

'Dance into the Sunset'

Pilot Project to Connect Historic Northwest with Downtown



The Historic Northwest is seeing a lot of activity these days!

The City of West Palm Beach is currently working on a new project, "Dance into the Sunset," that will connect the Historic Northwest District with downtown. This pilot project is designed to make Rosemary a true neighborhood 'Main Street'.

Urban planners from Gehl Studio worked with the city to develop a plan that will improved quality of life. They recommended that we restitch the Historic Northwest and downtown, as well as create a renewed "Main Street" on Rosemary Avenue to serve residents and visitors along the commercial heart of the district including the Sunset Lounge.

Among the goals of the project are:

- Breaking down the 'Banyan Barrier' to increase the number of people walking from downtown to the Historic Northwest;
- Making Rosemary Ave. a neighborhood destination;
- Piloting the future with the neighborhood by engaging residents.

"Because the CRA has done so much work in that area and because it is a connection with the Convention Center and CityPlace, Rosemary Ave. was the perfect place for this pilot program," said City of West Palm Beach Economic Development Director Chris Roog. "The 'Dance into the Sunset' project will include things such as shade, lighting and wide sidewalks that make our streets a comfortable place to be."



Grand Opening

UB Kinsey Educational & Community Center

A ribbon cutting for the U.B. Kinsey Educational & Community Center was held on August 2, 2017. "Rising to Excellence" is the completed \$5 million Educational & Community Center near the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church. The 10,000 sq. ft., two-story Center replaces the former Tabernacle Learning Center, which was demolished in 2008. The church, located at 801 8th St., is the oldest African-American

church in Palm Beach County and was the first to house a school for African-American students. The Center is named for the late U.B. Kinsey, a longtime Palm Beach educator who was a member of the church, and will offer modern classrooms with up-to-date computers, a school library, after-school youth tutorial, mentoring and senior programs, plus a large meeting room for civic meetings and a complete kitchen.

WHAT is the Mayor's Office of Sustainability



The Mayor's Office of Sustainability works to address the mission of enhancing the City of West Palm Beach as a modern, healthy, and sustainable City. The Office strives to maximize the information and initiatives available to the community through workshops, events and regular updates through newsletters, website and social media. Sustainability has attended most major events in the Historic Northwest such as Heart & Soul Fest and BBQ Blues & Brews to give the community complimentary trees for planting, along with providing environment friendly giveaways for residents. For more information call 561.804.4994 or go to wpb.org/sustainability.

Your Neighbor, Jackie Morrison

A Historic Northwest resident since 1936, Jackie Morrison is one of the living pioneers in this up-in-coming neighborhood. Growing up she was in girl scouts, had tons of friends, and lived in a nice home with her mother. She was never deprived and had many activities to do around the neighborhood. Altogether, Ms. Jackie Morrison had a great childhood in the Historic Northwest neighborhood. Although, she's lived in the neighborhood for many years, Ms. Morrison did go away to college for a period of time that helped shaped who she is today.

Ms. Morrison is looking forward to the changes the West Palm Beach CRA is making throughout the neighborhood. She believes community residents need to participate in order for this change to be possible. Ms. Morrison looks forward to police, regulations, and wants to see Historic Northwest residents rising together and contribute to bringing the area back to it's glory days.



Ms. Jackie Morrison, resident since 1936.



Participating in Park Design Community Workshop.

Events & Happenings
wpb.org/cra

Saturday September 9

COMMUNITY BUDGET MEETING
1:00 pm -3:00 pm

Salvation Army Community Ctr, 600 N Rosemary Ave.

Monday September 11

CRA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
3:00 pm (start time)

Commission Chambers, 401 Clematis St.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY Development Department (HCD)



The Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) strives to improve the quality of life of City residents through the development of housing, social, and economic opportunities. Below are some of the ways this department can help you:

Home Purchase Assistance

If you need help buying a home, HCD may be able to assist you. This program is designed to provide financial assistance of up to \$60,000 to provide down payment and closing cost assistance to eligible applicants to purchase eligible housing units located within the City of West Palm Beach. The City will begin accepting applications, by appointment only, starting May 1, 2017.

Residential Rehabilitation

Do you need help fixing up your home? This program is designed to provide financial assistance of up to \$50,000 to address repair items

that compromise the life, health, and/or safety of households located within the City of West Palm Beach.

