



The Residents of Old Wilmington, Inc.

Neighborhood Messenger

June 26, 2008

MAJOR Planning Meeting

The July 2 Meeting of the Wilmington Planning Commission, (6 PM, City Council Chambers) will feature two matters followed by ROW.

1. Surry St. Rezoning

The Commission will consider the proposal to conditionally rezone the area on the river west of Surry St. between Castle and Wooster. The project, called "Gateway", proposes 300 condominiums plus office, retail and restaurant space in a 902,000 square foot building. This is the equivalent of eight additional Solomon Towers buildings in this neighborhood.

The most euphemistic estimates of the traffic impact indicate almost a doubling of traffic on the residential portions of Castle St and daily traffic jams in the Historic Residential District.

See [ROW's letter](#) to the planning commission on this issue and a copy of the [site plan](#).

2. CBD Regulations

The Staff initiative on changing the development regulations in the Central Business District will be considered. ROW's position is at [CBD](#).

For those wishing to contact the Planning Commission on these issues, the e-mail addresses of the members are linked at www.rowilmington.org .

Annual Picnic – Another Success !

The ROW annual picnic was a success again this year. Good food and friends on a lovely summer afternoon. Thanks to Lynn McIntyre for her organization and Sherry & Ron Demas for use of their yard.

We would show you pictures but no one remembered to bring a camera!!

3rd Annual BACK DOOR KITCHEN TOUR 2008

Saturday, October 4, 2008

Noon – 5:00 PM

The BACK DOOR KITCHEN TOUR 2008 Committee is hard at work planning this year's tour. Please mark you calendar, so that you can help with this important ROW event. The profits from the tour helps ROW improve the quality of life in downtown Wilmington. During the past two tours, everyone has been so generous with their time and energy and we look forward to your participation again this year.

It is going to be a wonderful event and you don't want to miss the fun!

Please promote the tour with your friends and acquaintances and be planning your participation on October 4, 2008! Don't miss the September ROW meeting so that you can sign up to work and hear the final plans for BACK DOOR KITCHEN TOUR 2008. Check the web page at www.ROWilmington.org/BDKT

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NEXT MEMBER MEETING

When: Sept. 10; **Time:** 7 p.m.; **Where:** Tileston School
Speaker: ??

Dates to Remember

July 2 Planning Commission to consider Surry St rezoning and CBD Regulations, City Council Chambers.

Sept. 10 – ROW member meeting.

October 4 Back Door Kitchen Tour III

Happy Birthday *Messenger*

The *Messenger* is now one year old. The first issue was June 20, 2007.

The ROW webmaster has now placed links to all previous issues of the *Neighborhood Messenger* on the ROW web site (www.rowilmington.org). You can now catch up on previous issues with a click of your mouse.

Your Name Here!

Contribute to the *Messenger* and your name could be here, All submissions considered. E-mail or mail to any board member or to webmaster@rowilmington.org

Community Activities

Making Magic Tickets Available Now!

Wilmington, NC, May 14, 2008 Tickets are now on sale for the first ever Making Magic Fundraiser benefiting Kids Making It Woodworking Program! Shows take place July 19 at Level 5 at City Stage 21 N. Front Street in downtown Wilmington. The kid's show, with admission of \$10, includes a magic show and a workshop where kids learn a trick that they get to take home. General admission for the evening show, which includes a Magical Reception with roving magicians, food, drinks, a live and silent auction, raffles, door prizes, and adult magic show is only \$35. Tickets are available at Kids Making It at 15 S. Water Street and at Crescent Moon in the Cotton Exchange, or by calling 910 815-3426.

Gary Nunalee, David Cadigan, and John Henry Scott all local magicians, will amaze everyone with their magical illusions. Go to www.kidsmakingit.org to read more about them.

Help us make this an unforgettable night too and make some magic of your own! Donations and sponsors are still being accepted. For additional information on Making Magic or to make a donation, contact Shannon Andrews at sandrews1@ec.rr.com.

Kids Making It Woodworking Program is a local non-profit organization that benefits at-risk and inner city youths throughout Wilmington and the surrounding area. KMI works with youths from all walks of life and troubled backgrounds to better influence the decisions that determine the path they choose to take in life. Visit us online at www.kidsmakingit.org.

Bizarre Bazaar

From Celebrate the Arts: Our Bazaar will be Starting (Finally June 28th).

We have a new location and hope to expand throughout the year. We will be closing Market Street from Water to where the Horse Drawn Carriage is.

We will be along the Federal Courthouse around the corner from Farmers Market. The City has agreed to piggy back our advertising with theirs so we will have much more coverage, and our long range plans will be to expand down the river walk and in the alleys as well.

We hope to be working with the Fourth Friday Gallery Night and help with their promotion and continue the promotion for the Fourth Saturday with a united effort along with the NEW WGA (Wilmington Guild of Artists). Eventually we want to have Performance Venues added as well.