



West Central Neighborhood Association WCNA Newsletter

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2009 Home & Garden Tour and Arts Fest a Success



Thanks to the following people for these photos: *Upper left and upper right*, Shannon Johnson; *center left and right*, Jack Stark, and *lower left and right*, David Long. For more pictures from and comments about the Home & Garden Tour and Arts Fest, see pages 2 and 3.

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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.

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General membership meetings of the WCNA are held on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 pm at Wellspring Interfaith Social Services, 1316 Broadway.

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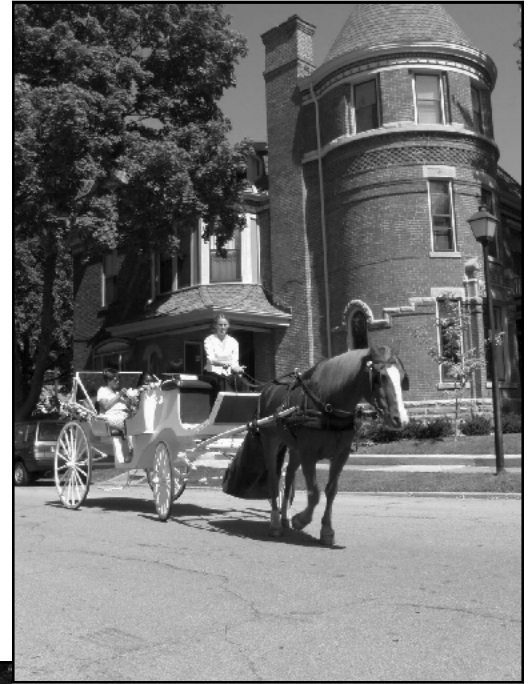
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Advertising space is available for \$ 25.00 for an ad approximately 1-3/4" x 3" for a single issue. Please submit a current business card, JPEG, PDF file or camera-ready artwork. Call 385-9378 for information.

Membership Information

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

*More
Photos
From
The
Home &
Garden
Tour*



*Photos by
Shannon
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Comments From Neighbors About the Home & Garden Tour and Arts Fest

Arts Fest a blast! Well done and good outreach to DID and the community at large. ...The event is a great opportunity to market living here. Some sort of open house coordination paralleling the event would help move houses for sale. Communication not just of history, but of quality of lifestyle offered here at the edge of Downtown could be more promoted. We may be moving to the phase where people are asking "How can I get in this neighborhood?". We should show them how easy it is, how many opportunities there are out there. Recent sales prices on homes. Other ways to fill in the missing information. A bit of real estate selling.

--Tom Cain

...I was thrilled with the way the House Tour went and felt. The time slot I spent at the Jackson's was really fun -- talking to everyone coming through, and sensing that many were getting a whole new (or, for some, very first) look at West Central, and were loving what they were seeing. I love that so many of the houses had period architectural details and furnishings in some areas, and contemporary or mixed styles in other parts of the house -- demonstrating to those who wouldn't have seen themselves living in historic houses that all sorts of favorite and comfortable living styles can work in the interiors of these great old houses.

The Art & Music Fest felt wonderful in its street venue -- people could easily find and re-find vendors, there was "root-free" space to set up the tents, and all the artists and musicians were local. There were crowds there every time I stopped by. I'd love to see it take two blocks next year

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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.

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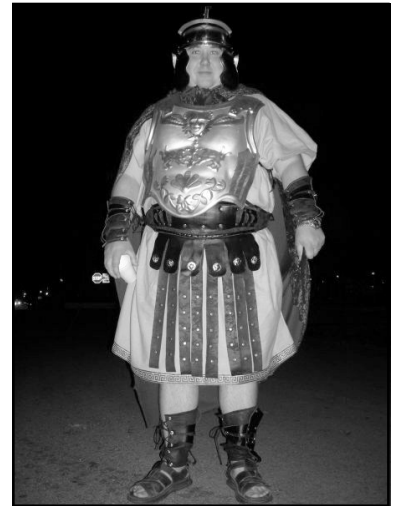


Community Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday



Emmanuel Lutheran Hosts Halloween Trunk or Treat

The Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 917 West Jefferson Boulevard, will hold its second annual Trunk or Treat from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm on Halloween Night, Saturday, October 31, 2009. Before or after trick-or-treating, stop by the church for tons of candy, food and drinks, pumpkin carving, the 1929 silent version of "Phantom of the Opera" projected on the outside wall of gymnasium (very scary!!!), and much more!!! And it's all FREE!!!



Guess who!

