



## WEST END NEWS

DECEMBER 1978

It seems that all of our recent activities have been dominated by the rezoning petition involving the Hill Property and the adoption of our neighborhood development plan, but our busiest neighborhood season, Christmas, is upon us, and 1978 promises to be the most active Christmas season the West End Association has ever had. In addition to the annual Christmas Party, the caroling, the decoration of the Children's Christmas Tree, and the general festivities which mark the celebration of Christmas, we will have our first "Christmas in the West End," a tour of six fine houses in full Christmas decoration, and a stop at the Zevely House for refreshments and pictures of West End scenes. The details are recounted below. Please mark your calendars, plan to participate in as many things as you can, and encourage your neighbors to take part as well. Christmas is a great time for meeting people and renewing old friendships, and in the West End, Christmas is even more special.

CHRISTMAS PARTY TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY,  
DECEMBER 12, AT THE WOMAN'S CLUB

CHRISTMAS IN THE WEST END,  
THE FIRST ANNUAL HOUSE TOUR, TO  
BE HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

The annual Christmas party will be held at the Woman's Club on Tuesday, December 12, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 midnight. This is an event which is the highlight of the year, and gives us an opportunity to exchange seasonal greetings, see old friends, and meet the new people in the West End.

Each family normally brings an hors d'oeuvre or dessert, and the party committee will have a brimming punch bowl. Please contact Judy Aanstad at work (723-7961, ext. 278) or at home (748-8455) to tell her what you will bring.

Also, please inform your neighbors and particularly new residents of the West End about the Christmas Party. Everyone in the West End is cordially invited, but only members get this newsletter. The Christmas Party is a good chance for people to sign up for membership. And, if you know of people who have moved out of the West End, but would like to see their old neighbors, let them know about the party too. Last year some of the older ex-residents were invited, and they had a fine time visiting with old friends.

On Sunday, December 17, from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. six of the finest homes in the West End will be open to the public for the first annual house tour. The six homes are:

Sam & Vicki Cook, 1123 West Fourth  
Richard & Rolfie Teague, 1129 West Fourth  
Max & Lynn DeBruhl, 923 West End Boulevard  
Ben & Julia Wilson, 817 West End Boulevard  
Joe & Dianne Ferrelli, 1205 Clover Street  
Alan & Juanita Willis, 923 West Fifth

In addition, the Zevely House will participate in the tour by offering refreshments and showing a slide presentation of West End architecture.

An enormous number of people are involved in this project, the brainchild of Rolfie Teague, Vicki Cook, Stephanie Mitchell and Martha Harper. All of them deserve our thanks and our gratitude. A more detailed list of credits will be sent out after the tour.

Tickets are still available, and can be purchased in advance from members of the Board of Directors and the House Tour Committee, or by calling Rolfie Teague at 748-1843. Tickets are \$3.00 in advance, and will be \$4.00 at the door of any house on the tour. Plan now to attend this interesting tour, and tell all your friends who don't live in the West End that this is their chance to see how wonderful it is here.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING  
BY CHILDREN ON TOUR DAY

On the day of the House Tour, Sunday, December 17, children will be caroling through the neighborhood. Any child, or anyone seeking to relive that wonderful childhood experience of singing carols door-to-door, is invited to participate, and can call Vicki Cook (725-1827) or Janice Siler (722-2716) for details.

Those of you who aren't caroling, or house warming can plan to have a plate of cookies or some hot chocolate for the children and their friends. Offer them refreshments and tidings of the season.

CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE TRIANGLE  
TO BE DECORATED BY CHILDREN ON DECEMBER 16

The little Christmas tree that grows in the triangle at Glade and West End Boulevard is the sole property of the children of West End (and the birds that nest in it), and every Christmas the children are asked to decorate the tree with their homemade ornaments, popcorn balls, and cranberry strings. This year there will be a short session at the Y.W.C.A. (from 10:00-11:15) where children will be given a hand at making some decorations, and then everyone will gather at the tree at 11:30 a.m. to festoon it. This is a joyful event, and your children will be disappointed if they aren't a part of it. But if you miss the ceremony, bring your decorations at any time and add them to the tree. Merry Christmas! Call Ellen Yarborough (722-2785) if you have questions.

HILL PROPERTY  
AND NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN NEWS

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, it was unanimously agreed that the West End Association should seek a hearing before the Board of Aldermen of the rezoning petition which was denied by the Planning Board. As this goes to print, the date of that meeting was not known, but you will be kept informed.

The response of the neighborhood to this situation has been outstanding. A large crowd of West End residents sat through a very long meeting of the City-County Planning Board, and was very pleased to hear that the professional planners of the city--the Planning Board staff--support the petition and recommend that the property be rezoned to R-2. The Planning Board, however, disagreed, and voted to deny the petition. Despite this disappointment, we are confident that the Board of Aldermen will give our petition a better hearing, and that we will prevail in our efforts to maintain the predominantly residential character of the West End.

A great many things have happened which can't be included here for space reasons, but which will be the subject of a special newsletter in the next few days. In the meantime, if you have questions or comments, please call Thorns Crave at 725-9166 or 725-9832, or Paul Shepard at 722-8253 or 723-5576.

IMPORTANT DATES

- December 12 - Christmas Party
- December 17 - First Annual House Tour
- December 17 - Christmas Caroling
- December 16 - Christmas Tree Decorating