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## *Belews Street Neighborhood Remembered*

On October 26, the Historic Resources Commission held an unveiling ceremony for the newest City of Winston-Salem historic marker recognizing the Belews Street neighborhood. Dedication of the Belews Street neighborhood marker was well attended with strong representation from former residents, Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke, Council Member Derwin Montgomery and Senator Earline W. Parmon (a former resident), along with other City and Wake Forest Innovation Quarter officials.

The Belews Street neighborhood was developed in the early 20th century. By the early 1940s, the neighborhood was made up of predominantly working class African-Americans, who were employed by local tobacco industries.

It is remembered nostalgically as a community where neighbors developed close-knit relationships and provided support to one another. Commercial, institutional and residential properties lined the streets in the neighborhood. Residents began to vacate the neighborhood in 1958, when land was acquired for the construction of US 52. Today the intersection of highways US 52 and Business 40 sit at the site of the beloved Belews Street community. Former residents gave testimony to the life and times living in the Belews Street community. Advocates of the Belews Street neighborhood are working towards developing a history project about the area with interested historians, volunteers and students to serve as tool for education and awareness.



## *Roots Day 2014 in Belview Neighborhood*

On a beautiful October morning, the Community Appearance Commission of Winston-Salem & Forsyth County, the Winston-Salem Vegetation Management Department, and Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful held Community Roots Day in the Belview neighborhood. This year marked the 22nd anniversary of the event that began in 1993 in the Boston-Thurmond neighborhood.



Over 300 volunteers planted approximately 370 trees throughout the neighborhood during the event. Eight different varieties of trees were planted including Okame Cherry, "Hearts of Gold" Redbud, "Stellar Pink" Dogwood, and Fruitless Sweetgum. Since the inaugural event, over 7,500 trees have been planted throughout the City of Winston-Salem in neighborhoods such as Easton, East Winston, Hanes Hosiery, Sunnyside, Happy Hill, and Castle Heights.

Winston-Salem City Council Members James Taylor Jr. and Denise Adams welcomed the crowd of volunteers during the opening ceremony. City Manager Lee Garrity and Planning Board member Paul Mullican were also in attendance at the event. Pastor Dennis W. Bishop of the First Woughtown Baptist Church provided the invocation.

Volunteers were treated to coffee, donuts, and fruit in the morning and a hotdog lunch in the afternoon. Hats and t-shirts were presented to the volunteers. The event is made possible through grant funds and donations.

## NCAPA Award to Lynne Mitchell

Congratulations to Lynne Mitchell M.S., R.D., LDN, Personal Health Services Administrator, Forsyth County Department of Public Health and a member of the City-County Planning Board 2006-2014. Lynne was recently honored by the North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association for her contributions to planning. She received the 2014 Marvin Collins Outstanding Planning Award for Distinguished Leadership at the Planning Awards Ceremony held in Durham, NC, on October 2, 2014. The award honors appointed officials that have made outstanding contributions to planning and signifies the highest standards of achievement for planning in North Carolina, highlighting work that is worthy of attention. The Awards Committee found her longtime efforts and leadership in advancing and enhancing the connections between public health and community planning in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, as a public health professional, a planning board member, and a citizen, to be inspirational.



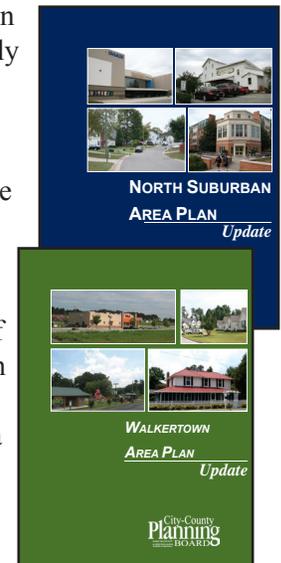
Lynne has served the citizens of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County for 20 years in the area of public health and has been a champion of community planning. As a member of the City-County Planning Board she has brought a community health perspective to planning, rallied support from health professionals for a range of planning initiatives, facilitated outreach efforts that promote the benefits of planning. She spearheaded efforts for more health-friendly planning showing that planning objectives and community health are mutually supportive. She was instrumental in ensuring that the *Legacy 2030 Update*, the community's comprehensive plan, adopted in 2012, included for the first time, a focus on community health and equity.

Thanks, Lynne, for your passion, your boundless energy and tireless work to improve community livability, and the health and well-being of us all. We look forward to continue working with you on achieving the goals of *Legacy 2030*.



## Area Plan Documents Available

Final documents are now available in digital and printed format for recently adopted area plans, the *North Suburban Area Plan Update* and *Walkertown Area Plan Update*. Printed documents are available for purchase at \$5 per copy in the Planning Department in Suite 225 of the Bryce A. Stuart Municipal Building at 100 East First Street. Digital versions of the North Suburban and Walkertown updates, along with other area plan documents, are available on the area plan page on the Planning Department's website at: <http://www.cityofws.org/departments/planning/area-plans>.



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