

The Westporter

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MESSAGE FROM THE WCA BOARD PRESIDENT

I know the calendar says that it is fall but it still seems a lot like summer to me. Apart from the leaves that are beginning to cover what is left of my burnt lawn, the normal harbingers of the fall season seem to be conspicuously absent. It has to be fall, however, because I see football being played, and Halloween costumes being sold in stores. The cooler temps will be here before long and then we can bemoan the passing of the weather conditions we now enjoy.

My term of office has come and gone and at the **October 16, 2010** meeting, sponsored by the Westport Community Association, new nominees for President, Vice-President and Greeter Co-Chairs will be introduced. The nominating committee has done a fine job and I'm sure the new officers will do a great job leading the WCA during the coming year. Nominations will be accepted from the floor but if you are seriously looking to be considered, it would be greatly appreciated if you would contact Celia Deese, Nominating Committee Chair (704-483-4355) prior to the October 16th meeting.

During the last year, The Westport Community Association has maintained effective communications with the Westport community regarding such topics as the Valentine's Day 5K run, our participation in the Denver Christmas Parade, a community health fair, our spring and fall social/meetings, the traditional 4th of July parade, the problems and resolutions regarding the Westport monument markers and the implementation of the leash law restrictions. Many other issues have been addressed including the problems caused by renters, drivers not following speed limits, houses in non-compliance with zoning regulations, obtaining improved golf cart crossing signs and road markings and the normal questions about what to do, who to contact and what to say about problems concerning some homeowners.

I have enjoyed the year and the challenges it has brought because I have had the good fortune to have a strong, energetic Board who keep the best interests of the Westport community in clear sight at all times. WCA Treasurer, Anke Van Eijk, Secretary, Beverly Robinson, and Westporter Editor, Carole Rowell have agreed to remain for another term and, I'm sure, the new officers will come to appreciate their talents in the same way I have.

A big thank you goes out to Cindy Roberge, for her work on the Westport directory and Dolly Ocker and Maxine Ray for their efforts coordinating the greeter team who made newcomers to our wonderful community feel welcome. Special thanks to Anne Michael who served as Vice-President and performed that job with distinction together with the 101 other jobs that nobody except for the the Board and I know about.

This issue of the Westporter is being sent to every home in our community regardless of membership in the WCA. With that in mind, I sincerely hope that some of you who have postponed joining the WCA will give positive consideration for the coming year. Dues have not risen, they are still **\$40.00**. The dues still include your meals and beverages at the spring and fall meetings, a monthly newsletter that contains information about everything taking place in the community, a community phone directory, a Christmas parade and a parade on July 4th.

The **11 cents a day** also "hires" you a group of officers and board members who work very hard making politicians and policy makers in Lincoln aware of the needs of our community. Property values have been protected, neighborhoods strengthened and order maintained. This is an all volunteer organization, **no one** makes or gets a penny but for **11 cents a day YOU** gain the collective power of the 750 households included in our Westport community. Don't think that makes a difference? Look back at the results from the last primary! Lincoln County knows who and what we are!

The **Fall Social on October 16, 2010** will, once again, be held at Saint Peter by-the-Lake beginning at **6:00 PM** with our usual informal social. Lincoln County candidates for the offices of School Board, Commissioner and Sheriff have all been invited and many have already indicated that they will be in attendance. We have told them that their participation will be limited to a short statement and an opportunity to mingle with the multitude during our social. One of them told me that "our meeting was the best meeting he and his family attended during the primary" and that he looked forward to being with us in October.

We will also have a short business meeting, introduce your new officers and give you an opportunity to participate in our ever lovin' wine raffle led by Henry Fogel. Lakeshore Barbecue will cater our meal and Ken and Jennifer Baker from Sweet Vine Winery will pour an assortment of wines. Beer & soda will also be available. And yes, there will be desserts, lots & lots of desserts. (As a matter of fact, if you start baking now, each of you could bring more than one.....for those of us that like desserts.)

Bob Gartland is planning a golf tournament with a very interesting new format. Prizes will be modest this time around since we are not going to solicit outside sponsors as we did in the spring. Anke Van Eijk is working on a tennis tournament. It



"Fall Back to the 70's" featuring Images Party Band
with our very own Doug "The Shredderman" Thompson

Saturday, October 23rd at The Club at Westport 8 - 11 PM

The focus will be on classic hits from the 60's, 70's and 80's, as they play beach, oldies, funk, rock, country, blues, and everything in between. Cost is \$25 per person. ALL WELCOME

Sign up at the Pro Shop or call 704-489-2227

COMMUNITY EVENTS

BUNCO NIGHT - The next game night is Friday, October 22nd at 7:00 PM at The Episcopal Church of St. Peter by-the-Lake. Bring a covered dish and beverage of choice. For info call Faye Fogle at 704-483-4865; for reservations, contact Barbara Heesch 704-489-2437 or Dot Cloninger 704-483-1003

FLORENCE SHANKLIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY - Weekly Story Time for Preschooler Children Ages 3 through 5 - Tuesdays at 10:30 AM. E. Lincoln Library Book Club will begin meeting again in the fall at 10 AM on the first Thursday of each month at the library on Fairfield Forest Rd.



LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOLS - No school on October 25th.

WESTPORT GARDEN CLUB. Next meeting October 6th at 10 AM at the Florence Soule Shanklin Library. The program will be "Lawn and Shrubbery Care" with guest speaker Glen Robinson, Lawn & Garden Care, Inc. November meeting will be on Oct. 6th at the Florence Soule Shanklin Library. Call Beverly Robinson at 704-966-0787 for more information. (See article on Page 2)



EAST LINCOLN GARDEN CLUB -The East Lincoln Community Garden Club will be taking a field trip to Pearl Fryar Topiary garden in Bishopville, SC on October 12, 2010. The bus will be leaving from Christian Tours at 8 a.m. and will be returning around 6 p.m. There will be a stop for lunch after the tour. Make sure to be prepared for a lot of walking so wear comfortable shoes. Cost is \$15 for club members and \$20 for guests. For more information please call 704-483-9239 or 704-827-2520.