If you don't know what a Trunk or Treat is, it is similar to traditional trick-or-treating only treats are given out from car trunks in a parking lot. The hosts of the car usually decorate their cars with a Halloween theme and many arrive in costume. If you would rather host a trunk load of goodies or help with the festivities, contact the church at 423-1369.

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especially if additional food/drink vendors -- particularly non-alcoholic drinks for kids and just plain thirsty adults -- could be included. I was especially thrilled and grateful to have the opportunity to show some of my work in two additional tour houses, along with the pieces I've had in Castle Gallery -- giving me an ideal presentation forum to reach my potential market.

My thanks to everyone who worked so hard to put this tour together -- and to those who opened their homes to the public. That's not always an easy thing to do -- physically OR psychologically -- and it is a tremendously valuable gift to the neighborhood and to Fort Wayne as a whole. And my personal thanks to those who invited me to present my glass work in their homes. It was of immense value to me, and I hope that my windows were an extra boost to their lovely interiors.

For our first House and Garden Tour as residents of Fort Wayne and West Central, IT ROCKED!!!!!!!

--Jane Meredith

Clean Up Set for October 24; Tire Pick Up October 17

The West Central Neighborhood Association has scheduled a neighborhood-wide clean up for October 24, preceded by a tire pick up October 17.

If you have old tires to be recycled, please bring them starting Friday, October 16, to the public parking lot on the southeast corner of Van Buren and Wilt streets. Volunteers will be at the drop off site on Saturday, October 17, beginning at 8:00 am until 11:30 am. All tires must be at the parking lot by 11:30 am.

The city gives the neighborhood association 75 cents for each recycled tire, so this is a great opportunity to clean up the neighborhood as well as earn some money for the association's treasury.

If you know of discarded tires in the neighborhood but are unable to bring them to the drop off site yourself, please report their location by calling David Long at 385-9378 (WEST).

The following Saturday, October 24, the neighborhood will hold a clean up. This year, we will perform the clean up in two parts:

- 1) the city will place a roll-off dumpster in the public parking lot on the southeast corner of Van Buren and Wilt streets by 8:00 am that Saturday morning. The dumpster will then be available until 12:00 noon for neighborhood residents to dispose of large (or small) amounts of trash. Please bring those things not mentioned below that you want to dispose of to the dumpster. Volunteers will be at the site all morning. Following is a list of those items that cannot be placed in the dumpster: anti-freeze, fertilizers, appliances with Freon, fire extinguishers, asphalt, fluorescent bulbs, auto fluids, Freon refrigerant auto parts, hazardous waste, chemicals, herbicides, closed containers, items containing mercury, compressed gas, lead acid batteries, concrete, leaves, explosives, liquids, oil-based paints, pesticides, radioactive materials, special waste, tires and used oil. Latex paint cans need to be dried out before placing in the container. We cannot accept paint in a liquid form as it may leak out onto the ground or street.
- 2) we also have available that weekend a regular, garbage truck. Volunteers from the 13 Step House as well as neighbors will be walking through some of the alleys in the neighborhood that have particularly bad concentrations of trash and debris to clean up those areas. If you know of any large accumulations of trash and debris, please report the location by calling David Long at 385-9378 (WEST), and we will try to ensure we collect from that spot.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 - Historic West Main Street Farmer's Market, sponsored by the Nebraska Neighborhood Association. Every Friday from May 15 - October 23, from 3 pm - 8 pm. Location: 1936 West Main Street. Cost: Free. Free on-site parking. A new farm market located in one of Fort Wayne's oldest historic commercial and residential corridors - featuring local farmers, artists, and fine antique dealers. For more information, contact Chris Shatto, Market Master, at 515-9700.

Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - South Side Farmers Market. Sponsored by ARCH, Inc. Location: 3300 Warsaw Street. Historic Farmer's Market building, c. 1927. Open every Saturday from Saturday before Easter to Saturday before Thanksgiving. Hours: 7 am - 1 pm. Produce, fruit, honey, eggs, chicken, some organic produce, herbs, bulbs, plants, cut flowers. Old-fashioned lunch-counter, serving breakfast and more. Wood stoves on chilly mornings. Also books, collectibles, clothing, and other items. Ample parking. Located 1 block east of Lafayette Blvd, 1 block north of Oxford, just west of Weisser Park. For more information: Bud Grant - Market Master (260-456-1228).

