



The Residents of Old Wilmington, Inc.

Neighborhood Messenger

May 20, 2008

PICNIC !!!

June 14, 4 pm, on the grounds of the Murchison House, 305 S. 3rd St – the Annual ROW Picnic. Please bring good weather and a dish.

Lynn McIntyre is the organizer again this year. Contact her to volunteer to help.



The 2007 ROW picnic was great fun for all. Do not miss it this year!!!

3rd Annual BACK DOOR KITCHEN TOUR 2008

Saturday, October 4, 2008

Noon – 5:00 PM

Submitted by Karen Behm

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!

Once again many ROW members have donated their homes for the occasion. We thank *all* of the homeowners who have been so generous and agreeing to show their kitchens on the tour:

Lori and Dan Camacho – 206 Orange Street

Ellen and James Bierman – 214 Nun Street

Carlton Yedinak – 508 S. Front Street

Christine Wightman – 1 Church Street

Cheryl and Tony Ward – 414 Nun Street

Lynn and Charles Boney - 315 S. Front St.

Peggy and Bud Dealey – Governor's Landing - #2 Nun Street

Kelly Godbey and Steve Swart – 211 S. 5th Avenue

Hedda and Doug Waldrep – 18 Water Street, Condo #6 – Brooks Building

Dee Gallant is the artist painting the picture that will be used on posters and rack cards, which we use to publicize the tour. We also sell chance tickets on this painting, during our advanced ticket sales month and during the tour. There will be an unveiling of the painting in early September, at the Wilmington Art Association Store on Castle Street. We will let you know the date and time, so be looking for this announcement in late summer. We will have a reception and the official kick off for the sale of BACK DOOR KITCHEN TOUR tickets and chance

tickets for the painting. We will enlist your help in selling the chance tickets in advance of the kitchen tour. We all thank Dee Gallant for her donation of this work of art and her support of the BACK DOOR KITCHEN TOUR 2008.

We will again be securing sponsors for the tour, to help defray the costs of the production of the tour. The BDKT Committee is excited about the opportunities to plan a wonderful tour. We also plan to have food “tastings” once again, arranged so generously by Ian Moseley.

We have a wonderful committee working so diligently, over the summer months, on the details of the tour. Thank you to the following people for their committee work and enthusiasm:

Karen Behm – Chair

Phillis Thompson – Co-Chair

Catherine Ackiss – Chair of Houses and Artist

Gail Massey and Phillis Thompson – Co-Chairs of House Captains and Docents

Marilyn Cantarella – Chair of Publicity

Bill Massey – Chair of Posters and Rack Cards, and Treasurer of BDKT 2008

Diane Guida – Chair of Unveiling of Painting and Raffle Ticket Sales

Kevin O’Grady – Chair of Sponsors

Sara and Lyle Strassle – Chairs of Advanced Ticket Sales

Ian Moseley- Chair of Food

Ellie Bierman – Advanced Ticket Sales

Patricia Lawler – Chair of Proof Reading, and assisting with Publicity

Mimi Ashton – Chair of Appreciation

Tom Behm – Chair of Poster/Rack Card Distribution

Muriel Pearson – Chair of Street Signs for Houses

ROW is so fortunate to have people so willing to devote many hours to the planning of the BACK DOOR KITCHEN TOUR 2008.

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.

“Sidewalk” Committee Formed

The City plans to rehabilitate broken sidewalks in the downtown area. ROW has been approached to participate in planning for these repairs. Robert Erb is taking the lead on forming this Committee. Please contact him roberterb@bellsouth.net if you are interested in participating.

Downtown Projects in the Budget

Member Support Needed

The proposed 2008-09 City budget includes items of direct impact to the HD-R. The proposal submitted to Council this month by City Manager Sterling Cheatham includes:

1. Third and Ann St. Pedestrian Improvements

\$70,000 is budgeted for the pedestrian crossing developed by the City with ROW participation. ROW has pledged up to \$6,500 for this crosswalk this year.

2. S. Third St. Streetscape

The proposal includes \$888,000 for lighting, irrigation, landscaping and pedestrian improvements on S. 3rd between Market and Wooster St. 80% of these funds are to come from a NCDOT grant to the Cape Fear Historic Byway.

These items require City Council approval. Members are encouraged to e-mail the [City Council](#) in support of these budget items.

Good Neighbor – Bill Massey

The Good Neighbor Award for 2008 was awarded to Bill Massey at the regular member meeting, May 14, 2008. typical for a good neighbor, Bill was surprised by the award. Bill has served ROW for years as Treasurer, organizer of the Wilkinson Alley project, and as an all-round good neighbor to those fortunate to know him.

Congratulations, Bill!

NEXT MEMBER MEETING

When: June 14; **Time:** 4 p.m.; **Where:** Murchison house, 305 S. 3rd. St
Speaker: PICNIC!!!!

Dates to Remember

June 14 ROW Picnic !! 4 pm, Murchison House, 305 S. 3rd St.

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

October 4 **Back Door Kitchen Tour III**

Past *Messengers* on the Web

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

Surry St. Rezoning Postponed to July

Once again, the developer requested a postponement of the Surry St. Rezoning. The Wilmington Planning Commission granted the request. However, the consideration was moved to the July 2 meeting. The Commission sent word to the developer that the matter would be considered that night; implying that no further continuances would be granted.

Community Activities

Fundraiser Social

Masonboro Baptist Youth will hold a fundraiser social at Jester's Java, 602 Castle Street for the purchase of Full Belly Project nut shellers to be delivered by the local youth to a Zambian orphanage.

WINE TASTING - FINGER FOODS – ENTERTAINMENT – SILENT AUCTION

5 pm to 8 pm, Thursday May 22

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.