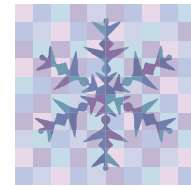


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MESSAGE FROM THE WCA BOARD PRESIDENT

I love to see the many homes in Westport that are beginning to prepare their Christmas lights and decorations. They serve to officially usher in the holiday season and brighten, in a literal sense, the extended periods of darkness that occur now that our clocks have been turned back.

Also helping to introduce the holiday season will be the first annual Denver Christmas parade. Westport will be represented by a float containing Santa and Mrs. Claus together with a group of elves. We have an appropriate Mr. and Mrs. Claus but we are still looking for more elves. If your son or daughter would like to keep Santa company on December 5th and hand out some candy canes, please call or email Carole Rowell (704-489-8657 or thewestporter@bellsouth.net). For those who have already emailed, Carole will be in touch about what to wear and when to be where. It should be fun and I want to thank everyone who offered their services when we were looking for assistance with our "float." I appreciate all of your input!

I hope many of you will be able to join us along the parade route which is scheduled to begin around 2:30 PM. The parade termination is the site of Denver Days where a Christmas tree lighting ceremony will take place. It should be a fine start to what will hopefully be an ongoing Denver tradition.

Your WCA Board is hard at work trying to develop more activities for the younger families in the Westport community. What are you and your family interested in doing? How can WCA assist toward that end? What activities would you like to see WCA sponsor for your children? I want your ideas so please contact me directly at T42inncc@bellsouth.net or 704-483-8171.

We also want to upgrade our Spring meeting. I miss having music and I miss dancing. Are there other activities you would like to see us include? (Do we need more desserts?) We don't want 100 people there in the spring, we want 200 people.

Bob Gartland will be heading up the golf tournament planning group and he has some exciting ideas to increase the turnout on the course. We want to do the same thing for the social. Help us with your feedback!!!!

Finally, Gurtha and I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas, a happy holiday season and extend our sincere best wishes for a wonderful, healthy and joy filled New Year.

Andy Strand 704-483-8171 t42inncc@bellsouth.net

Denver Art Trail Saturday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, 1-4 p.m.

The fourth annual open studio tour will feature some 40 Denver-area artists at more than a dozen stops branching off from N.C. 16 near N.C. 73. You'll find pottery, sculpture, metalworking, woodworking, fabric arts, jewelry, books, paintings, photography and other mediums in a wide range of prices. Many of the artists are Westport residents, and several stops will be in the Westport area. Maps and brochures listing the artists will be available on the days of the tour at all stops, including Cool Beans & Sweet Things Coffee Shop, Fine Framing and Frameworks, all on N.C. 16. Watch for directional signs. For more information, email DenverArtTrail@gmail.com



COMMUNITY WATCH IN WESTPORT

When at home, make sure you are locking your exterior doors. Do not advertise your recent big purchases by putting the box for your it out by the curb. This is a great time to take inventory of your belongings, write down model and serial numbers, take photographs or a video of your items.

Don't leave items out in the open in your car.

And remember -- Your job it to report crime. The responsibility for apprehending criminals belongs to the Sheriff.

Lisa Gavel

Community Watch yard/mailbox signs are available, while supplies last. The cost is \$10 for each sign. Checks can be made out to WCA. Call Carole Rowell at 704-489-8657 or email thewestporter@bellsouth.net.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



BUNCO NIGHT - No bunco in December. Games will resume on the fourth Friday in January, 2010.

FLORENCE SHANKLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY - Weekly Story Time for Preschooler Children
Ages 3 through 5 - Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - Book donations to the FRIENDS OF THE F.S. SHANKLIN LIBRARY book cart can no longer be accepted by the Librarians or on library property. The new book donation drop site is inside the FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK-on the corner of Hwy. 16 and Fairfield Forest. (By Food Lion). The "FRIENDS" sell the donated books to the public for a very nominal fee in the library vestibule and the proceeds are used solely for the Shanklin library. Contact Marie Battel 704-483-1429.



LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOLS - No school beginning Dec. 21st; resume again on Jan. 4, 2010.

