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WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

NOVEMBER 2012

West End Neighborhood Association Fall Meeting

November 15th, Thursday at 7 p.m.

At DeTurk Round Barn 819 Donahue Street

Are you prepared for a disaster? The Fall Meeting will feature a presentation by the American Red Cross... so you won't want to miss it.

Cross walks, stop signs, the future W. 6th St. Bike Boulevard! Rick Moshier, City of S. R. Public Works will update us on what's going on with our streets.

President's Report

Tired of meetings? We have so many... and yet they are important. I'd like to acknowledge a few neighbors who will pledge some of their valuable time on behalf of our wonderful neighborhood. Betsy Hall & Jennifer Watson have agreed to become our newest West End Board members. Leilani Clark has committed to serving as the W. E. representative on the Chop's Teen Club Board. We also have three residents that serve for our benefit on the DeTurk Round Barn committee: Dr. Deborah Crippen, Ben Wilson and Allen Thomas. The West End thrives and flourishes under the attention and care it gets from its residents. Thank-you each and every one.

Sincerely,

Lea Barron-Thomas



Oh No! I'm not receiving my email updates!

The ONLY way to receive these updates is to register your email address at www.srwestend.com



West End Calendar

A complete calendar at www.srwestend.com

November 17th, Saturday 5- 8 p.m.- 8th Annual SOFA Winterblast So. A Street Facebook

Nov. 23rd Friday at 5 p.m. Winter Lights -Tree Lighting Celebration: Tree Lighting, Children's Activities and more Location: Courthouse Square

Dec. 1st & 2nd, Sat. & Sun. 10am-4pm Luther Burbank Home and Gardens 33rd Annual Holiday Open House. Enjoy a 33-year community tradition. Location: LBH&G 204 Santa Rosa Ave

6th Street Playhouse 52 W. 6th Street :

November 30th to December 23rd- It's a Wonderful Life. A newly revisited musical version.

December 14th to 22nd- The Holiday Cabaret-The fabulous female foursome from the smash hit "The Marvelous Wonderettes" grace the cabaret stage to share your favorite holiday fare in four-part harmony.

December 29th, 30th & 31st- A New Year's Eve Celebration. Sandy and Richard Riccardi are back again with an all-new comedy cabaret show, sure to be the best way in town to ring in the New Year!

<http://www.6thstreetplayhouse.com> for tickets

Repeating:

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

Every 2nd Sunday 11 a.m.- West End Poodle Party. Rain cancels event. Location: DeTurk Round Barn Dog Park 819 Donahue St.

Every 2nd Sunday 10 a.m.- West End Small Dog Hour. Little dogs play in a small scale party. Location: DeTurk Round Barn Dog Park 819 Donahue St.

2013 W. E. Dates:

March 21st, Thursday at 7 p.m.- W. E. Spring Meeting DeTurk Round Barn

July 20th, Saturday at 2 p.m.- W. E. Bike Parade and BBQ DeMeo Park

November 21st, Thursday at 7 p.m.- W. E. Fall Meeting DeTurk Round Barn

Neighborhood News

A New Neighbor Reflects on the West End

By Marge Jones

I moved to the West End neighborhood in August of 2007. I had lived in Arizona all of my adult life, making the move to S. R. was a transition for me. After living here awhile I started walking around the neighborhood...what I saw a medley of homes-small, large, newer, historic with a few duplexes here and there. They were also in various conditions ...some were very nice with pretty yards and flowers....others could use some work.

One of my walks took me by 133 7th Street, a great old house that had been terribly neglected and abusedit was a mess!!!! I felt sad every time I walked by this house. One day I ran into Betsy Hall and who told me she had bought the house and was going to refurbish it. She invited me inside to see the house....wow....what a shock. I thought Betsy had surely lost her mind.

I became very curious about previous owners and original families that had lived there....then I became captivated. I have been able to find deeds from 1908 to 2012 by doing research at the So. Co. Records. The earliest occupant that I could find was the Eugene F. Heath family who rented the house in 1900 and owned it by 1908. The family – including Eugene (father) and Mary (mother) along with their four children Clarence, Annie, Maude and Guy.... had lots of boarders living with them. I have come to believe this was a way to help with expenses and also to give single folks a place to live. I have hit a dead end with my search as far as ownership goes for this old stately old house before 1900 – but hope to find out more.

So....why would a West Ender put in so much time, effort and money to fix up a dilapidated old house??? After 5 years, I have come to know a lot of the people living here. We are a very mixed group of people but we care very much for the neighborhood and will stand up and be counted in the fight to keep it growing into the kind of neighborhood most folks would love to live in.

