



NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT
CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM

Tu Comunidad Informative Newsletter

Purpose of the Informative Newsletter

The purpose of this Informative Newsletter is to bring you information about the services offered by Winston-Salem city government, and to inform you about different programs and/or last minute matters. As part of one of the city's projects, the Neighborhood Services Department together with other departments, such as Human Relations, Utilities, Police, Marketing and Communications, etc. have prepared The Neighborhood Improvement Plan. The Neighborhood Improvement plan is a collaborative effort of the City and several local non profit organizations interested in the quality of life for the residents of our city. It has been designed to educate those tenants that live with low to moderate incomes, in apartment complexes and neighborhoods about things that are being done or not being done related to



the city codes and ordinances, and programs through out the city.

Colaboration makes a Community

The NIP committee sponsors outreach events in the community in apartment complexes, seminars in schools and churches, and also produces an informative television program and videos in Spanish. Our hope is that the residents become more civically conscience and that they encourage our youth to take an active interest in civic matters and activities.



Greetings from the Director of Neighborhood Services



Mr. D. Ritchie Brooks

The summer of 2008 marked the third year the City of Winston-Salem implemented the Neighborhood Improvement Plan (NIP). In an effort to continue our commitment to make Winston-Salem an inclusive community, Neighborhood Services, Marketing and Communications and Hispanic Interaction teamed up to create a television series specifically for the Hispanic Community, hosted by Miriam Hernandez.

All communities are in need of knowing how City departments work and the NIP televised program is a key instrument for fulfilling this need. It has been a tremendous experience for Neighborhood Services and other city department partners to share their expertise as education helps a community grow. It is our hope the television program will serve as a catalyst for the viewing audience.

I encourage the readers of this newsletter to tune in and offer their opinions and/or suggestions to better enhance our programming. Again, I look forward to future opportunities to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Winston-Salem.

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New Program in Spanish Tu Comunidad

Miriam Hernandez
Host and Executive Producer



This program is produced for the benefit of the Hispanic community and as part of the Neighborhood Improvement Plan prepared by the Neighborhood Services, Human Relations and Communication and Marketing Departments. Said program brings information that helps you and your family understand the different programs and services sponsored by the city. Information just as:

1. Utilities
2. Recycling
3. Sanitation
4. Recreation
5. Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful
6. Environmental Situations
7. Police and Fire Department
8. Emergency Administration
9. Housing
10. Zoning
11. Human Relations

For the schedule go to - <http://www.cityofws.org/Home/Departments/MarketingAndCommunications/WSTV-13/Articles/WhatsOn>.

Immigration and the Police Department of Winston-Salem

Chief Scott Cunningham



The Winston-Salem Police Department is charged with protecting and serving the community. Community includes the physical assets located or traveling within the corporate city limits of Winston-Salem, but especially the people who reside in, visit, travel through, or work within the city limits. The Winston-Salem Police Department (WSPD) must accomplish its mission within the various guidelines that exist and govern our actions. These guidelines include the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of North Carolina, the laws of the United States and North Carolina, the ordinances of the City of Winston-Salem, the court decisions that are applicable, and the various professional standards that exist.

The Winston-Salem Police Department serves all persons in a legal, ethical, and professional manner. Race, creed, sex, religion, country of birth, etc are irrelevant to the level and types of service provided by WSPD personnel. We do not take actions based solely on these criteria. It is illegal, unethical, and unprofessional.

Immigration and the many facets of this issue are emotional and complicated. It is an issue that has many views, perceptions, facts, and implications. It cannot be easily resolved, especially at the local level. It is important for everyone to clearly understand the position, views, and role of the WSPD regarding immigration.

The WSPD does not take action solely based on immigration status or perceived immigration status. The WSPD takes actions based on laws and legal requirements and constraints. We will enforce the laws that are applicable and that can be enforced by the WSPD. Some laws, like many civil laws including some tax laws and some immigration laws, cannot be directly enforced by the WSPD. Certain ordinances and court orders cannot be directly enforced by the WSPD. Many of these matters may be violations of laws, but are not within the scope or jurisdiction of the WSPD. In these cases, we document what is pertinent and take other actions as may be appropriate. Even though the immigration laws are federal laws, some of these violations are civil violations that we cannot enforce.

The WSPD does not and will not inquire as to immigration status unless there is specific reason to do so. When persons from various countries are detained, we must notify the respective embassy and/or U.S. State department as this is required by various treaties. In these cases we must ascertain the country of citizenship. If a subject is stopped for a routine traffic violation, we will enforce the pertinent traffic and criminal laws. We will not ask each subject stopped for proof of citizenship. There are many persons in this country illegally, and this cannot be determined by appearances. It would be offensive to ask every person stopped for proof of citizenship. Most people do not carry such proof. Some persons fail to carry their valid driver's license. It would be inappropriate to assume and treat them as if they might be in this community illegally. To inquire as to status based on color of skin or appearance is illegal. We will not do so.


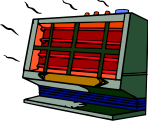




The continuation of this policy will be published in next edition of our Informative Newsletter.