WESTPORT GARDEN CLUB - Wed., Dec. 2nd at 11 AM the program will be a Holiday Potluck Luncheon with return of the Christmas Angel gifts and food pantry items. On Wed., Jan. 6th at 12:30 PM there will be lunch and fieldtrip to Blue Heron Bed and Breakfast. Call Andrea at 704-483-5270 for more information. Dues are \$10 per year.



WAYNE'S 2nd FRIDAY SENIOR FEAST - *Celebrating their 15th year.* The next social will be held at Capt'n Pete's Restaurant on NC150 on Friday, Dec. 11th at 9:45 AM. Senior citizens are invited to attend and enjoy the fun and fellowship. Cost is \$6 per person which includes the meal and tip. For info, contact Celia Deese at 704-483-5778 or 704-483-4355. The program will be Dr. Lynn Reed, D.V.M., West Shore Animal Hospital along with a visit from Santa.



DENVER BRIDGE CLUB - Meets every Thursday at 1:00 at the East Lincoln Community Center on Optimist Club Road. This is open to any and all Bridge players, regardless of skill level, male or female, couples or singles. No requirement to join, simply come on the Thursdays you can. If any questions, contact Betty Megard, 704.483-5414, or Judy Lance, 704.483-5838.

FLORENCE SHANKLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY GARDENS - Work days are the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 10:00AM to 12:00 PM. If it's raining on Tuesdays, the work will be done on Thursday of that week. Watch for the yellow signs the week of the work day.

LINCOLN COUNTY FARMERS MARKET - will resume in the Spring.

LUNCH & LAPS at Denver UMC - Come to the Family Life Center at Denver UMC at 3910 Hwy 16 N on Thurs., Dec. 3rd from 11 AM to 1 PM. Eat in or take out. Baked Spaghetti or Chicken Pie, green beans, slaw, hot biscuit, and a drink for \$6.00. Also available: Hot dogs with all the trimmings and homemade desserts including banana pudding. Advance orders are taken for whole spaghetti or chicken pies for \$10 each! (Call 704-483-1601).



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TUTORING Does your student need help in Math or English??? Contact Jessica Young at 704-483-1436.



SYMPATHY Long time Westport resident, Ben Andrews, died recently. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Roberta, and the family.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

THANKS TO Margaret Reep FOR VISITING THESE NEW NEIGHBORS

Patty McCarthy has moved into 3932 Lake Shore Rd. South. She moved from Massachusetts by way of Florida. Patty is "retired" from the medical field and has a daughter, Patty Ann, who lives in Westport, and a son with 4 children who live in Massachusetts. She has a miniature Pincer, and likes baseball, boating, and watching games.

WELCOME

Ashley & Chirs Oliphant are the new owners at 3837 Lake Shore Rd. South. They moved to Westport from Cornelius and have 3 cats. They like golfing, gardening, cooking and beachcombing for shark's teeth at Cherry Grove. Ashley teaches at Pfeiffer and Chris is an Assistant Analyst for BB&T.

Congratulations!

To Cindy Poe of Burton Lane who was inducted into the Reich College of Education's Rhododendron Society at Appalachian State University. Cindy started as a teacher at Iron Station Elementary School then advanced to administration when she served as principal at Iron Station, Love Memorial, Rock Springs and S. Ray Lowder. Six months after retiring in 2005, she returned to fill several interim positions.

To Melvin Morrison & the E. Lincoln High School Cross Country Team who brought home the 2A State title. Coach Morrison, who lives on Lake Shore South, was named the Coach of the Year.

WESTPORT GARDEN CLUB

At the October meeting our very own Connie Andrews gave a very informative talk and demonstration on "Ergonomics in Gardening". The timing couldn't have been better as we were all preparing our gardens and lawns for the winter season. Then in November the club met at the Shanklin Library and everyone chose their ELCM Christmas Angels. This year the club will make holiday donations to the E. L. Christian Ministry Food Pantry and Amy's House In Lincolnton. The meeting concluded with a work session in the Library Fragrance Garden. Billie and RL Lawson's home, 3890 Burton Lane was announced as winner of "Yard of the Season" for Fall. Billie displayed a whimsical scene of hay bales and scarecrows with straw hats and yellow mums at the street side, fall wreaths decorating her double door entrance with beveled glass doors and pumpkin lined steps. It was a delight to see and her yard was manicured with the most beautiful green lawn.



