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Dear West End Resident:

Beautification of the West End was a major topic of discussion at the most recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association, and there appear to be many places in the West End that could be substantially improved in appearance. The parks, sidewalks, and public areas throughout the West End could all use more maintenance and we talked about what we might do as a neighborhood to improve our own environment.

WHAT AREAS NEED IMMEDIATE WORK? Grace Court Park needs general maintenance and clean up, particularly an effort to get all the grass growing in the sidewalks and curbs uprooted and out. The entrance to Hanes Park needs similar work. The sidewalk along West Fourth Street around the Hill property has an enormous hedge that encroaches almost to the street and makes walking difficult. Everyone in the neighborhood is probably aware of areas which could use improvement, and one of the purposes of this letter is to ask your help in identifying spots which could be helped by a little work.

WHAT CAN THE WEST END ASSOCIATION DO? After locating places that need work, we can find out who might be responsible for keeping an area up. For instance, the parks in the neighborhood are under the jurisdiction of the Recreation Department, and they are hard pressed to maintain all their domain. But they do want to be informed of spots that need work. Other public areas in the neighborhood are under the control of institutions which might not be aware of conditions. And private owners might not know what can be done to have trash removed, and rubbish cleared. We can be a clearinghouse of information about such services. And, finally, we can put some concerted action to work in particular places, and working together can clean up something right away that might take much longer if left to regular maintenance schedules.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? Help us by spotting particular places that need work, suggesting what work is necessary, and volunteering to help on projects which we can undertake as an association. Richard and Rolfie Teague, 1129 West Fourth Street (748-1843), have agreed to coordinate our efforts, and they will be making announcements and calling on us all for help. Take some time out of your own backyard, and help us with our neighborhood's front yard.

WHAT'S FIRST? For openers, we decided to get all the grass out of the sidewalks in Grace Court Park and spruce it up to complement the fine planting job which the city did this spring. The Recreation Department promises to have the fountain working beginning June 25, and there will be a replacement, at last, for the extremely ugly garbage can which has been in Grace Court too long. This little park is a real neighborhood jewel, and it can be the focal point for the entire neighborhood, and a good place to meet and talk with your

**WHAT NOW?** Put down your ideas, and send them to the West End Association, P. O. Box 161, Winston-Salem, 27102.

I think the following public areas need work (please specify the kind of work, e.g., weeding, mowing, trimming, sweeping, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

I think the city is neglecting (list an area, a place, a job, whatever, and we will contact the appropriate city officials to take corrective action): \_\_\_\_\_

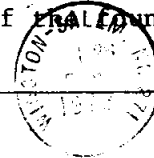
I am available to help (list your preferences): \_\_\_\_\_

I can't participate directly, but offer the following (tools, ideas, supervision, entertainment, refreshments, encouragement, whatever): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No.

**REQUEST TO DOG OWNERS:** The officials who keep the fountain flowing in Grace Court Park say that the principal reason the fountain breaks down is dog hair in the filter. Dogs apparently come to the fountain for a swim and a bath, their hair gets into the filter, and the pump breaks down. Please do what you can to keep your dog out of the fountain at Grace Court Park. Thanks.



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