

West Central Neighborhood Association

**WCNA Newsletter** 

**Summer 2009** 

**Three Rivers Parade Marches Through West Central** 



Thanks to the following people for these pictures: *Upper left, upper right and lower left*, Steve Walter; *middle left and middle right*, Julie Morrison, and *lower right and center* (of Miss Brigette Johnson), Margaux Johnson.

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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 7:00 pm at Wellspring 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.

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 .

# 13 Stops on 27th Annual Home & Garden Tour

The 27th Annual West Central Neighborhood Association Home & Garden Tour, Fort Wayne's oldest and most celebrated home tour, will be held on September 12 and 13, 2009. Tickets for the tour will be available before the tour at Antiques on Broadway (1115 Broadway), Neuhouser Nursery (8046 Stellhorn Road), Neuhouser Garden & Gifts (4605 West Jefferson Boulevard), Umber's Do-It-Best Hardware stores

(2413 Lower Huntington Road and 2814 Maplecrest Road), and Fabric Works and Dreks' Home Furnishings (218-220 Pearl Street). Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 on tour days.

Among the homes featured (*see map*, *page 3*) in this year's tour are two never before seen on the tour. The recently restored Queen Anne-style home at 1013 West Jefferson Boulevard (*right*) and the classic American Foursquare at 1325 West Wayne Street (*below*) both make their first appearance. The tour also features the Carole Lombard house (704 Rockhill Street) in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the actor's birth. Other homes and buildings on the tour



include: Broadway Christian Church (910 Broadway, open at 12:30 on Sunday), 125 West Wayne (an apartment above JK O'Donnell's), 816



Nelson (first floor and garden), 835 West Berry (rose garden), 517 West Washington (LaSalle B&B), 519 West Washington (garden only), 1202 West Wayne (home of the Castle Gallery), 924 West Wayne, 827 West Wayne, and 1134 Nelson (WCNA house for sale). In addition to the tour, this year's West Central Arts

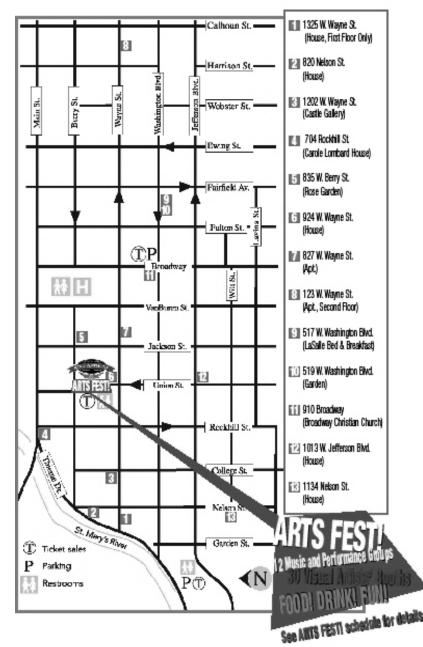
Fest is the largest in the tour's history. For more information, see the Arts Fest story on page 4.

As in years past, we will feature free of charge two horse-drawn carriages and a horse-drawn wagon for transporting tour-goers around the neighborhood, and new this year will be two person-powered pedicabs performing the same service.

The association would like to thank the Tour Committee volunteer members for their time and efforts. Those members include Chris Ruckman (chairman), Casi Bromelmeier and Mike Walsh, Larry and Barbara Codding, Laura and Phil Jackson, Jack and Cherie Stark, Steve Miranda, Susan Smethers, Charlotte Weybright, Ben Porter (Arts Fest chairman), and Shannon Johnson (Marketing chairman).

The West Central Home & Garden Tour is sponsored in part by St. Joseph Hospital.

# Home & Garden Tour Map For 2009



# 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**

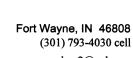
The vision of the West Central Neighborhood Association is to create a friendly environment that is rich in beauty, culture, diversity, and community and that is valued by its residents, business owners, and visitors.