Housing Stabilization Program

This program provides financial assistance of up to \$3000 to families and individuals, who are residing or homeless in the city limits of West Palm Beach, to obtain safe, decent and affordable rental housing.

The program can help:

1. Families or individuals who are still living within City limits but are about to become homeless;
2. Families or individuals who are already homeless and seeking housing within the city limits of West Palm Beach.

Serving Our Seniors (S.O.S.)

The S.O.S. program is designed to provide temporary assistance for critical needs to low income elderly residents, age 62 and older within the city limits of West Palm Beach. The program assists seniors in the event of an emergency and/or financial hardship with up to \$600 to provide funds for utility assistance, medical prescription assistance, emergency dental assistance and handicapped accessibility.

If you are in need of assistance or for more information call 561.822.1250, email HCD@wpb.org, or visit wpb.org/HCD.

THE AMERICAN LEGION **Ambassadors**

In May 2017 members of the American Legion Post 199 partnered with the West Palm Beach Community Redevelopment Agency and Northwest Community Consortium, Inc. to implement the Ambassador program. This involves the Veterans going door to door and engaging community residents about upcoming events, listening to their concerns, checking on senior citizens and distributing important resource literature. The Legionnaires are out in the community three days a week promoting positive communication and relationship-building within the Historic Northwest neighborhood.



BUSINESS Spotlight

Salesia Smith-Gorden Law

West Palm Beach Injury Attorney

Salesia Smith-Gordon is an experienced civil trial lawyer with a pharmacy background who for more than 20 years earned a reputation for exceptional advocacy, uncompromising attention to detail and commitment



to the firm's clients and profession. The Salesia Smith-Gordon law team is known for its personal touch with all clients, offering the individual attention each requires. This personalized approach to law and business is made possible by the firm's emphasis on limited caseloads. By maintaining a lower volume of cases, Attorney Salesia Smith-Gordon and her team are better able to build strong relationships with their clients. Understanding the individual client and the challenges each one faces is key to understanding the totality of the impact of the trauma. Ultimately, an excellent attorney-client relationship can lead to better results, as well as minimized stress throughout the litigation journey.



The Salesia Smith-Gordon Law Team

Saturday *September 16*

STORM OF 28 EVENT - VICTIMS REMEMBERED
3:00 pm
Storm of 1982 Grave Site, 25th & Tamarind

Saturday *October 7*

HIDDEN TREASURES EXPO
3:00 pm (Park across the Sunset Lounge)
7th Street & N Rosemary Ave.

Saturday *November 4*

HEALTH WALK & FAIR
9:00 am (Park across the Sunset Lounge)
7th Street & N Rosemary Ave



The Heart & Soul of West Palm Beach

SEPTEMBER 2017



Community Resources

City Hotline: 24-Hour 561.822.2222

Spot a pothole? Have a crack in your sidewalk? Need to know the hours for City Hall? You've got questions? We've got answers!

With this one, convenient number, there's no more wondering who to call or where to turn when you need something from the City of West Palm Beach. Call 561- 822-2222 ... it's easy to remember! Or send an email if you prefer to 822@wpb.org.

Trash Removal: 561-822-2075

Waste pickup is a service provided to residents and businesses; the following is a list of waste removal services available.

- Residential / Household Garbage
- Yard Waste / Bulk items
- Street Sweeping
- Commercial Dumpsters / Compactors

For more on what Sanitation can do in your neighborhood go to wpb.org.

Codes 561-822-1465

One of the City of West Palm Beach's primary goals is to keep your neighborhood beautiful. To help preserve the neighborhood, the city has codes for properties and homes within city limits. The codes protect your neighborhood by making sure poor conditions in housing, trash and debris collection, yards, and parking are addressed. To report a code violation, like illegal dumping, call. Go to wpb.org for more on code violations.



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561.822.2222 822@wpb.org

Police Non-Emergency: 561.822.1900

Police Emergency: 911

Examples of Non-emergency calls are:

- Reporting a crime with no suspect (e.g., theft of a license plate)
- Reporting a crime with suspect, but suspect is not on the scene (e.g., fraud)
- Reporting a serious crime with suspect, but with a lengthy delay (e.g., assault that occurred last night at a bar)
- Non-emergency in-progress (e.g., noisy party, drugs)
- On-going crime issues or crimes that are not in-progress (e.g., graffiti or ongoing drug dealing with no suspect on scene)
- A suspicious circumstance that may indicate an ongoing criminal activity (e.g., marijuana grow operation)