



We're getting results! Let's continue to call in and catch those Trash Busters for illegally dumping. Remember, it is a win-win situation for all involved.

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# OVER THE FENCE

Newsletter of Neighborhood Services Department

*"PROVIDING CRITICAL SERVICES  
TO RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITIES"*



Winston-Salem



## Project We Care

Project We Care was initiated by Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian H. Burke with the support of the City of Winston-Salem Council Members. Over the years, the city has taken great pride in contributing to our communities and encouraging others to dedicate time to volunteerism. President Barack Obama's national call to service afforded Winston-Salem another opportunity to share our support on a national level. The participants of Project We Care donated over 145,000 volunteer hours as they displayed the type of dedication and enthusiasm that ultimately impact the lives of others.

Never has it been more important to come together in shared purpose to tackle the common challenges we face. Neighborhood groups, non-profit organizations, and citizens of Winston-Salem joined together to demonstrate their commitment to meeting community needs which resulted in the enormous number of hours donated.

All participants received a certificate of appreciation at a ceremony held on January 19, 2010 at City Hall. Individuals and chairpersons of groups that donated 300 hours or more received a volunteer excellence lapel pin especially designed for Project We Care. Additionally, all participants were recognized at the City Council Meeting immediately following the ceremony. The Project We Care recognition ceremony can be viewed on the homepage of the city's website, cityofws.org, select On-Demand Videos at the bottom of the screen, next click on special programming and select Project We Care.

*"People care...let's create a project to show how we all care."*

Vivian H. Burke, Mayor Pro Tempore  
Council Member Northeast Ward



## From the Director's Chair



### Weatherization Recruitment coming soon

Regional Consolidated Services was incorporated in 1979 and less than a year later the Weatherization Assistance program was in place, becoming the second major human service effort launched by the agency. By late 1980, the program in its final form earned the approval of the RCS board of directors. With leadership provided by Director Tiffanie Wilson and Deputy Director Benny Wofford, the Weatherization Program is designed to meet the need for adequate protection against the winter's cold and the summer's heat in the homes of the elderly and disabled. Senior citizens suffering with high energy expenses are eligible for assistance. So are families with children under the age of 19. Priority is given overall energy efficiency.

The Neighborhood Services Department will soon partner with Regional Consolidated Services (RCS) in a recruitment effort so that citizens of Winston-Salem can benefit from the economic stimulus package that provides funds to eligible households. Neighborhood Groups will be notified once the plans are finalized. The Weatherization Office for Randolph and Forsyth Counties is located at 911 S. Fayetteville Street, Asheboro, NC 27202 or you may contact a representative at (336) 736-8689.

#### Additional Facts:

Regional Consolidated Services weatherizes homes in Guilford, Forsyth, Davidson, Randolph and Rockingham counties.

To qualify for free weatherization, your income cannot exceed 200% percent of the federal poverty level. For a family of four, the limit would be \$44,100.

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- Welcome Aboard -  
Laurel Park/Twin Cedars Neighborhood Association



British Woods Neighborhood  
Traffic Calming Islands at work



Stonewall Community Association  
Chicken Stew Celebration

### Lead Grant Recipient

The City of Winston-Salem has been awarded \$2,070,000 in Lead Based Paint Hazard Control funds. The Lead Safe Program is a comprehensive plan that includes screening, testing, lead hazard controls, outreach and educational activities. The program focuses on families with an income at or below 80% of the median income for the City of Winston-Salem, units occupied by children less than six years of age in owner-occupied homes, and homes built prior to 1978 that contain lead based paint hazards. For more information, contact Toccara Toland at 734-1279.



Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian H. Burke and City Staff accept the check from HUD representative

### Newsmakers

Congratulations to **Kelly Speaks** (Environmental Crew) and wife, Jaleema, on the birth of their son, Joshua Alexander born February 13, 2010.

Reggie Johnson (The University of Miami) son of **Erika Johnson** (Environmental Crew) scored 22 points against Wake Forest University during the ACC Tournament. Miami advanced to the Semi-Finals to play Duke University. Final score Duke 77- Miami 74. Congratulations to Reggie for a job well done!

Congratulations **Billy Caudle** (Construction Advisor) for receiving his Risk Assessor Certification and National Environmental Health Association Credential.

**Rodmond Dunlap** (Neighborhood Conservation Officer) has been selected as an Inductee into the Winston-Salem Forsyth County High School Sports Hall of Fame. Way to go, Rod!

### New Additions



Toccara Toland  
Lead Safe Program Assistant



Alex Denny  
Rehabilitation Loan Officer

### Quadrant Meetings

Neighborhood associations and Neighborhood Watch groups throughout the city are being invited to attend community quadrant meetings during the next several months. The purpose of each meeting is for City staff to provide brief updates on activities that may impact your neighborhoods as well as receive input regarding City services/programs and ideas concerns. The following City departments will be participating in this endeavor: Police, Sanitation, Recreation, Inspections/Zoning, Streets, Planning, Storm Water, and Human Relations.

The series of meetings will be completed prior to the Annual Citywide Neighborhood Association Conference on June 5, 2010, at Winston Salem State University's Anderson Center where it is hoped that all neighborhoods will come together to share ideas that will help empower them. Quadrant Meetings have been held for the North and Northeast Wards and the South and Southwest Wards.

*Quadrant Meetings will be held  
in the  
East /Southeast Wards  
on April 29, 2010  
and in the  
West/Northwest Wards  
on May 6, 2010*

### A Sign of Distinction

Volunteering is the most fundamental act of citizenship in our society. It is offering time, energy and skills of one's own free will. It is an extension of being a good neighbor. People work to improve the lives of their neighbors and, in return, enhance their own. As a continuation of the Project We Care initiative, a policy was recommended to establish criteria to recognize volunteers that have made a significant contribution to the Winston-Salem community. Volunteers will be acknowledged by placing a memorable sign in a designated location selected by the Council Member in their ward.

Residents of Cameron Avenue cleared a vacant lot to prevent it from becoming an eyesore to the community. The site has been transformed into a productive vegetable garden. Congratulations to Leroy Gaylor, Livingston Mawutor, Calvin Spencer and Gerald Wedderburn, Sr. for working diligently to get the job done and because of their efforts, the lot is the first official site to post a Project We Care sign.



Leroy Gaylor at the Cameron Avenue site of the first Project We Care sign. (Livingston Mawutor absent)

### Calendar of Events

#### SAVE THE DATE

*Human Services Summit for Gang Reduction*  
United Metropolitan Baptist Church  
450 Metropolitan Drive  
Winston Salem, NC 27101  
April 29, 2010  
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



*Annual Citywide Neighborhood Association Conference*  
Anderson Conference Center  
601 S Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive  
Winston Salem, NC 27110  
June 5, 2010  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



### The Scoop on Poop...It's the Law

Did you know according to the Municipal Code of Ordinances for the City of Winston-Salem, Section 6-12 states: (b) *Off premises of owner*. It shall be unlawful of any owner to permit the dog to leave its droppings on the property of another.

Let's do our part and keep Winston-Salem yards waste free one yard at a time.



**April showers bring May flowers and lots of high grass!**

*Friendly Reminder:*  
It is unlawful to allow grass, ground cover and weeds to grow unchecked and exceed 8 inches in height. Section 62-2 (c)