NEWS FROM THE LAKE NORMAN COVEKEEPERS

The Lake Norman Covekeepers will take a holiday hiatus during the month of December and will resume meetings on January 28 (fourth Thursday of the month). Our guest speaker for the January meeting will be Rick Gaskins, environmental attorney and Executive Director of the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation. His topic, "Who Ya Gonna Call?" will discuss some of the various issues and problems that can arise around the lake and, most importantly, identify which agencies or persons to contact in order to make a report. All of us can be eyes and ears for our governmental agencies, and they need us to help them do their job of protecting the lake environment. Rick will provide names and telephone numbers in this highly informative and useful presentation, so mark your calendar now to come to the Sherrills Ford Fire Station, 4011 Slanting Bridge Road, Sherrills Ford, at 7 pm on January 28. See you there!

DID YOU KNOW?????

It IS NOT PERMITTED to burn on the shore-line nor to blow/rake leaves into the lake. The respective fire departments over-see the burning. Duke Lake Services deals with the introduction of forbidden materials into the lake.

Holy Spirit Christmas Craft Fair - 537 Highway 16 N. - Denver, NC
Saturday, December 5, 2009 - from 9 - 4 p.m in the Parish Activity Center.
Your Christmas shopping made easy! 30 + talented crafters from all over the area will display their handiwork. Light breakfast and lunch will also be available for purchase.

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The Westport Garden Club wanted to spruce up the signage of trees at the Florence Shanklin Library. An Eagle Scout candidate, A.J. Johnson needed a service project. An idea and the youthful energy of a group of scouts of Troop 707 at Unity Presbyterian Church came together this Saturday with the installation of 20 tree signs. Each sign displays a laminated card with



color photos of the bark, flowers, seeds and leaves of the major trees in the garden. Kevin Star, Cynthia Jones and Rick Ayers helped identify the trees (this is tough with the leaves gone!). Rick Ayers, Scout Master and Glen Frix and Jack Wong, Assistant leaders, and Dad, David Johnson supervised the scouts. The scouts, Zack Brown, Justin Frix, John Ayers, John Adams, David Adams, Jarrod Long, Issac Christenbury, and Eagle Scouts Andrew and Austin Matthews along with the project manager, A. J. Johnson worked to construct the signs and install them on Nov. 21st. A. J., in preparation for his Eagle Scout promotion, had to do paperwork for the project, plan and carry out a fundraiser, which was a car wash in August raising \$400, determine supplies and set up and participate in construction and installation. His fellow scouts supplied additional labor. The scout families donated other monies and supervision. The end product is an educational gift to the Library Garden. As you stroll the Garden, now you can learn about the trees of our region. These scouts did a great job and we will all benefit from their effort! Thank you to each of them! Stop by and enjoy everyone! Connie Andrews Westport Garden Club

Denver Christmas Parade will take place on December 5th at 2:30pm. The route will begin on HWY 16 at the Westlake Office Park offices across from Turbyfill Hardware and proceed to the Denver Days property at Triangle Circle. A tree-lighting ceremony will immediately follow the parade. Westport plans to have a float, consisting of a decorated boat on a trailer with Santa and Mrs. Claus, a Christmas tree and many elves. We are looking for more children ages 8 – 12 to ride on the float. We have elf hats for them. Please contact Carole Rowell at 704-489-8657 or thewestporter@bellsouth.net.



The **East Lincoln Community Chorus** will present a heart-warming family concert entitled "Don't Forget the Baby". This concert features singing, dancing, and entertainment. There will be three performances at Unity Presbyterian Church, located at 8210 Unity Church Rd. in Denver. The performances are Thursday, December 3 at 7:30 pm, Saturday, December 5 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 6 at 3:00 pm. This is a free concert, so bring the whole family.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL