

City Council

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Patterson, a city native who runs law offices in both Winston-Salem and Atlanta, said that crime and unemployment are two big issues he would tackle as a Council Member. If elected, he promised to keep an open ear and an open door.

"I have the heart for the people," said Patterson, who grew up in public housing. "You have to listen to the people, you have to understand what the people want."

Denise Adams has lived in the North Ward for more than 45 years. She works as a quality engineer and has been very involved in Democratic politics, most recently as a delegate at the 2008 Democratic National Convention. Adams, who unsuccessfully ran for the N.C. House in the 1980s, says if elected to the Council, she'll work hard to analyze the issues, listen to constituents and inform the electorate about what's going on in their local government.

"I have the time, the patience and the ear," said Adams. "I don't mind hitting the ground running."

Malloy said it's too early



Denise "DD" Adams, Wayne Patterson, Evelyn Terry and James Taylor

for him to endorse a candidate, but he left open the possibility of doing so at a later time.

Southeast Ward Council Member Terry said she has accomplished much in her first term, including the opening of The Southside Health and Wellness Center, of which she served on the steering committee. The center provides free medical care to the poor and underserved. She said that she has also gotten more than \$675,000 for infrastructure improvements in the ward from the city's RUCA (Revitalizing Urban Commercial Areas) program.

She also counts the smaller successes, such as resolving the concerns of individual citizens who con-

tact her, whether it be about trash pick-up or a neighborhood dispute. She said she strives to engage her constituents in the process and help them navigate the "maze at city hall."

"I've been educating and teaching as well as taking action to make neighbors and citizens become part of that action," said Terry.

Terry said she plans to run on a platform of "effective leadership in trying times."

So far, Terry will face James Taylor in September's Democratic primary. Taylor was born and raised in the Southeast Ward and works as a juvenile court counselor with the N.C. Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. He

also serves as vice-chair of the Silk Plant Forest Citizens Review Committee, which is looking into the ease of Calvin Michael Smith, a man convicted of a brutal beating that many say he didn't commit.

"Anyone who knows me, they know I want to work for my community, and I want to make my city a better place to be," said Taylor.

He said that crime, particularly gang activity, is the biggest issue facing the ward. That issue is one he says that he sees everyday working in the juvenile justice system. He also listed economic development, sustainability and better use of government resources as other issues he would tackle if elected.



Members of the Boss Drummers will put on a mini camp.

Y to offer several summer camps, some at no charge

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The Winston Lake Family YMCA is offering a variety of camps for students during the summer months.

The branch's Y-Arts program will offer four free mini-camps, beginning with the Jazzy Jumpers camp. The jump-roping camp will be from June 15 - 19. It will be followed by the Tumble Stars camp from June 22-26; the Boss Drummers & Y-ettes camp from July 6 - 10; and the Y-Steppers & Y-Movements camp from July 20-24. All of the mini-camps will be from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The Winston Lake Y's Creative Arts Summer Camp, which runs from June 15 - Aug. 14 from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., will offer a potpourri of activities for kids ages five to 10. Field trips, swimming, indoor and outdoor play, as well as drama, singing and dance are scheduled.

The Creative Arts Summer Camp is \$75 per week for Y members and \$90 per week for non members. To register for this camp or the free mini-camps, contact Y-Arts Coordinator Kisha Blackburn at 336-724-9205, ext. 112 or via e-mail at k.blackburn@ymcanwc.org.

Concert

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Sister, Speak!, a breast health education outreach project for women of color.

"We are a faith-based community, and a lot of the survivors believe that when cancer comes ... we depend on our faith," she explained. "Faith in healing is something that gives you the ability to hold on until your change comes."

Theresa Jones knows firsthand how important faith can be in enduring the struggle against breast cancer. Jones, a 29-year breast cancer survivor, says her faith played a vital role in her recovery. Now, she volunteers often with programs like Sister,

Speak! to help other women who face similar obstacles.

"It just makes me more determined to help wherever I can," she remarked. "...I feel that's what we're all here to do, to help, to assist (each other) in any way we can."

Susie Nance, another long-time breast cancer volunteer, said she also felt it was important to come out and show her support for Lift Every Voice.

"I just think it's a worthwhile program," she said. "It's important because by sharing and helping one another, we become a more voiced and knowledgeable people."

Among those in attendance was State Rep. Larry Womble, who has been a pro-

ponent of Sister, Speak! since its inception.

"It has affected my family - my mother is a 17-year survivor of breast cancer," he explained. "We need to encourage everybody, but especially African Americans, to get tested early, because they are disproportionately affected ... My mama is a testament to this: it is something that can be treated, if you catch it early enough."

Willie Conrad Sr. and his nephew, Deacon Ralph Dean of the Phillips Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, say they try not to miss an opportunity to take the church's Men's Choir on the road to help a cancer cause. Conrad lost his wife,

Evangelist Diane Conrad, to cancer in 2005.

"I've sort of dedicated myself to helping folks out like this," Conrad said. "I've been working with Betty Meadows to try to make this thing work."

Dean says he's always glad to have the chance to minister through song.

"I just count it as a great opportunity to be able to give back," he commented. "(Cancer) can happen to anybody at any time. We, as the Male Choir at Phillips Chapel, just want to do our part."

For more information about the Sister, Speak! program, contact Meadows at 722-5138 ext. 232.

Biden

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Jones as "arguably the most important woman in the African American community." Tubbs Jones was a good friend to Hillary Rodham Clinton who stuck with her through the primary, and

Biden said he believes she would be proud of the collaboration of Obama and Clinton today.

Proceeds from the event, which drew 280 to the famed golf resort, will be used to fund scholarships and internships for college and graduate students.

Obama

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be considered for the post.

Judge Sotomayor also had her share of anxieties when she enrolled at Princeton, according to the first lady.

Obama, who quoted the Supreme Court nominee, said when Sotomayor first set foot on the celebrated school's campus, she felt like "a visitor landing in an alien country" and "she

never raised her hand her first year because she was embarrassed and too intimidated to ask questions."

Nevertheless, Obama said that despite all of Sotomayor's academic successes at both Princeton and Yale universities, followed by career advances in her professional life, she still looks over her shoulders to see if she measures up.

According to the first lady, "Judge Sotomayor is more than ready."

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