

Neighborhood News

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January Meeting Tidbits

Last January's meeting marked the installment of our new officers, with Tom Lauria president and Emily Law as vice-president. Barbara Birdnow became our new treasurer and Mary Peck continues on as our secretary. A big thank you to our previous officers and good luck to the present!

Old business covered our successful holiday projects, including another fantastic Christmas party and the creating and giving of benevolence stockings to the neighborhood elderly.

New president Tom Lauria shared his vision of reorganizing and revitalizing the WWNW by posting signs before meetings, updating the

newsletter, publishing newspaper articles, forming committees and reassigning the Block Captains.

Lastly, Wetumpka Mayor, Jerry Willis spoke and told the group that West Wetumpka would now have two police cruisers permanently assigned. This would provide a more visible police presence and help police

respond quicker to calls. The mayor also addressed the abandoned houses in our neighborhood. He would like to assemble a crack legal team to investigate and hold liable the owners of these properties so that they can either be repaired or demolished.



Upcoming for February

Block Captain and Board Meeting will be held February 10, 2009, 6PM at the Jeanette Barrett Civic Room.

Member Meeting will be held February 10, 2009,

7PM at the Jeanette Barrett Civic Room.

Our guest speaker for February's meeting is Kathy Holt. She is the City Councilperson for Wetumpka District #3.

Our meeting's agenda will include the forming of needed committees and the importance of Block Captains and how they will be re-assigned.

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The West Wetumpka Neighborhood Watch (WWNW) was formed in September 2006. The purposes of this volunteer organization are to enhance community value through assisting the neighborhood in achieving the following objectives:

- Reduce burglaries and other crimes through such programs such as a neighborhood watch, community policing or other initiatives.
- Foster a neighborhood identity and sense of community.
- Promote an understanding among property owners, residents, government and business interests.
- Preserve and enhance the historic and residential quality of the neighborhood, as well as pursue neighborhood improvement and beautification projects.

Call for Committees

Committee: a person or group of persons elected or appointed to perform some service or function, as to investigate, report on, or act upon a particular matter.

The WWNW needs committees and needs them now! By forming committees, we can better focus on certain problems and assign our most talented members to tackle them.

Your newly elected officers, though competent, can't do it all. They need help from the

entire membership.

According to our by-laws, the following committees are approved and waiting for members to join:

Beautification/Renovation Committee: Monitors city renovating or removing of dwellings. Assists in organizing neighborhood clean-up projects.

City Services Committee: Ensures city provides services maintaining neighborhood. Works closely with city Code Enforcement Officer.

Communications Committee: Writes press

releases and periodic newsletter.

Events Committee: Arranges WWNW at various events. Coordinates refreshments and ensures meetings are advertised.

Financial Committee: Oversees budget and investigates different fund raising ideas.

Membership Committee: Maintains directory, sign-in sheets and name tags, organizes membership drives and welcomes new neighbors to our community.

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