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# WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

NOVEMBER 2014

## West End Neighborhood Association Fall Meeting

**November 20th, Thursday 7 p.m.**

**At DeTurk Round Barn**

Join us for our fall meeting- Our special guest is Randy Barron, Randy is a City of Santa Rosa Water Resource Specialist and the program manager for the Residential Audit program, Green Exchange (Cash for Grass) and Rainwater Harvesting rebate programs.

We will have a lot of interesting updates to discuss including City of SR's proposal to close our neighborhood streets, Pullman Lofts on Wilson St. And the BoDean Asphalt lawsuit.

**Hope to see you on November 20th!**



**Hubbub Club will play on December 14th at WEFM**

## West End Farmers Market

**Every Sunday UNTIL DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>**

Support our local economy- buy directly from the person who grows or makes your food. Buy local, handmade, unique products for the holidays. A few more weeks to enjoy shopping, eating, listening to music and socializing in our community-friendly outdoor market. **Location:** Donahue Street- between Boyce & W. 9<sup>th</sup> St.

## West End Calendar

### 2014 W. E. Dates:

**W. E. Farmers Market** Every Sun. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. to Dec.14th on Donahue St. [www.wefm.co](http://www.wefm.co)

**W. E. Neighborhood Assn. Fall Meeting-** Nov. 20th, Thursday at 7 p.m. DeTurk Round Barn

### Events and Happenings:

**Nov 21th – Dec 21<sup>st</sup> Jolly Juliana – An Original Melodrama & Holiday Vaudeville**

**Location:** 6th St. Playhouse G.K. Hardt Theatre

**Christmas with Hansel & Gretel-** Dec. 5 & 12th, Friday at 7 p.m., Dec 6 & 13th Saturday at 1 & 3:30 p.m., Dec 7 & 14th, Sunday at 3 p.m.- [ATFCShows.com](http://ATFCShows.com) **Location:** Kid St. Learning Center 709 Davis St.

### Repeating:

**Every 1st Saturday 10 a.m.-** Clean the creek [www.firstsaturdaycleanup.org](http://www.firstsaturdaycleanup.org)

**Every 2nd Sunday 3 p.m. NEW TIME!! West End Poodle Party** Rain cancels the event.

**Location:** DeTurk Round Barn Dog Park 819 Donahue St.



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# WEST END UPDATES

## BoDean and Homes Don't Mix

Citizens For Safe Neighborhoods filed a lawsuit with the Co. of So. Superior Court against the City of Santa Rosa for allowing the new facility to expand without an environmental review in 2012. CFSN lost that case and has appealed to the State court. We are also encouraging the City to review their use permit as we believe that BoDean has not been permitted to run 24 hours a day. We can't move forward without your help and need donations to keep the case moving forward. Please make checks payable to CFSN - mail P.O. Box 3964 Santa Rosa Ca. 95402 or pay by paypal at [www.cfsn.us](http://www.cfsn.us)



## Humble but Historic West End Homes

In mid-November, SSU Graduate students will be researching homes on Boyce, W. 8<sup>th</sup> & Decker. Under the guidance of Professor of Anthropology Adrian Praetzelis (who once lived in the West End!), students will do archival research to determine basic information about each house such as: When it was built? Was it moved to its current site? Who built it or at least who were the early owners? How has it changed over the years etc. They will also fill out a DPR 523 form with that information and state whether it appears eligible for the National Register. Each homeowner has been contacted in advance, agreed to the study and will be given the students' research notes. This neighborhood was "studied" in 1989- and the research was focused on the proposed historic district but the houses only received a very quick "windshield" survey. This in-depth information can be added to the archives at the library to help preserve the history of our humble but historic homes.

## Save Our Streets!

The Jennings Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Rail Crossing Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is now available for public review.

Two types of rail crossings are evaluated in the Draft EIR. The first: an at-grade crossing **includes the closures of W. 6th, W. 7th or W. 8th Street**. The second: rail **overcrossing** (Does not require West End Street closure). **The 45-day public review period begins on October 17,**

**2014 and concludes on December 1, 2014.** The Draft EIR can also be accessed on the City website

**Public hearing on November 18, 2014** to receive comments regarding the Draft

EIR, no final action until a subsequent meeting. Written comments to Jessica Jones, Sr. Planner, CDD 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Room 3, S R, CA 95404

**Don't Divide Railroad Square!**

**Build a bridge at Jennings and keep our railroad crossings OPEN!**

Email Mayor Scott Bartley: [sbartley@srcity.org](mailto:sbartley@srcity.org)

## West End Filmmaker

November 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday at 8:30 p.m.- The West End's own filmmaker, [John Harden](#) has a his latest film out. It's entitled "New". It will be shown at the Napa Valley Film Festival Nov. 12-16<sup>th</sup> and there will also be a special screening on November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Raven in Healdsburg.