Oct. 22 - Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance. Embassy Theatre. Thursday, October 22, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$52, \$42, and \$27. On-sale date: Friday, Sept. 11 at 10 a.m. Best parking is 100 E Washington Blvd, \$2. For more info, call 260-424-6287. *The Embassy opened in 1928 as the Emboyd. Built for films and vaudeville shows, it continues serving the community with a variety of events. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and also has local historic designation.*

Oct. 23 - REO Speedwagon with special guest Foghat. Embassy Theatre. Friday, October 23, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$67.75, 59.75, and \$49.75. Best parking is 100 E Washington Blvd, \$2. For more info, call 260-424-6287. *The Embassy opened in 1928 as the Emboyd. Built for films and vaudeville shows, it continues serving the community with a variety of events. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and also has local historic designation.*

Oct. 24 - Phantom of the Opera Silent Movie with Dennis James on the Grande Page Organ. (A downtown Fright Night Event) Embassy Theatre. Saturday, October 24, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4 for students 18 and under. Best parking is 100 E Washington Blvd, \$2. For more info, call 260-424-6287. *The Embassy opened in 1928 as the Emboyd. Built for films and vaudeville shows, it continues serving the community with a variety of events. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and also has local historic designation.*

NOVEMBER

Nov. 7, 8 - Traders Days. Sponsored by the History Center. Location of event: Chief Richardville House, 5705 Bluffton Road, Fort Wayne. Nov. 7: 10 am - 5 pm; Nov. 8: 12 Noon - 4 pm. Cost: free. Free parking on east side of building. Traditional Miami and neighboring tribes' crafts, goods and wares for sale. For more info, contact Mary True (260) 426-2882, x 306.

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Nov. 9 - The Wizard of Oz. Embassy Theatre. Monday, November 9, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$52, \$42, and \$27. On-sale date: Friday, Oct. 2 at 10 a.m. Best parking is 100 E Washington Blvd, \$2. For more info, call 260-424-6287. *The Embassy opened in 1928 as the Emboyd. Built for films and vaudeville shows, it continues serving the community with a variety of events. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and also has local historic designation.*

Nov. 12 - Settler Series 'Celebrating Mr. Lincoln and the Civil War era: Demonstrations, Hand Arts & History. Sponsored by the Settlers,

Inc. Location: 1424 West Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne. Thursday, Thursday, Nov. 12, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$15 for non-Settlers, Inc. members. The second session 'Reverse Glass Painting: Mr. Lincoln' in our Series. Learn the history and art of reverse glass painting and complete a framed silhouette of Mr. Lincoln. Wear on old shirt and bring a small paint brush if you have one. Free parking at the Swinney Tennis Court parking lot. For more information, please contact D. Keane at 260-486-8903.

Nov. 25 - Festival of Gingerbread Lighting Night, at The History Center, 302 E. Berry St., Fort Wayne. 5 pm - 9 pm. Admission: \$2 special admission this night only. Free parking. Get a sneak peek at the gingerbread houses during "Lighting Night" as downtown Fort Wayne kicks off Holiday Fest. For more info, see www.fwhistorycenter.com.

Nov. 27-Dec. 13 - Festival of Gingerbread, at The History Center, 302 E. Berry St., Fort Wayne. Mon-Thurs: 9 am to 5 pm; Fri: 9 am to 8 pm; Sat: 9 am to 5 pm; Sun: Noon to 5 pm. Admission: \$5-adults; \$3 - seniors and students; free to History Center members and children 5 and under. Free parking. Experience dozens of imaginative and aromatic gingerbread creations during this much beloved holiday tradition. Annual fundraiser to benefit the History Center. For more info, see www.fwhistorycenter.com.

DECEMBER

Dec. 2, 3, 4, 5 - Victorian Repast at the Swinney Homestead 2009. Sponsored by the Settlers, Inc. Location: 1424 West Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne. Thursday, Thursday, Nov. 12, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$23 noon, \$30 evening. Noon seatings offered Dec. 2, 3, 4, and 5, and evening seatings on Dec. 4 and 5. Step back in time to enjoy a Victorian Social with music, entertainment, stories, food and drink in the beautifully restored and decorated Historic Swinney House. Tour the house and visit the Victorian Gift Shoppe. Groups seated at tables of 4. Payment must accompany your reservation in advance. Reservations accepted beginning Oct. 1, 2009. Please see our flier at www.SettlersInc.org for menu and program. Free parking at the Swinney Tennis Court parking lot. For more information, please contact D. Keane at 260-486-8903.

Dec. 17 - Cirque Dreams Illumination. Embassy Theatre. Thursday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$49.50, \$39.50, and \$29.50. On-sale date: Friday, Nov. 6 at 10 a.m. Best parking is 100 E Washington Blvd, \$2. For more info, call 260-424-6287. *The Embassy opened in 1928 as the Emboyd. Built for films and vaudeville shows, it continues serving the community with a variety of events.*



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