



West Central Neighborhood Association

WCNA Newsletter

Fall 2005

From the President

"Hats off", to Norma Hoepner for once again putting together a great line-up of homes and gardens, to show off our beautiful neighborhood during the annual tour this September 10 and 11, 2005. Much appreciation is also in order for the tour committee members, homeowners, and the hundred or more volunteers supporting this event.

The tour is our largest fundraiser in behalf of the West Central Neighborhood. Money raised is invested in projects to advance beautification and ambiance for the entire neighborhood area.

Sometimes much money is not required to change things, but raw man and womanpower is. Such was the case with the clean up at 1134 Nelson Street. In this effort, we had the very kind assistance of notable city officials sweating along side West

Central volunteers in near record setting heat. Many thanks for their dedication and help.

On the truck issue, a WCNA board approved editorial appeared recently in the Journal-Gazette stating our opposition to through trucks in daylight hours for the Washington and Jefferson corridor. Also, the "No Through Trucks" yard signs are in. Call Jackie Beals (422-6795) if you would care to post one.

Finally, a letter to the Three Rivers Festival Board, with copies to the press, is in progress recommending incentives for their board to reconsider using the "traditional" route of Wayne Street for the Three Rivers Festival Parade.

Larry Coddling

Many Neighborhood Projects Accomplished through Volunteer Labor

The West Central neighborhood has been blessed with the work of many volunteers this spring and summer. Beginning in April, you'll recall that the West Central Neighborhood Association partnered with GE to cleanup their Jones Street parking lots. On a Saturday morning in May and June, volunteers gathered to trim vegetation and pick up trash and debris along the south side of West Jefferson Boulevard west of Garden Street. On two Saturday mornings in July and a Saturday morning in August, volunteers worked to cleanup an abandoned property at on Nelson Street that was slated for demolition by Neighborhood Code Enforcement. We picked up salvaged brick street pavers in Decatur, and supplied information and tour guides for the Three Rivers Festival Fun Over Fifty tour of the neighborhood.

While many of those who volunteered were residents of the West Central neighborhood, there were others who helped who were *not* West Central residents, but simply were interested in assisting the WCNA with achieving its goals of bettering the community.

The WCNA sincerely thanks the following people:

Joanne Bruce	Jan Bultemeier
Mike Bultemeier	Tom Cain
Barbara Coddling	Larry Coddling
Tom DeLong	Holly DeLong
Andy Downs	Jill Downs
Pamela Downs	Russ Garriott
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Carol Salge	John Simerman
Eilene Simerman	Creager Smith
Jack Stark	Darrell Tilford
Barbara Topp	Mike Walsh

Brian from National Serve All

Our apologies to anyone whom we may have missed.

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Allen County government - www.co.allen.in.us/

Allen County Public Library - www.acpl.lib.in.us/

City of Fort Wayne – www.cityoffortwayne.org

Community Action of Northeast Indiana - www.canihelp.org

First Call for Help - www.firstcallinfo.org/

Fort Wayne/Allen County Convention and Visitor's Bureau - www.visitfortwayne.com/

Fort Wayne Community Schools - www.fwcs.k12.in.us/

Fort Wayne Police Department – www.fwpd.org

Indiana Sheriffs' Sex Offender Registry - www.indianasheriffs.org/default.asp

Internal Revenue Service – www.irs.gov

Lutheran Schools - <http://clhs.pvt.k12.in.us/LAEE/links.htm>

State of Indiana - www.in.gov/

United Way of Allen County - www.unitedwayallencounty.org/

West Central Neighborhood Association – www.westcentralneighborhood.org

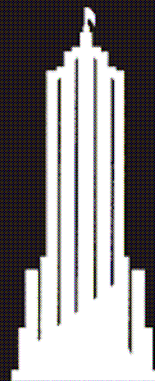
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23rd Annual West Central Neighborhood House & Garden Tour

Mark your calendars September 10 and 11 for the annual West Central Neighborhood House and Garden Tour! Please join in celebrating the continued preservation and revitalization of our wonderful historic neighborhood. This year's tour includes seven private homes and apartments, a church, an art studio, an art gallery, the Swinney Homestead, and two individual gardens.

Also featured during the tour is the West Central Arts Fest showcasing neighborhood visual and performing artists. Our visual artists, specializing in painting, house portraits, pottery, beaded jewelry, homemade candles, and painted furniture, will include: Stacey Reeves, Paige Kagin, Karen Moriarty, Matt Presswood, Teri Marquart, Corene Painter, Diane Groenert and Cindy Husar. Our performing artists this year are: guitarist Matt Sturm, jazz vocalist Lauren Nieman, Melissa Junkin, a veteran of both the Civic and Arena Dinner theaters, classical violinist Jesse Hawkins and bands Grateful Groove, The Brown Bottle Band, and The Distractions.

The Swinney Homestead will be selling homemade sandwiches and desserts on both days of the tour, and Sentimental Journey will be offering free horse-drawn carriage and wagon transportation. The tour is sponsored by St. Joseph Hospital.

