinted from Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia, www.wikipedia.org. The text is the complete, original editorial printed in the September 20, 1897, edition of the New York Sun.*



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**Continuing Events:** **The Nutcracker**, Fort Wayne Ballet, Arts United Center, 303 E. Main St., 484-9646, through Dec. 14; **It's A Wonderful Life**, First Presbyterian Theater, 300 W. Wayne St., 422-6329, through Dec. 21; **AWS Fantasy of Lights**, Franke Park, through Dec. 31; **Historic Christmas Carol Watercolors & more**, History Center, 302 E. Berry St., Monday-Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Sat: Noon to 5:00 pm; first Sunday of the month: 12:00 to 5:00 pm, through Dec. 14; **Festival of Gingerbread**, History Center, 302 E. Berry St., Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Friday: 9:00 am to 8:00 pm; Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Sunday: Noon to 5:00 pm, through Dec. 14.

- 8 — WCNA Planning Committee, Intrascap, 6:30 p.m.; U.S. declares war on Japan, 1941; Ain't Misbehavin', Embassy Theatre, 7:30 pm.
- 9 — WCNA Board of Directors, Wellspring, 6:00 pm
- 12 — Our Lady of Guadalupe Day
- 14 — 3rd Sunday of Advent
- 15 — WCNA General Meeting and Holiday Celebration, Firefighters' Union Hall, 1405 Broadway, 7:00 pm; Michael McDonald, Embassy Theatre, 8:00 pm.
- 21 — 4th Sunday of Advent; Winter begins
- 22 — First Day of Hannakah
- 24 — Christmas Eve Day
- 25 — Christmas Day
- 26 — Boxing Day
- 28 — 1st Sunday After Christmas
- 31 — New Year's Eve Day





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- 1 — New Year's Day
- 4 — "Fort Wayne Women Who Have Broken the Mold" presented by Dr. Patty Martone, [George R. Mather Sunday Lecture Series], 2:00-3:00 pm, History Center, 302 E. Berry St., Fort Wayne.
- 6 — Epiphany
- 16 — Larry the Cable Guy, Embassy Theatre, Embassy Theater, 7:00 pm and 9:30 pm.
- 13 — WCNA Board of Directors, Wellspring, 6:00 pm
- 16 — U.S. Prohibition went into effect, 1920
- 19 — Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday (observed); WCNA General Meeting, Wellspring, 7:00 pm
- 21 — Sweeny Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street, Embassy Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- 28 — SWAP Meeting, Taylor University, 7:00 pm; Raccoons mate now

### FEBRUARY

- 2 — Groundhog Day
- 7 — Down the Line: Legends from Locals, Embassy Theatre, 7:00 pm.
- 9 — Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Embassy Theatre, 7:30 pm.
- 10 — WCNA Board of Directors, Wellspring, 6:00 pm
- 16 — Presidents' Day; WCNA General Meeting, Wellspring, 7:00 pm
- 24 — Shrove Tuesday; Mardi Gras
- 25 — Ash Wednesday, Lent begins; SWAP Meeting, Taylor University, 7:00 pm

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## WCNA, Emmanuel Lutheran Apply For Funds for Redevelopment Plan

The West Central Neighborhood Association (WCNA) formally presented an application to the City of Fort Wayne on behalf of Emmanuel Lutheran Church for up to \$30,000 in funding to develop a plan for the redevelopment of Area 3 in the neighborhood. This area is roughly defined as Broadway to the east, the GE railroad tracks on the south, Swinney Park on the west and Jefferson Boulevard on the north. The partnering between the WCNA and the church provides Emmanuel the opportunity to apply for public funds through our CHDO designation. The neighborhood association will bear no liability for the funds, which may be forgiven when redevelopment begins. This is an exciting opportunity for revitalizing the neighborhood. Look for more developments in this newsletter.

## Historic Preservation District Expansion Effort Continues

The effort by the West Central Neighborhood Association (WCNA) to expand the area covered by its Local Historic District (LHD) designation is gaining support from the property owners in the area. The area to be added to our already existing LHD is roughly that area between Jefferson Boulevard and Hendricks Street between Fairfield Avenue and Broadway as well as a chunk west of Broadway around Lavina and Wilt streets. At the present, the responses by property owners in the area are running 3-to-1 in favor of the effort.

The association mailed an informational packet as well as an invitation to a public meeting on the subject in early November, 2008. The public meeting was held November 11 at the Firefighters' Union hall, 1405 Broadway. It was attended by several affected property owners as well as Creager Smith, one of the historic preservation planners with the City of Fort Wayne, Jill Downs, former neighborhood specialist for the association, and members of the association's board of directors.

The association has undertaken this effort in order to protect those residential properties closest to the Harrison Square project from possible unbridled commercial development. The major benefit of acquiring an LHD designation for a neighborhood area is to provide assurance to property owners that their investment in their property will not be harmed by inappropriate alterations or construction on adjacent properties. Also, property values tend to rise with LHD designation, equaling if not outpacing similar areas without historic district status.

WCNA is now gathering signatures of property owners in the area, aiming for a 53% approval before taking the request to through the actual approval process with the city.



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