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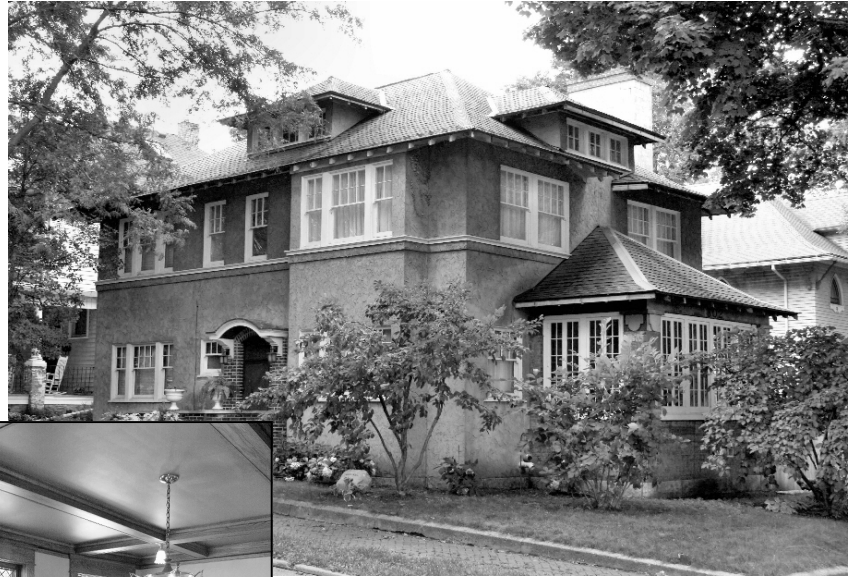
28th Annual Home & Garden Tour & ArtsFest

The West Central Neighborhood Association (WCNA) is proud announce this year's stops on the 28th Annual Home & Garden Tour happening on September 11 and 12, 2010, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm both days.

The tour stops include:

- The garden at 1404 Swinney Court,
- 1112 Nelson Street,
- 1102 Rockhill Apartment C,
- 909 Union Street,
- First Presbyterian Church at 300 West Wayne Street,
- 1030 West Wayne Street,
- 719 Rockhill Street,
- 1103 West Berry Street,
- 1128 West Berry Street,
- 802 College Street, and
- 915 Nelson Street.

Tickets for the tour will be available in advance for \$12 at both Neuhaus nursery locations, 8046 Stellhorn Road or 4605 West Jefferson Blvd.;



at both Umber's Do-It-Best Hardwares, 2413 Lower Huntington Road or 2814 Maplecrest Road; and Antiques on Broadway, 1115 Broadway. On tour days, tickets will be sold for \$14 at the Swinney Homestead, 1424 West Jefferson Blvd., the St. Joseph Hospital parking lot on Broadway at West Wayne Street, and at the West Central Neighborhood booth at the ArtsFest, located on Union Street between Wayne and Berry. *For ArtsFest, see Page 2.*

In addition to the homes, church and garden that are open for touring, the tour also features free carriage and pedi-cab rides operating between the stops. We invite all tour patrons to take advantage of these free rides as they move from home to home.

The WCNA Tour Committee would like to thank all of our tour sponsors, participating homeowners and residents, and volunteers for making this tour possible. The tour is partly funded by a grant from Arts United.



Photos on this page are of stops on this year's tour.

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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.

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 .

2010 ArtsFest Bigger, Better With More Bands Than Ever

The 2010 ArtsFest, a traditional part of the West Central Neighborhood's Home & Garden Tour, will take place this year on Saturday and Sunday, September 11 and 12. The festival is located on Union Street between Wayne and Berry streets,

which will be closed with city permission. The festival will run from 12:00 noon to 10:00 pm on Saturday, and from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm on Sunday.



The Fort Wayne Ballet will appear again at the ArtsFest.

Attendance at the ArtsFest is free and open to the public.

This year, we will feature 40 or more artists' booths, up from about 26 last year. We also have a stage with live music and other performance groups, including the Fort Wayne Ballet and the Taiko Drums presented by the Fort Wayne Dance Collective. The entire performance schedule is printed on Page 3.

The goal of the ArtsFest is to showcase our many artists – both performing and visual – who live in a neighborhood known mostly for its architecture. Because of the large number of Fort Wayne artists who either have lived in West Central or are living here now, West Central considers itself the center of the arts in Fort Wayne.

The ArtsFest began in the courtyard of the Sheridan Court Apartments at Berry and Union streets as a simple addition to the Home & Garden Tour. It originally showcased only neighborhood artists. Over the years, it remained the same, with a few resident artists selling their creations in someone's backyard while resident musicians played. Before last year, the event was open only to patrons of the Home & Garden Tour.