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



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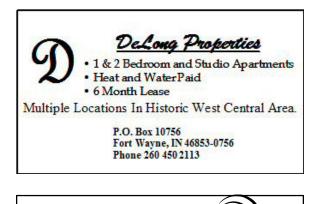
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# Worthington Mansion

# **Bed and Breakfast**

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# WCNA Announces Expanded 2009 Arts Fest With Tour

This year's West Central Neighborhood Association (WCNA) 27th annual Home & Garden Tour will feature a vastly expanded West Central Arts Fest. The Arts Fest will take place on Union Street between Wayne and Berry on Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13, 2009. The festival will run from 11:00 am until 8:00 pm on Saturday and from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm on Sunday. This event is free to all and is sponsored by the Fort Wayne Downtown Improvement District (DID).

The block of Union Street will be closed to traffic for both days to accommodate a performance stage, artists' booths, and beer, food, wine and soft drinks available for sale by the Mad Anthony Brewing Co.

There will be over 25 artists selling their works and 11 of the best bands in Fort Wayne performing throughout both days. The performance schedule is as follows:

# Saturday, September 12

11:00 am to 12:00 12:15 pm to 1:15 pm 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm 2:45 pm to 3:45 pm 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm 5:15 pm to 6:15 pm 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

7:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Fort Wayne Ballet Duane Eby Rhapsody in Wax Big Mick Trio Keith Flye Tugboat Jack Lee Miles and the Illegitimate Sons Taiko Drums sponsored by the Fort Wayne Dance Collective

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# Bricks at Wilt and Jackson Restored



Long-time Wilt Street resident and brick-street lover Joanne Bruce poses in front of the workmen from Garcia Concrete who recently restored the bricks in the intersection of Wilt and Jackson streets. The project, which took place in late July, was funded by a city CEDIT bond and cost approximately \$44,000.



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# Sunday, September 13

11:00 am to 12:00 12:15 pm to 1:15 pm 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm 2:45 pm to 3:45 pm 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm West Central Jazz Quartet Uncle John TBD The Rewinders The Possum Trot Ochestra

The WCNA would like to express its thanks to the Downtown Improvement District for its support as well as the time and efforts of the volunteers of the Home & Garden Tour Committee, especially Ben Porter, Arts Fest chairman, who is responsible for booking the musicians and performers as well as making all the practical arrangements for the festival, and Steve Miranda, responsible for the booking the artists who will have their works for sale.

Thanks also to Blaine Stuckey of the Mad Anthony Brewing Company.







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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

# AUGUST

August 15, 22 and 29 - Barr Street Farmers Market, at 302 East Berry Street. Free. Free parking on the east side of the History Center. 9 am~ 1 pm. Food and crafts for sale, family-oriented entertainment. For more information, 260-426-2882. August 22, 29 - South Side Farmers Market. Sponsored by ARCH, Inc. Location: 3300 Warsaw Street. Historic Farmer's Market building, c. 1927. 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). Aug. 21, 28 - Historic West Main Street Farmer's Market, sponsored by the Nebraska Neighborhood Association. 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.

**August 29 - "Taste of the Arts"** fundraiser, sponsored by Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne. The Settlers, Inc. will demonstrate candle making, basket weaving, spinning, and more at the History Center on Aug. 29, 11 am - 4 pm. Pay-One-Price admission to Arts United Center, Hall Community Building, and History Center is just \$5 per person (\$20/family). For information, call 260-426-0646.

## **SEPTEMBER**

**Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 - Historic West Main Street Farmer's Market**, sponsored by the Nebraska Neighborhood Association. from 3 pm - 8 pm. Location: 1936 West Main Street. Cost: Free. Free on-site parking. For more information, contact Chris Shatto, Market Master, at 515-9700.

