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WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

MARCH 2015

West End Neighborhood Association Spring Meeting

March 19th, Thursday 7 p.m.

At DeTurk Round Barn

Our guest will be Kim Nadeau, City of SR Parking Division Manager. She will provide information about the residential parking permit program. With the SMART train anticipated to begin service in 2016, many neighbors have expressed concerns about potential parking issues in the West End. The Railroad Square Station will provide no commuter parking and we may see long-term commuter parking impacting the neighborhood in the future. This will be a good time to discuss the issue.

Hope to see you on March 19th!

West End Farmers Market Opens March 15th 9:30- 2 p.m.

Celebrate the opening of WEFM's 3rd year. A vibrant, healthy gathering place for the community – with veggies, fruits and other treats, picnic lawn, dog park, bike parking and more. On opening day, the Redwood Empire Chinese Association's Dancing Dragon will help us jump for joy. The Jellyrolls will be featured on our Northbay Hootenanny stage. It's a great way to spend a Sunday and you can: 1) Support your local Farmer, artisan and food makers 2) Eat life sustaining food 3) Invigorate the local economy by buying at the market.

Location: Donahue Street- between W. 8th & W. 9th Streets



2015 W. E. Dates:

W. E. Farmers Market Every Sun. 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. March 15th to Dec. 13th on Donahue St.
www.wefm.co

W. E. Neighborhood Assn. Spring Meeting- March 19th, Thursday 7 p.m. DeTurk Round Barn

West End Summer Bocce- Every Friday June 19th- Sept. 18th 6 p.m. DeMeo Park

W.E. Annual Picnic and Bike Parade- July 18th, Saturday 2 p.m.

W. E. Neighborhood Assn. Fall Meeting- November 19th, Thursday at 7 p.m. DeTurk Round Barn

Events and Happenings:

April 3rd to 19th- The Graduate 6th St. Playhouse G.K. Hardt Theatre

♦ **March 17th, Tuesday 4 to 5:30 p.m.- Clean the Green** Location: Olive Park footbridge. Near 105 Olive Street. On-street parking.

♦ **April 18th, Saturday 9:30-11:30 a.m. Earth Day on the Greenway** Location: Olive Park footbridge. Near 105 Olive St. ♦ **June 20th, Saturday 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Whitewater Rodeo on Santa Rosa Creek** Location: Meet at Pierson Street bridge, near #5 Pierson St. between W. 3rd St. & W. 6th St

♦ For info on all Creek Clean Up activities, contact: Alistair Bleifuss at 543-3845 or ableifuss@srcity.org

Repeating:

Every 1st Saturday 10 a.m.- Clean the creek
www.firstsaturdaycleanup.org

The 2nd Sunday of every month 3 p.m. West End Poodle Party Rain cancels the event. Location: DeTurk Round Barn Dog Park

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WEST END UPDATES

It's All About Local

The West End prides itself on having relationships with many local business owners. We consider them our neighbors and friends. Our W. E. sponsors are particularly special as their support allows us to have our website, meetings, newsletter and events. Spending your hard-earned dollars locally will help our neighborhood and economy thrive. Thank our neighborhood sponsors by patronizing their businesses.



West End Streets in Jeopardy

Goal- A new Bike and Pedestrian crossing over the SMART line at Jennings.

Requirement- State Public Utility Commission (SPUC) requires that a street level crossing at Jennings would include closing **1 or 2** streets in the West End.

Solution: Build a bridge at Jennings. State has awarded the City of SR money to do this.

Complication: The City Council decides on the bridge or street level crossing and a few Council members are determined to close our streets and have a street level crossing.

Call to Action: Attend meeting on March 17th 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall (100 Santa Rosa Avenue). Show your objection to our streets being closed.



\$10 Such a Deal!

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What Actually Happens at the St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room?