Starting in 2009, with a grant for the Downtown Improvement District, we were expanded to a full-block of entertainment and arts. This is only our second year for this

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Performance Schedule for ArtsFest 2010

Saturday, September 11

- Noon to 1:00 pm – The Fort Wayne Ballet
- 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm – Rhapsody in Wax
- 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm – Uncle John
- 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm – Jan Krist
- 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm – Mojo Dub
- 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm – The Rewinders

Sunday, September 12

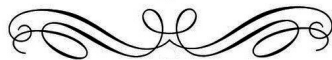
- Noon to 1:00 pm – The Taiko Drums presented by the Fort Wayne Dance Collective
- 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm – West Central Quartet
- 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm – Tama Foli
- 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm – The Possum Trot Orchestra

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format, but the ArtsFest was recognized last year by the Downtown Improvement District as the “Best Event of 2009”.

Food and drink will be available through a partnership with the Mad Anthony Brewing Co., which will have a sales tent at the festival. Purple Mountain Cheesecake Co. will have a tent as well.

Major funding for the West Central ArtsFest is provided by the Fort Wayne Downtown Improvement District. Additional funding by Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne.



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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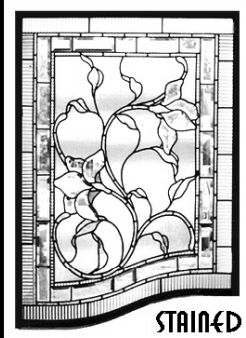
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Emmanuel Lutheran Church Announces Major Addition

The congregation at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 917 West Jefferson Blvd., plans to build a three-level addition to its church. The nearly \$2 million project will add a total of about 10,000 square feet of space and help the congregation achieve a longtime goal of being fully accessible to people with disabilities.

Emmanuel has about 1,900 members who range in age from young children to older adults.


The three-level addition — two floors above ground and one basement level — will be built adjacent to the east side of the church on its Jackson Street side. It will be designed to blend in with but not mimic exactly the architectural style of the church, which was built in 1867.

The construction project grew out of discussions several years ago asking members to identify the congregation's top priorities. Supporting the church's school and making the campus accessible emerged as the top needs.

The new addition will include an elevator, which will provide people with disabilities easy access to the sanctuary and choir loft. The church now has only a lift to assist people with getting to the sanctuary, which is 5 feet above ground level.

The new project also includes two accessible restrooms on the main floor and a ramp entrance on the west side of the church, just in case the elevator has problems. Currently, people must negotiate their way to the school to use an accessible restroom.

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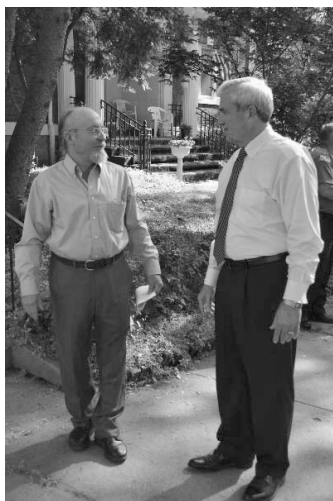
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Artist's sketch of Emmanuel Lutheran with new addition.

West Central To Rehab 800 Block of Washington Blvd.



WCNA President John Simerman with Mayor Tom Henry.

The West Central Neighborhood Association is negotiating with the City of Fort Wayne to rehabilitate at least one — if not all — of the abandoned houses on the south side of the 800 block of West Washington Blvd.

The city has agreed to give the association Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) money for 825 West Washington. The city is proposing to sell us the house for \$1, as well as make Home Funds available, similar to the Nelson Street CHDO project. They also discussed other funding that might be possible for

development.

Four additional properties on that block potentially could be part of our plans. The association is in the process of negotiating and understanding the legal and financial details. Our goal is to save these houses, and we feel it will benefit the neighborhood and our association.

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The main floor of the addition will include a gathering space, fellowship area and space for Bible studies. The upper level will house church offices and youth group space, while the lower level will be a multipurpose space that can be used for larger meetings, funeral dinners, large Bible studies and other activities.

The congregation hopes to begin using the elevator by the Advent season. The main floor should be ready for use by about January 1, and the congregation hopes to move into the upper and lower levels during 2011.

A few marked parking places will be installed for people with disabilities, but that won't reduce the parking available for other people. Architect David West of Design Collaborative designed the addition, and Hagerman Construction will be general contractor.

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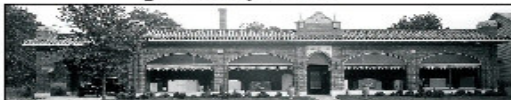
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

September 4, Miami Indian Heritage Days. Sponsored by the History Center. Location: Chief Richardville House, 5705 Bluffton Road, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Dani Tippman will present "Miami Harvest" on edible and usable plants and materials. Cost: \$7/Adults, \$5/Students & Seniors, 5 & under and members free. Free parking. For more information, contact Nancy McCammon-Hansen (260) 426-2882, x 306. Miami Chief Jean Baptiste de Richardville built a trading empire in this area that made him the richest man in Indiana by the time of his death in 1841. His home, built in 1827, is one of the premier attractions in the Historical Society's collection since the restoration of the building's exterior. Today his house is recognized as the oldest Native American dwelling in the Midwest and the first Greek Revival style house in northeast Indiana.

September 11-12, West Central Neighborhood Home & Garden Tour & ArtsFest. The 28th Annual West Central Home & Garden Tour & ArtsFest takes place from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on September 11 and 12, 2010. The tour features nine historic homes, one garden, and First Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$14 on the days of the tour. In advance, tickets may be purchased at either Neuhouser Nursery location, at either Umber's Do-It-Best Hardware, or at Antiques on Broadway. On the days of the tour, tickets may be purchased at the Swinney Homestead or at the St. Joseph Hospital parking lot at the corner of Broadway and West Wayne St. The tour features carriage and pedicab rides between tour stops provided free by the neighborhood association. The ArtsFest, which is free both days, takes place on Union Street between Wayne and Berry streets. There will be over 40 artists' booths, performances by the Fort Wayne Ballet, the Taiko Drums presented by the Fort Wayne Dance Collective and eight bands, all of which have some connection with the Historic West Central Neighborhood. The ArtsFest runs from noon to 10:00 pm on Saturday and from noon to 6:00 pm on Sunday. Food and drink for purchase provided by Mad Anthony Brewing Co. and other vendors. *Because of the historic and architectural significance of this area, the West Central Neighborhood was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984 and was designated a Fort Wayne Local Historic District as early as 1985. The neighborhood was named the "Best Old House Neighborhood" in Indiana for 2010 by This Old House Magazine.*

September 11, Walking for Peace: Labyrinth Walk at Trinity Episcopal Church. "Walking for Peace" is the title of a labyrinth walk sponsored by Trinity Episcopal Church, 611 West Berry, on Saturday, September 11, at 6 p.m., in commemoration of the 9-11 terrorist attack on the U.S. As we walk to remember the victims of 9-11, let us also walk to discover a path to peace in our personal lives as well. Please meet in the Common Room at Trinity. Enter from the Wayne Street parking lot behind the church. You will be directed to the labyrinth on the second floor. A facilitator will give a short presentation about labyrinth walks and then you will be free to spend the remainder of your time walking the labyrinth and exploring your thoughts and perceptions. No charge to attend and no reservations needed.

September 11, Firefighters' Open House in Honor of 9-11. In honor and remembrance of 9-11, Fort Wayne Firefighters IAFF Local 124 will host their annual Open House on Saturday, September 11. The doors of Old Fire Station No. 5, home to IAFF Local 124, at 1405 Broadway will open Friday from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The public is invited to stop by. The Old Fire Station No. 5 was opened in 1893 to horse-drawn fire apparatus. It was designed by the architectural firm of Wing & Mahurin. The Fort Wayne Firefighters IAFF Local 124 purchased the historic structure in 2004 and have extensively rehabilitated it for use as a meeting facility. Take note of the gorgeous striped and refinished stall doors, and the warm, exposed brick interior walls.

September 12, Be a Tourist in Your Own Hometown. On Sunday, September 12, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm, you can visit 12 of Fort Wayne's museums and attractions for free! Simply pick up a FREE passport at any Fort Wayne Scott's or Kroger's location and Be a Tourist in Your Own Hometown. These passports provide free admission to 12 of Fort Wayne's

attractions, including the African/African-American History Museum, Allen County Courthouse, Artlink, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Historic Fort Wayne, History Center, Science Central, The Lincoln Tower, Parkview Field, the new Courtyard by Marriott downtown and the brand new Visitors Center, located at 927 S. Harrison Street. For more information, contact the Convention and Visitors Bureau at 424-3700 or at www.VisitFortWayne.com.

September 18-19, Settler's Pioneer Village and country Store at Johnny Appleseed Festival. Sponsored by Settler's Inc. Archer Park, Fort Wayne, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Sunday. 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, 486-8903 or www.johnnyappleseedfest.com.

September 24, 4th Annual Buffalo Tro Fundraiser. Chief Richardville House, 5705 Bluffton Road, at 6:00 pm. In a unique combination of education, entertainment and food, the Buffalo Tro presents an introduction to Great Lakes Region Indian cooking, followed by the cooking of hearty buffalo steaks directly on a large bed of smoldering coals, a traditional method that sears in flavor and Juices. Tickets are \$50 per person. All proceeds from the dinner benefit the Heritage Education Fund, providing free admission to the History Center for area K-12 school children. It was the most sought-after invitation of 1827. When Chief Jean Baptiste de Richardville's gracious Greek Revival house was built, the most prominent citizens of Fort Wayne vied to attend his dinner parties. Once again, the Chief's house will be filled with lights, laughter, stories, music and a mouth-watering array of food, and this time you're invited!. Free parking.

September 24, Pre-Show Wine & Cheese. Indiana Hotel Lobby at the Embassy Theatre, 125 West Jefferson Blvd, 6:15 pm, \$30. Best parking is at 100 East Washington Blvd. for \$2. For more information, 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.*



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