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 on the first and third Tuesdays starting at 8:30 am. Bring work gloves, pruners, something for weeding, maybe a shovel. We can always find something for you to do and some way that you can help us!!! Watch for the yellow signs the week of the work day.

LINCOLN COUNTY FARMERS MARKET - at Rock Springs School every Saturday beginning at 8 AM.

LUNCH & LAPS at Denver UMC -. Come to the Family Life Center at Denver UMC at 3910 Hwy 16 N on Thurs., Oct. 7th 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).

LINCOLN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION - East Lincoln Community Center - for information on activities, call 704-483-8980.

NEW BUSINESS Now Open!!! LKN BACK IN THE DAY ... Primitive gifts and decor... In the old Paradise Gardens location. Address is 1612 HWY 16 north 704-489-8141. Owners are Westporters, Carrie Wadlinger & Sherri Kinder.



ADOPT A HIGHWAY Volunteers are needed to perform litter pickup on Lake Shore South from Hwy 16 to Fairfield Forest Rd. - about a 3 mile stretch. Multiple people are needed to divide this large area up. If you live along Lake Shore Road and would be willing to “adopt” a section, please contact Celia Deese (704-483-4355) to let her know which section you will be doing. The hope is to have volunteers to coincide with The Big Sweep on Oct. 2nd, but whenever is convenient for you will work also.

LIBRARY GARDEN NOTE: Library Garden Volunteers’ Work Days for October are October 5, and October 19th. We will be planting the pansies in October, and doing some clean-up in the wooded part of the garden...everything depends on temperatures and rain. You are encouraged to come and help maintain this wonderful garden, which is one of the special assets of living in Westport. Walking or running the paths is great exercise. The wooded part of the garden is loved by children especially, and they call it the WOODS!! They love to run and walk the trails, cross the bridges, sit on the little benches and see the BEAR. The tree identification posts are wonderful for helping to identify our native trees.



Come when you can, we will be working in the morning starting around 8:30. Bring pruners, or loppers, work gloves, and bug repellent..we seem to have a healthy crop of mosquitoes in the back of the garden. You can do what you are comfortable with. Friendly, nice people to work with!!!

NEWS FROM THE LAKE NORMAN COVEKEEPERS

East Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department, South Pilot Knob Road (south of the intersection with Hwy. 73)



The Lake Norman Covekeepers will meet at 7:00 p.m. on **October 28** (fourth Thursday of the month). Guest speaker Rob Carson will address the issue of water quality: what affects it, how to improve it, and what are some of the new, innovative low-impact design techniques that homeowners, developers, and government agencies can employ. Rob is an environmental planner with the Lincoln County Planning Department. Raised on the shores of Lake Michigan, he has been steeped in water quality issues for most of his life. He has studied landscape architecture, has a B.S. in Urban and Regional Planning and a Masters Degree in Land Use and Environmental Planning. His studies have focused on a broad range of environmental issues as they pertain to land use decisions, including air and water quality and sustainable site design. With increasing population growth and on-going development, water quality is a critical environmental issue; Rob will help us understand it & learn how we can have a positive impact on it. For more information, call Ben Benoit (704-489-6249).

NC Big Sweep will take place **Saturday October 2, 2010** from 8:45am - 12:00pm. NC Big Sweep is an annual volunteer environmental cleanup event associated with a worldwide effort sponsored by the Ocean Conservancy. In the Lake Norman area, volunteers meet to clean trash from the islands, shoreline, boat ramps and parks on Lake Norman. Lincoln County Coordinator Capt Craig Price says this is a great, local community service opportunity, and everyone is welcome. He also notes that keeping our water resources clean is critical to the environmental and economic health of our region. Interested parties are asked to contact Capt Craig at craig@folkn.com or 704 996-0946 to sign up, or for more info. Both individual and groups of volunteers are welcome, and boat owners are needed to ferry people and trash to and from the islands. Pontoon boats are especially functional for this task.



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On September 1, 2010 the Westport Garden Club celebrated its 40th Anniversary. Preparation for this party included sending invitations to twenty-nine of its past presidents, of which twenty-four still live in the Westport community and perusing scrapbooks and yearbooks (booklets) which ranged from the 1970's to the present time.

During the next several months "bits and pieces" of the information gathered from these very valuable resources will be shared with you. We hope you will find them as interesting as we have.

"VOICES FROM THE PAST"

WESTPORT GARDEN CLUB

Dolly Ocker and her husband moved to Denver, NC in 1971. They purchased a home in Westport "Section I". Dolly remembers that there were about sixty homes that lined both sides of Lakeshore Rd S at that time.

Following Westport "Section I", Westport Peninsula was developed adding more homes to our community. In 1971, if Dolly wanted to travel from her home to the Westport Peninsula, she would go north on Lakeshore Rd. S, left onto Fairfield Forest Rd, Highway 16N, Webbs Rd and finally a right-hand turn onto Burton Lane taking her to the Peninsula where she remembered about three homes had been built.

Golfers could be seen playing golf on the Westport Golf Course because it had opened for play in 1968.

Dolly joined the Westport Garden Club and became its president in 1974.

The "closeness" of those living in Westport is evident even in the club's 1977 – 1978 yearbook when Roberta Andrews is listed as a new member. Roberta tells us that there were forty-four members that year and yet there were no addresses listed. The telephone numbers listed consisted only of the last four digits.

"To Be Continued"

Gurtha H. Strand

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