## Murnane Floors, Inc

Longtime West End business, Murnane Floors, Inc. is moving to 110 D St. (between 3<sup>rd</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sts.). Bob Murnane has been an excellent neighbor and a great supporter of the West End. Many of us have bought carpet, linoleum, wood or bamboo floors from Murnane Floors and the new location is still very convenient. Keep that in mind when you need flooring and want to shop local.

## An Artful Entrance

The old China Light building has been spiffed up with a Mural on the Cleveland St. side (east). Local art activist Judy Kennedy is responsible for this improvement. She chose Edward Hoppers well-loved 1942 painting "Nighthawks" Judy says, "I picked this painting because I liked the idea of the Hopper '40s diner painted on the old boarded-up diner." Thank-you Judy!



# Neighborhood News

## Are you Ready?

By Terrie Noll

After “disaster preparedness” was the topic of our neighborhood meeting, I had to ask myself, “Do I feel lucky? Well do ya, punk?” Until then, not even the collapse of the Cypress Freeway right in front of my West Oakland workshop had got me to prepare. I began to consider that it might be wishful thinking to never experience a disaster of your very own and so a survival kit went near the top of my list.

Is a big earthquake likely? David P. Schwartz, an earthquake scientist and co-chair of the Bay Area Earthquake Alliance said, “There’s a 62 percent chance of an earthquake with a magnitude 6.7 or greater striking the Bay Area in the next 30 years- and the worst place to be is on the Rodgers Creek Fault.” That fault by the way goes right past Petaluma, Rohnert Park, through us and on up to Healdsburg. According to Schwartz, the Rodgers Creek historically has produced a large earthquake, over a 7.0 magnitude, every 220 years, and it’s been 300 years since the last one.

But let’s not stop at earthquakes, a disaster can be anything and it’s usually something you never imagined. Not so long ago, a dainty tornado flattened a warehouse about a quarter mile east of Railroad Square. And don’t forget naughty PG & E and their neglected gas lines or BoDean in our back yard or even terrorists.

Ready to “Grab & Go”- How I prepared: I pretended I’m going on a week’s camping trip to my back yard and I’ll have no water, gas, power or food from my house, which is damaged. I picked through all my camping stuff and started packing a compact satchel. My eyes were bigger than its stomach though and I ended up buying a \$54 wheeled backpack with a collapsible handle because it had a protective laptop sleeve and lots of organizing pockets, not to mention I’m getting too old to carry the pile of things that kept growing, especially if I’m wounded.

A tool to turn off the gas meter and the water meter in the street now lives on my gas meter. A Sawyer mini water filter (\$20) will let me drink from the creek. I have stored water (grows bacteria after 2 years in plastic bottles) and a hot tub full that I can distill. There’s a baggy full of my prescriptions that I will rotate, a set of warm clothes, cheap rain poncho and just-add-water backpack food from REI. A Bushbox XL (see youtube) became my packable, burn-anything (even pieces of my collapsed house !) cook stove over my bulky two-burner camp stove which requires fuel canisters too. Every device that requires batteries--LED flashlight, headlamp, small backpack lantern--uses the same ones and I bought a pile. I splurged on a ‘trucker’s friend’ (see youtube) as a do-everything camping/rescue tool that I may not wield myself but can give to a big guy like Allen to pry stuck doors, smash squished cars’ windshields and chop through walls.

Getting digital assets offsite and making a grab list to pin to the backpack are still to do because I won’t remember everything in a panic. (If your house is red-tagged, you only get scant minutes inside to grab things while officials stand by to enforce the time limit.) Most importantly, to avert a true disaster, I found organic instant coffee at Oliver’s that is decanted into a sturdy plastic bag which lives inside my camping pan. None of these choices were quick to arrive at or assemble. I spent hours surfing the strange world of survivalist web sites until camo make-up starting looking rather charming.

When the Napa quake started the other night, I rather smugly began unraveling myself from the long, curly headphone cord attached to my podcast so I could get out the door with my new go bag. But by the time I disentangled, the earthquake had rolled off into the sunset. For a seasoned native who didn’t live in masonry-saturated Napa on alluvial soil, it had been hardly worth bothering but I was ready.

So, like I did, you gotta ask yourself--do you feel lucky?



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