1424 West Jefferson Blvd.	Swinney Homestead
1229 West Wayne Street	rowhouse
1203 West Wayne Street	garden only
1202 West Wayne Street	home and Castle Gallery
1210 West Wayne Street	home
1134 West Berry Street	garden only
720 Jackson Street	home
802 West Wayne Street	home
825 West Wayne Street	apartment
917 West Jefferson Blvd.	Emmanuel Lutheran Church
911 Wilt Street	home
1025 West Jefferson Blvd.	HusArt Studio
918 Van Buren Street	ARCH restoration project

Advance tickets are \$10.00 will be at the following Fort Wayne locations:

Antiques on Broadway 1115 Broadway
Neuhouser Nursery 8046 Stelhorn Rd.
Neuhouser Garden & Gifts 4605 West Jefferson Blvd.
Umber's Ace Hardware stores
Tower Bank locations

Tickets are \$12.00 on the days of tours and will be available at:

The Swinney Homestead 1424 West Jefferson Blvd.
St. Joseph Hospital plaza 700 Broadway

Children age 12 and under are free.

For more information, call (260) 385-WEST or log on to www.westcentralneighborhood.org



A vacant house at 1134 Nelson Street before and after the WCNA cleanup effort. We can make a difference. Thanks to all who helped.



Important Dates

WCNA meetings: 9/19, 10/17, 11/21, 12/19
7:00 PM - Wellspring, 1316 Broadway

Recycling dates: week of 9/11, 9/25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/6, 11/20, 12/4, 12/18

ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL

Important City Phone Numbers

Animal Control

427-1244

City Utilities

427-1234

Drug Tip Hotline

427-1262

Garbage/Recycling Collection

427-1270

Neighborhood Code Enforcement

427-1324

Neighborhood Specialist

Ken Nicolet 427-1122

Parking Control

427-5050

Police (non-emergency)

427-1222

Police Liaison Officer

427-1692 Liza Thomas

Preservation Planners

427-2160 Don Orban

427-2161 Creager Smith

Street Department

(leaves, potholes, snow)

427-1235

Streetlight Maintenance

427-1236

Weed Control

427-1329

Zoning

427-1324

City Councilmen

Tom Hayhurst (District 4)

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423-9411 / tmp@carsonboxberger.com

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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 Wellspring Interfaith Social Services, 1316 Broadway.

Advertisement Guidelines

The WCNA prints four newsletters per calendar year with a circulation of 1600 per issue. WCNA business members - receive 1 free, business card-sized ad in each newsletter of the calendar year after dues are paid. Other advertisers - business card-sized ads are \$25 per newsletter. The WCNA does not provide typesetting services. Please submit a current business card, JPEG or PDF file or camera-ready artwork. Call 385-9378 for more information.

Make checks payable to WCNA and mail to:

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City of Fort Wayne Sign Ordinance

Chapter 154 of the Fort Wayne City Code regulates the type, size, and placement of certain types of signage within the city of Fort Wayne. The following are a few provisions of note:

1. No sign shall be painted on or attached to rocks, trees, or any other natural object, except monument signs.
2. No sign shall be erected upon, maintained in, encroach upon or overhang any public right-of-way without the approval of the Board of Public Works...
3. Temporary signs must be removed within a certain number of days after the event or sale:
 - a. Real estate signs – remove within 7 days after closing the sale, or renting or leasing the property
 - b. Auction signs – permitted for 21 days prior to the event and removed within 5 days after the event
 - c. Garage sale signs – may be placed no more than 7 days prior to the sale and removed as soon as the sale is over

For further information or clarification of the sign ordinance, contact the Land Use Management staff of the City of Fort Wayne Planning Department at 427-1129. Additionally, the sign ordinance may be found on the web at <http://www.cityoffortwayne.org/planning/Applications%20&%20Ordinances/Sign%20Ordinance.pdf>.

Tox-Away Day 2005

The Allen County Solid Waste Management District will be holding its annual Tox-Away Day on Saturday, September 10 from 9 am to 2:30 PM. Tox-Away day provides Allen County residents with the opportunity to dispose of unwanted household hazardous waste such as oil-based paint, automotive fluids, pesticides, etc. The location will be announced two weeks prior to the event. Minimal fees apply. For more information, contact the District at 449-7878.

Items accepted:

Toxic Household Cleaners
Mercury Containing Items
Automotive Fluids
Oil-Based Paint
Pool Chemicals
Paint Thinner
Pesticides/Herbicides
Household/Lead-Acid Batteries

Items NOT accepted:

Latex Paint (air dry and place in regular trash)
Explosives
Infectious Waste
Radioactive Materials
Steel Drums
Industrial Hazardous Waste

WCNA Items for Sale

- "Historic West Central" t-shirts - \$10 (dark green, sizes L and XL)
Contact Mary Radawski at 424-2722
- *West Central Neighborhood House and Garden Tour 1983-2003: Selections from the Past* (book about the history of the West Central neighborhood and its annual house and garden tour) - \$6
Contact Mary Modezjewski 436-9458

**West Central Neighborhood Association
2005 Membership Application**

Individual Membership: \$10.00

Business Membership: \$50.00 (receive 1 free, business card-sized ad in each newsletter
of the calendar year after dues are paid)

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