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Photo by Layla Farmer
City Council Member Derwin Montgomery addresses residents of the East Ward.

East Ward residents voice their concerns

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Residents of the East Ward met with city leaders last Thursday evening at the Winston Lake Family YMCA. The monthly East Ward meeting is a time for local citizens to air their complaints and hear about changes that are taking place in the city and how those changes will affect them, said Derwin Montgomery, who represents the ward on the City Council.



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The city's budget, which was adopted by the City Council on Monday, was first on the agenda. Ann Jones, director of the Budget and Evaluation Office, briefed those present on the cuts that are slated to be made in the upcoming fiscal year. Thirty-seven vacant positions within the City of Winston-Salem's employee network will be eliminated, and city employees will be denied merit or market pay increases for the second year in a row, she said, however, no layoffs or furloughs will be required of city employees.

Those in the city who still enjoy backyard garbage pickup will soon have to make the switch to curbside pickup, as well, she said, although there are some exceptions for people who are physically unable to do so, and for several historic areas, including Old Salem. Homeowners saw a slight hike in the city property-tax

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A Spiritual Sojourn

Nurse believes training trip to Africa was Divinely designed

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A local man has just returned from a trip that he says was commissioned by God.

Leonard Williams, a registered nurse at Forsyth Medical Center, spent nearly two weeks in the capital city of Freetown, Sierra Leone, where he taught a staff of nine nurses how to use dialysis machines in a clinic that was founded by one of his former colleagues at FMC.



Williams

"I realized that there was something I could do to help other people out. It really made me feel good that I was doing something worthwhile," Williams commented. "...It just really enriches you as a person when you get to help somebody like that."

The clinic is a lifeline for Sierra Leoneans, many of whom would not otherwise have access to the lifesaving dialysis, which can also be used to treat acute renal disease (a possible side effect of malaria), Williams said. Forsyth Medical Center donated eight machines to the clinic last

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Submitted Photo

Nurse Tina Savage (far right) poses with the members of her staff that Williams trained.

Company has a thirst for change

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Purchasing a bottle of water can now help make a difference in the lives of local children, thanks to the formation of the Winston-Salem-based Operation Will Power, Inc., a new for-profit company with a social focus.

Born of the vision of Rev. Dr. Seth Lartey, pastor of Goler Memorial AME Zion Church, Operation Will Power has released a line of bottled water that can be found in several chain grocery and convenience stores. The bulk of the profits from the "I'm Free" brand bottled water will be used to support The Winston-Salem Children and Youth's Fund administered by the Winston-Salem Foundation.

"You'll drink the water, you'll enjoy it, and you'll also know that 90 percent of the profits go to support youth. It's a win

for everybody," said Jerry Anderson, vice president and general manager of Operation Will Power. "...This is the sustainability piece that is missing in a lot of 501(c)(3)'s and non-profits."

The Winston-Salem Children and Youth's Fund will provide financial assistance for organizations that support the OWP's mission of "releasing youth from the grip of violence, crime, drugs and imprisonment," organizers say.

"The children in our community are in ... crisis; it doesn't take anybody that's clairvoyant to see that," said Anderson, 62. "Kids now are overwhelmed with the things of their time, and it's so much more detrimental to their success than my generation."

I'm Free brand water products are currently available in

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Jerry Anderson is the vice president and general manager of Operation Will Power, Inc.



Dr. Lartey

HOME, SWEET(ER) HOME

HAWS completes first phase of Townview renovations

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The Housing Authority of Winston-Salem (HAWS) hosted an Open House June 17, to show off the first phase in an innovative renovation project that is underway in the Townview Apartments on 13th and 14th streets.

Eight of the 50 two- and three-bedroom units that exist within the community have been fully renovated. Improvements include updated wiring systems, new flooring and cabinetry, steel entry doors and RAB vandal proof exterior lighting in the front and the rear.

"It's been a long time coming," said Miska Crosson, a Townview resident for the last nine years. "We deserve this."

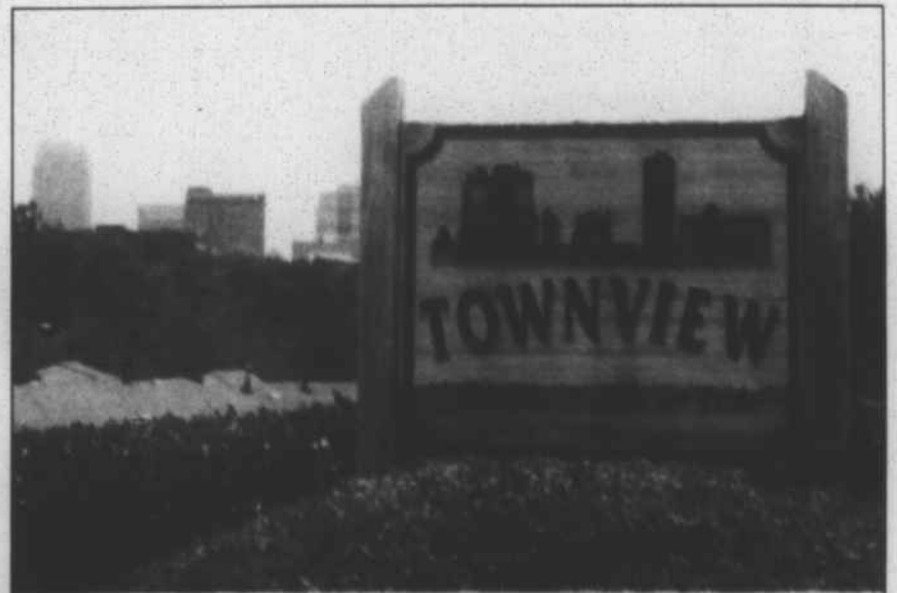
Crosson, who shares her apartment with her 17 year-old daughter, Tomasenia, will be among the first residents to move into the revamped units. Crosson says she has watched the

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Miska Crosson and her daughter, Tomasenia, will be among the first residents to move into the renovated apartments.



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