In the last four years there have been at least nine houses refurbished – a new house being built – tell me this neighborhood isn't coming around!!!!

Thank you Betsy Hall for buying this property and having a vision of beauty....thanks to all of those workers who have brought their crafts to help with the process, the neighbors who have jumped in when and where they were needed.

The SMART train is coming – this will be where everyone wants to live. There is still a lot to learn about the history for this part of town and the older folks are telling the stories....I am always willing to listen.



The West End Neighborhood Association's stated purpose: "shall be to provide input to city agencies regarding the needs and desires of the West End Neighborhood particularly in the areas of crime prevention, current or planned developments, condition of streets, lighting, landscaping as directly impacts the West End Neighborhood and to continue to work to upgrade the quality of the West End Neighborhood." The W. E. Board meets twice a year and at the last meeting voted to expand the board. Eleven residents now make up the board of interested West Enders willing to meet and discuss our goals and direction. The two new board mem-

bers were nominated and voted in. If you have an interest in serving on a board or on any committee... Email us at westend@sonic.net

The W. E. Neighborhood Association Board:

President: Lea Barron-Thomas **Vice President:** Pat Bailey **Secretary:** Jennifer Watson **Treasurer:** Dan Wright **Directors:** Kernan Coleman, Rob Cox, Carol Dean, Guy Dean, Betsy Hall, Susan Hayes and Allen Thomas

Newsletter & email updates: Lea Barron-Thomas



WEST END UPDATES

Leilani Clark is the new W. E. Rep on Chop's Teen Club Board

As the West End Representative on the Chop's Teen Club Board, my main responsibility is to act as a liaison between the teen club and the West End neighborhood. At monthly board meetings, I'm given a few minutes time to report on West End goings-on and activities that are pertinent to the teen center. In addition, I see part of my responsibility as helping to ensure that communication between the neighborhood and the teen club is ongoing and fruitful. I also attend Chop's events and fundraisers as a representative of the neighborhood. I look forward to fulfilling this responsibility for the next three years and having the opportunity to contribute to my new community in the West End!



Leilani Clark, her husband Jacques Law and W. E. Board member Susan Hayes at Chop's fundraiser.

Santa Rosa City Council Sides with BoDean Asphalt Plant

On election day, November 6th. City Council members Mayor Ernesto Olivares, John Sawyer, Scott Bartley and Jake Ours overturned the Design Review Boards decision to reject the plans for the 3 new proposed silos that would soar over 27 feet above the typical building height for the area. Scott Bartley, who voted for the silos, said that landscaping might help the look of the new project. The project is currently involved in a lawsuit. **Citizen's for Safe Neighborhoods** <http://cfsn.us> or **Parents concerned about the BoDean Asphalt Plant** on facebook for more info.



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PHONE NUMBERS
EMERGENCY/POLICE 911
(On Cell phone dial 528-5222)
Non-emergency Police 528-5222**

Neighborhood Watch Get to know your neighbors and communicate about crime issues. You can also put your crime reports on the West End Facebook Page!

There's A TRAIN coming! Most of us know the SMART train is coming to the West End. Track work began this Fall and other improvements will follow in 2013. Thanks to SMART's hard work the construction is ahead of schedule and test trains may be running through our neighborhood by the end of next year. Commuter service could start in about 25 months.

The following is a list of crossings scheduled for upgrade by the end of year. Dates may change subject to weather as we head into the rainy season.

- Guerneville Road – Santa Rosa
11/9 (Start 7:00 PM) to 11/11 (End 6:00 PM)
 - 6th Street – Santa Rosa (tentative date)
11/13 (Start 7:00 AM) to 11/16 (End 6:00 PM)
 - College Avenue – Santa Rosa
11/16 (Start 7:00 AM) to 11/18 (End 6:00 PM)
 - 9th Street – Santa Rosa
11/27 (Start 7:00 AM) to 11/30 (End 6:00 PM)
 - 7th Street – Santa Rosa (date pending)
12/4 (Start 7:00 AM) to 12/6 (End 6:00 PM)
 - 8th Street – Santa Rosa (date pending)
12/11 (Start 7:00 AM) to 12/21 (End 6:00 PM)
- Please note that the 8th Street crossing closure is taking longer due to the relocation of a water line and the installation of a new sewer line.*

To report a construction related problem or to ask a question, call: **855-312-7444**. sonomamarintrain.org

BBQ, Events and website....

...are funded by neighbor dues and newsletter sponsors. Our dues are \$10 a year. Make check to: West End Neighborhood Association and send to: Dan Wright 512 Jefferson Street, S.R. CA 95401 or **pay your dues online at the website with paypal**. Easier to remember if you pay on your birthday month!





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