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WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?



WEST END TRUNK OR TREAT

The West End Trunk or Treat was a free, family-friendly Halloween celebration hosted by the West End Neighborhood Organization in partnership with the City of Salisbury Parks & Recreation at Hall Gym in Salisbury. The event featured costume fun, trick-or-treating, a costume contest, face painting, free snacks, live entertainment with DJ Chuck T, line dancing, and a magic show by Whodini. It provided a safe, festive way for local children and families to enjoy the Halloween season together.



IT TAKES A VILLAGE

The It Takes A Village event, in partnership with Livingstone College and Novant Health, brought together leaders, educators, and healthcare professionals to mentor and inspire students. Through workshops, discussions, and encouragement, the event promoted personal growth, educational success, and equity in healthcare—showing that it truly takes a village to support the next generation.

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DeeDee Wright
West End Neighborhood Organization
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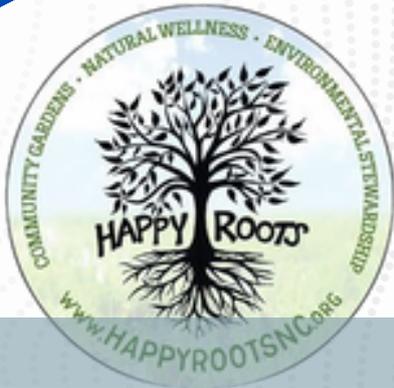
Strength, Safety, and Self-Defense with KickFit Salisbury

KickFit Salisbury, in partnership with WENO and Salisbury Parks & Recreation, offered free self-defense classes for adults and youth. Adult sessions focus on confidence, safety, and practical techniques, while youth classes help young participants build strength and personal safety skills. Classes were led by KickFit Salisbury owner Rodney Wallace and held at Hall Gym and the KickFit Salisbury location.



Rodney Wallace
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OH HOW THE GARDEN GROWS!

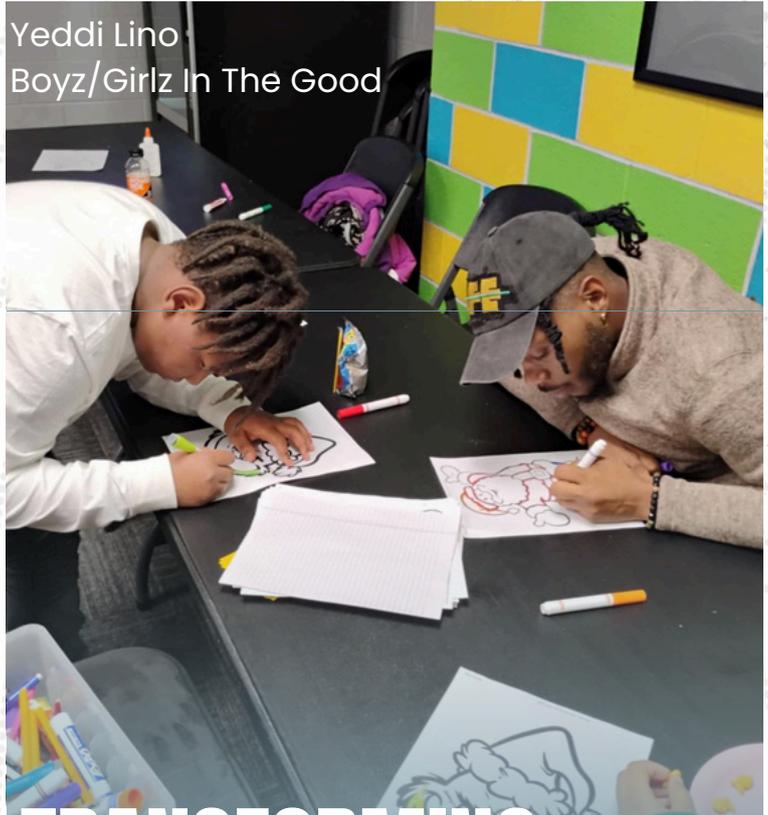
West End Community Garden
Located within your neighborhood, this 1.5-acre garden provides space for urban gardening – including composting, raised beds, butterfly gardens and more – maintained in partnership with local nonprofit Happy Roots.



SAFETY IN THE COMMUNITY

The Senior Safety Meeting was a community-focused event hosted by the West End Neighborhood Organization (WENO) to provide seniors with important safety information and resources. Held at Gethsemane Baptist Church, the meeting featured guest speaker Shakya Jackson of the Salisbury Police Department, who led a discussion centered on senior safety awareness. The event encouraged open conversation, education, and connection, while also offering free giveaways to attendees.

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Boyz/Girlz In The Good



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE MONTH



Anansa Lattimore
WENO Office Coordinator

A huge thank you to the person who oiled the wheel to make the West End Neighborhood Organization (WENO) a HUGE success. Her attitude, knowledge, and willingness to work unceasingly made our first year memorable. We had wonderful programs and partnerships which allowed us to be successful! Anansa, on behalf of the board of directors of WENO, a thank you is heartfelt and the simplest way to say we love you and care about you and looking forward to 2026!

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RENTAL HEALTH: ON THE ROAD

The West End Neighborhood Organization (WENO), in partnership with the Salisbury Housing Advocacy Commission, presented Rental Health: On the Road, a community event focused on renters' rights and responsibilities. Attendees asked questions and received guidance from a panel of local housing professionals at Hall Gym in Salisbury.



THE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

The West End Neighborhood Organization (WENO) led a neighborhood beautification project focused on enhancing community pride and safety. Volunteers worked together to clean public spaces, improve curb appeal, and create a more welcoming environment for residents and visitors while strengthening neighborhood connections.



Community Focus Group

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WENO CELEBRATES KWANZAA

The West End Neighborhood Organization (WENO) proudly brought back Kwanzaa to Salisbury, celebrating for the first time in over 20 years since Thomasina Paige's last event. The well-attended gathering honored African heritage and culture, emphasizing unity, community, and tradition through music, activities, and meaningful connections that brought residents together in celebration.



WENO BOARD MEMBERS

- DeeDee Wright - Chair
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- Caren Lightfoot
- Onesha Nunn
- Annie Boone-Carroll
- Joyce Smyre
- Bradley Taylor
- Pete Teague
- Quentin Woodward Jr.

SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY – MARCH

Jan 05 ✓ Livingstone College vs Catawba College Basketball Game @ Trent Gym – 7:30pm

Jan 17 ✓ MLK Parade & Resource Fair @ Civic Center

Jan 19 ✓ MLK Breakfast @ Civic Center (Free – Registration Required)

Jan 26 ✓ Bridges To The Future w/April Butler – Livingstone College – 11:00am

Jan ✓ WENO Community Meeting – Date To Be Announced

Feb ✓ Black History Month
✓ National Heart Month
✓ Dating Violence Awareness Month
✓ National Self-Check Month

Mar ✓ Women’s History Month
✓ Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month
✓ National Kidney Month
✓ National Nutrition Month



WENO Reflections

WENO chooses to support what our community builds and sustains, people supporting people, culture staying rooted and resources circulating with purpose. This is how community becomes legacy.