**Sept. 5 - Miami Indian Heritage Days.** Sponsored by the History Center. Location: Chief Richardville House, 5705 Bluffton Road, fort Wayne, IN. 1 pm - 4 pm. Experience the tribal life of the Miami through stories and demonstration. Eric Vosteen will demonstrate early hunting techniques and give visitors a lesson in throwing the deadly atlatl. Cost: \$7/Adults, \$5/Students & Seniors, 5 & under and members free. Free parking. For more information, contact Mary True (260) 426-2882, x 306.

**Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26 - South Side Farmers Market.** Sponsored by ARCH, Inc. Location: 3300 Warsaw Street. Historic Farmer's Market building, c. 1927. 7 am - 1 pm. 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)

**September 5 and 12 - Barr Street Farmers Market**, at 302 East Berry Street. Free. Free parking on the east side of the History Center. Sept. 5 and 12, 9 am~ 1 pm. Food and crafts for sale, family-oriented entertainment. For more information, phone 260-426-2882

September 13 - "Be a Tourist in Your Own Hometown". Free admission to the History Center, sponsored by NIPSO. On this day, Fort Wayne residents with a "passport" will be able to visit area attractions for free. For more information, call the Fort Wayne/Allen county Convention & Visitor;s Bureau at 260-424-3700 September 19-20 - Settler's Pioneer Village and Country Store at Johnny Appleseed Festival. Sponsored by Settler's Inc. Archer Park, Fort Wayne. September 19, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m; September 20, 10 am - 5 pm. Join Settlers at the Johnny Appleseed Festival. Enjoy a day from the past as Settlers prepare authentic food, drink, and hand crafts. Settlers will demonstrate basketry, spinning, quilting, weaving and more. Take time to enjoy ham and bean soup, chicken corn chowder and beef stew, sassafras tea, lemonade, sliced apples with caramel sauce, cornbread and apple butter prepared as you watch. Hand crafted items such as candles, soap and baskets are for sale. Free admission. For more information, contact Denise Keane, 486-890. September 24 - Skillet with Hawk Nelson and Decyfer Down and the Letter Black. Embassy Theatre. Thursday, September 24, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$47.75, \$27.75, and \$22.75. \$5 increase day of show. On-sale date: July 10, 2009 @ 10 a.m. Credit card fees may apply. 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.

**September 25 - Buffalo Tro Fundraiser.** Chief Richardville House, 5705 Bluffton Road, fort Wayne, IN. September 25 . Buffalo steaks cooked directly on a large bed of smoldering coals, a delicious catered meal, music, Miami Indian cultural presentations, tours of the house, and a silent auction. Proceeds benefit the Heritage Education Fund. Additional cost applies beyond normal admission. Normal admission Cost: \$7/Adults, \$5/Students & Seniors, 5 & under and members free. Free parking. For more information, contact Mary True (260) 426-2882, x 306

### **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 - Miami Indian Heritage Days.** Sponsored by the History Center. Location: Chief Richardville House, 5705 Bluffton Road, fort Wayne, IN. October 3, 1 pm - 4 pm. Experience the tribal life of the Miami through stories and demonstration. Cost: \$7/Adults, \$5/Students & Seniors, 5 & under and members free. Free parking. For more information, contact Mary True (260) 426-2882, x 306

**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 pro-

duce, 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: TBA 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.* 

# Important City Phone Numbers

Animal Control / 427-1244 Garbage/Recycling Collection / 427-1270 Neighborhood Code Enforcement / 427-1324 Mayor's Advocate / Ken Nicolet 427-1122 Parking Control / 427-5050 Police (non-emergency) / 427-1222

Preservation Planners / 427-2160 (Don Orban), 427-2161 (Creager Smith) Street Department (pot holes, snow removal) / 427-1235 Streetlight Maintenance / 427-1236 Weed Control / 427-1329 Zoning 427-1324

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West Central Neighborhood Association 2009 Membership Application Membership is on a calendar year basis; January 2009 through December 2009

Please make checks payable to:				Membership Type and Cost			
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You need not be a resident of the West Central Neighborhood to be a member of the association.