

Legacy Update 2007 points to progress, cites unfinished business



The oversight committee monitors progress in implementing Legacy, a 15-year development guide adopted in 2001 to improve the quality of life here by promoting sound economic development, livable neighborhoods and environmental quality.

- 2007 saw "substantial progress" on studies and ordinances that further Legacy's goals, according to the report:
- The Winston-Salem City Council adopted amendments to the ordinance for on-premise signs that will improve the appearance of the city's commercial corridors.
- The City Council also adopted for the Winston-Salem area a

- Collector Street Plan, a Sidewalk and Pedestrian Facilities Plan and the North Central Winston-Salem Area Plan.
- The Kernersville Board of Aldermen adopted a Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan.
- The Lewisville Town Council amended its development ordinance to create a Vienna Business District that follows the recommendations of the Vienna Business District Small Area Plan.

To increase public understanding of Legacy and how its principles relate to development, the planning staff in 2007 expanded the Legacy Toolkit, a series of summary sheets that cover such topics as street design standards, subdivisions and planned residential developments, traditional neighborhood development, transit-oriented development, and growth management areas. The sheets are available online at www.cityofws.org/planning and at the Planning Board office.

The staff also completed "Historic Resources in Forsyth County - A Source Book" for those involved in historic preservation and historic resources.

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Register your boarding house, rooming house, or shared single-family house

The Winston-Salem City Council and the Forsyth County Commissioners have passed revisions to zoning ordinances pertaining to single-family houses that have been converted into boarding or rooming houses, as well as single-family houses that are shared and occupied by more than four unrelated persons 18 years or older (and their children).

The new rules apply to any rooming house, boarding house or shared single-family house that is in Winston-Salem or an unincorporated area of Forsyth County and is on land zoned for single-family houses (these districts start with the letters "RS") or on land zoned RSQ (a district for residential buildings ranging from single-family houses to quadrplexes).

The revisions require the owners of these buildings, both in Winston-Salem and in the unincorporated areas of Forsyth County, to register with the Winston-Salem Department of Neighborhood Services before Jan. 1, 2009, and to bring these houses into compliance with current zoning regulations by Jan. 1, 2012.

These rules do not apply to owners who have legally established their boarding house as a home occupation, as long as they have no more than three lodgers and have a home occupation permit from the Inspections Division.

Boarding and rooming houses are residential buildings originally built as a single-family house and

modified to have one or more separate living units. A boarding house is occupied by the owner, who rents out rooms. Zoning regulations allow up to eight boarders. Rooming houses do not have the owner living in the building.

Owners who do not register by Jan. 1, 2009 will be out of compliance as of Jan. 2, 2009, and will be subject to civil penalties of up to \$100 a day or criminal prosecution in Forsyth County.

To register, owners must turn in a signed and notarized registration form that requires such information as the property address and zoning, the number of adult occupants, the number of separate living units, the number of separate entrances to the building and more.

Forms are available online at www.cityofws.org/hns or at the Winston-Salem Department of Neighborhood Services, 100 E. First St., Suite 423. Neighborhood Services has been designated as the agency responsible for registration of the buildings covered under the new rules, both inside the city limits and in Forsyth County.

With the form, owners must turn in a floor plan drawing. Instructions on how to create a floor plan drawing, as well as information about how to look up zoning for property, is available online.

Complete information about registering your property is available at www.cityofws.org/hns, or call CityLink at 727-8000.

FOR ALL TO SEE: More than 200 dignitaries, family members and spectators turned out for the unveiling Feb. 16 of the new sign for the Clark Campbell Transportation Center. Campbell, below, drove a bus for the Winston-Salem Transit Authority and its predecessor, the Safe Bus Company, for 46 years before retiring in 1992, after which he still continued to drive part-time. In honor of Campbell's decades of service, the transportation center was named after him last year.



Time to clean out? The city can help!

If your attic, basement or storage unit is stuffed solid, the city's ready to help: Clean out your unneeded items during the city's bulky item pick-up, starting this month and going on through August.

City crews will go through the city street by street, collecting bulky items that garbage crews cannot accept. Furniture, mattresses, appliances, furniture, grills, carpet, old toys and lawn furniture can all be set out. But there are limits: The city cannot collect building materials, hazardous waste, tires, cement, cars and car parts, stumps, tanks and oil drums, fire wood or yard waste. Bulky item collection is for single family residences, not businesses or apartments.

The Sanitation Division will mail post cards in advance to let home owners know when bulky item collection will be held in their neighborhood. For more information call CityLink at 727-8000.

Use the Internet to find out when your house is scheduled for bulky item collection. Go to www.bulkyitems.cityofws.org.

Maps and schedules are also available in the North Carolina Room of the main branch of the Forsyth County Public Library.



Collection Changes for Easter

City offices will be closed Friday, March 21, for the Easter holiday. Garbage collections scheduled for Friday will be held Monday, March 24. All other garbage collections the week of March 18, as well as yard-waste and curbside recycling collections, will not be affected. For more information, call CityLink at 727-8000 or go to www.sanitation.cityofws.org.

Talk of the Town coming to South and Northwest wards

Residents of the South and Northwest Wards can learn what's going on at City Hall and tell Mayor Allen Joines and their council member what's on their minds at these upcoming Talk of the Town meetings:

South Ward (Council Member Molly Leight): Tuesday, March 25, 6:30 p.m. Green Street United Methodist Church chapel, 639 Green Street.

Northwest Ward (Council Member Wanda Merschel): Tuesday, April 22, 6:30 p.m. Reynolda Manor Branch Library, 2839 Fairlawn Drive.

For more information call 727-2058.

Applicants Sought for Community Appearance Commission

Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian H. Burke is accepting applications from citizens interested in filling a vacancy on the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Community Appearance Commission.

The Community Appearance Commission seeks to enhance and improve the visual quality and aesthetic character of Forsyth County and the city of Winston-Salem for the education, pleasure and enrichment of city and county residents; and to improve the community's visual quality of life for generations to come.

Applicants must have experience or education in a design field, such as architecture, landscape architecture, horticulture, land-use planning, historic preservation, or a closely related field.

Applicants must be city residents. The deadline to apply is March 14. For more information and to apply, call the City Secretary's office at 727-2224.

SKYWARN advanced severe weather spotter training offered



The National Weather Service and the Office of Emergency Management are sponsoring advanced severe weather spotter training on Monday, March 10, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Northwest North Carolina Chapter of the American Red Cross, 690 Coliseum Blvd. in Winston-Salem.

The class will include weather

patterns conducive to severe weather, processes necessary for tornado development, the impact of wind shear on storm behavior and the relation of instability to updraft intensity.

The class is free. For more information, call Michelle Brock at 767-6161 or Jeff Orrock with the National Weather Service at (919) 515-8209, ext. 223



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

April brings two chances to help keep Winston-Salem beautiful.

The annual Community Roots Day tree planting event will take place Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to noon. This year about 500 trees will be planted in the Maple Street neighborhood south of Hanes Middle School and hundreds of volunteers are needed. The first 500 volunteers get free t-shirts and hats and all volunteers get free lunch and seedlings. Volunteers will meet at the shelter at Blum Park. Come on out and help beautify our community!

The annual Great Winston-Salem Cleanup, part of the national Great American Cleanup, will take place on Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to noon. Hundreds of volunteers are needed to help clean up local roadways, parks and schools. All supplies are provided as well as lunch. It's a fun way to make a positive impact in the community!

Sign-up online at www.kwsb.cityofws.org. No Internet? Call Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful at 727-8013.

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