- The SVDP DR is open 7 days a week, every day of the year 11:30 am to 12:30 pm and has been there for 30 years.
- Guests are not allowed on DR grounds until 11am, bathroom use excepted.
- There is outside supervision of the DR grounds from 11am to 1pm.
- Each morning a clean-up crew checks for debris on 7th & Wilson.
- The Staff is there 6am to 2 pm to prepare meals and clean up.
- The DR has earned the highest marks possible for cleanliness and sanitation, from the So. Co. Health Dept. for the last 8 years.
- The DR has 1 full time manager, 4 PT employees and about 40 volunteers, who do most of the food preparation and serve meals.
- The DR served 88,000 meals last year, an average 240 meals per day the first part of the month, expanding up to 350 meals by month's end, when people living on fixed incomes run out of money for food. No food, drink, or any other items are allowed to be taken out of the DR.
- Food is donated by local businesses including grocery stores, farmers & catering companies such as A La Heart.
- The DR will not serve people who are abusive, disrespectful or acting in an unlawful way and works with SRPD to identify and report unlawful activity.
- SVDP has had a standing no trespassing order, for the front entry alcove, filed with the SRPD the last 5 years. Dining Room volunteers and employees actively discourage any occupancy of this area when they are present (6am to 2am)
- SVDP retail thrift store in Rohnert Park generates revenue to help pay some of the \$17,000 per month dining hall costs. The SVDP DR is an independent organization supported entirely and only, by donations from the So. Co. Community. Thanks to Dana Luce, Executive Director, Society of St. Vincent de Paul Sonoma County for providing this interesting information.



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Neighborhood News

Ninth Street Mural – A History

For over 35 years, a mural graced the undercrossing of 101 on 9th Street. Although the artwork of the mural was familiar, the actual history of its creation was unknown to many.

The mural was created by long-time West End resident and artist James (Jim) Curtis. In 1976, the So. Co. Arts Council suggested that he approach the City of SR to propose a mural on the undercrossing. Jim liked the idea of using public art to create a new dimension between the cracks of our accepted sense of geography. In 1976, enhancing the blank canvass of an undercrossing was a completely new idea in So. Co.. Jim took up the challenge and began working in a studio in the Lincoln Arts Center on Davis St. (now Kids St. Charter School) to create the sketch that was the basis of the mural.



9th St. Mural with Artist James Curtis

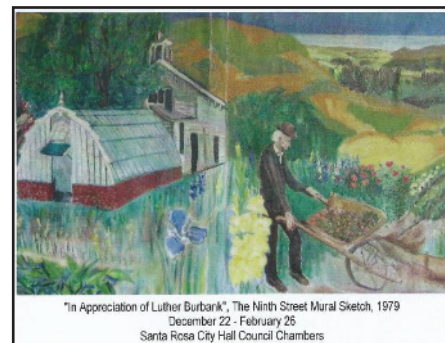
The mural, entitled, "In Appreciation of Luther Burbank" depicted a panorama of Sonoma County from East to West- Facing South as the 9th St. mural was on the South side of the undercrossing at 9th St. So. Mountain and Petaluma Hill was on the left. The midway view pictured the valley and rolling hills towards Bloomfield and the Ocean. The Sebastopol hills and Russian River were on the right side. Jim referenced a twelve volume book set published by Luther Burbank when painting the trees, flowers and other plants Burbank patented, along with his associated houses and structures.

Jim Curtis created other murals including the "Energy" mural under Hwy 12 at Olive/Railroad Ave. and the "The Endangered Species Welcome the Humans" mural on 5th under 101 called . Caltrans removed 60 feet of both 9th St. & 5th Street murals when Hwy 101 was recently widened. Two pieces of the 5th Street mural remain but are now separated by a new decorative frieze. The two ends of the 9th Street mural endured until replaced by a new community mural project in 2011. The 9th Mural no longer exists but the original art-



Current 9th St. Community Mural

work- a 30 foot by 43 inch canvas- was preserved in a private collection in Nebraska. Returning home for the first time in over two decades, it was recently exhibited in S. R.'s City Hall. An Artist's reception was held during that time to highlight the James Curtis, his murals and other artworks.



Thanks to James Curtis for starting the tradition of creating art to bring vibrancy to a formerly dark and lonely neighborhood space.

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