Winston-Salem Fire Department

Antony R. Farmer
Fire Chief



10 Tips for Fire Safety

- 1. Watch your cooking**—Stay in the Kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you must leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove. Cooking is the first cause of fires in the home, and the majority of fires related to stoves is related to the lack of attention while cooking. 
- 2. Give space heaters space**—Keep fixed and portable space heaters at least three feet from anything that can burn. Turn off heaters when you leave the room or go to sleep. Heaters is also the principal cause of fires in a home during winter months. 
- 3. Smoke outside**—Ask smokers to smoke outside. Have sturdy, deep ashtrays for smokers. Never smoke in bed, when sleepy, if you are under the influence or when taking a medication that can make you drowsy. Smoking materials are one of the main causes for death during a fire and the third cause for injuries during a fire. 
- 4. Keep matches and lighters out of reach**—Keep matches and lighters up high, out of the reach of children, preferably in a cabinet with a child lock. Children who are children six years and younger are more probable to start a fire. 
- 5. Inspect electrical cords**—Replace cords that are cracked, damaged, have broken plugs, or have loose connections. Damaged cords and extension cords are the fourth cause of fires in a home. 
- 6. Be careful when using candles**—Keep candles at least one foot from anything that can burn. Blow out candles when you leave the room or go to sleep. The amount of fires related to candles have practically tripled in the last decade. 

7. Have a home fire escape plan—home fire escape plan and practice it twice a year so you will know what case of a fire. Keep the fire department number handy.



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8. Install the Smoke Alarms—Install smoke alarms on every level of your home. When one sounds, they all sound. Make sure everyone recognizes the sound of the alarm. If you sleep with the doors closed, install the alarms in a way that when one sounds all of them sound at the same time.

9. Test the Smoke Alarms—Test smoke alarms at least once a month and replace batteries once a year or when the alarm “chirps” to tell you the battery is low. Replace any smoke alarm that is more than 10 years old.



10. Stop, drop and roll—If you have to escape because of the smoke stop, drop and roll or crawl to the nearest exit. Maintain you head one or two feet from the floor where the air is cleaner.

Emergency Management Of Forsyth County and City of Winston-Salem

Melton Sadler—Director



Disasters occur at any moment or at any place. When a disaster occurs you might not be able to have the necessary time to respond adequately. A discharge in the freeway of a dangerous chemical material can result in an immediate evacuation of the population. A winter



storm can confine your family to the home for a long time. An earthquake, a flood, a tornado or any other disaster can interrupt the basic services of gas, electricity, water and telephone for days. After a disaster, local officials and first response teams will be working in the affected area, but they will not be able to get help to everyone immediately. You might be able to get help in hours or in days. Is your family prepared to be confronted with the emergency until help arrives? Your family will be able to face better a disaster if they are prepared beforehand. A way to be prepared is to have available an emergency kit of provisions for disasters. Once the disaster occurs you will not have the time to seek or to buy the articles of first need. If you have gathered the supplies by advanced, your family will be able to confront better an evacuation or a confinement in her home.

Continuation: Emergency Management

Provisions

Seven groups of basic supplies should be stored in your home



1. Water - A supply of water (one gallon per person per day). Store water in sealed, unbreakable containers. Identify the storage date and replace every six months.

2. Food—A supply of non-perishable packaged or Canned food and a non-electric can opener.



3. First Aid Kit—Sterol gauze tape, Gauze, Band-Aid, Scissors, tweezers, needles, towelets, antiseptic, thermometer, shoulder, tube of lubricant, pins, soap, latex gloves, sun lotion. Medicines that do not require prescriptions:

Aspirin or another analgesic, medicine for diarrhea, antacid, syrup of ipecacuanha, laxative, activated coal. Contact your local chapter of the Red Cross American to obtain a manual of first aids.

4. Tools and Provisions – Disposable cups-plates-utensils, preparedness manual in case of emergencies, battery operated radio with additional batteries, flashlights, money in cash, manual can opener, fire extinguisher, tent, pliers, adhesive tape, compass, matches, aluminum paper, emergency lights, paper, pencil, wrench, whistle, plastic to cover, map of the area.



Continuación: Administración de Emergencias



5- Articles of hygiene - sanitary paper, wet towelets, liquid detergent, female hygiene, personal hygiene, plastic trash bags and ties to close the bags, plastic bucket with hermetic cover, disinfectant and clothes whitener

6- Clothes and Linen - Working shoes and boots, waterproof coat, blankets or sleeping bags, hat and gloves, thermal underwear clothes, sun glasses



7- Specialized Articles - For Babies - Milk formula, disposable diapers, bottles, medicines. **For the adults** - medication for the heart or high one pressure, insulin, medicines by prescription, hygiene products for false denture, contact lenses and other accessory, a pair of extra glasses. **Articles for entertainment** - Table games and books.



Important family documents - Maintain these documents in a portable waterproof container,

testaments, insurance papers, contracts, property deeds, bank bonds and investment papers, passport, social security cards, immunization records, bank account numbers, credit card numbers, names of the corresponding companies, inventory of articles of value in the home, important telephone numbers, family records (birth certificate, marriage, death, etc..)



Those of you that have children in the school system will relieve this and additional information on this and other topics.

Announcements

1. November 15, 2008 until January 1, 2009—**Festival of Light Tanglewood** from 6:00—11:00 pm Cost for car, mini van and trucks \$14.00, Vans, Limousines and small buses \$21.00
2. December 6, 2008—**2008 March for Homeless Children**—5:00 pm, begins at corner of Poplar and 4th Streets, ends at Corpening Plaza.
3. December 6, 2008—**Four Christmases for Children**—5:30 pm—8:00 pm at Historic Bethabara Park.
4. December 6, 2008—**Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting**—5:00 pm parade at Fourth and Poplar streets. Tree lighting at Corpening Plaza afterwards.
5. December 14, 2008—**Piedmont Chamber Singers Candelight Concert**—6:00 pm and 7:00 pm at Historic Bethabara Park.

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