

Put these on your calendar.

Christmas Party Friday evening, December 14th 8:30 to 12:00 midnight. Bring an hors d'oeuvre or a dessert. Holiday punch and mulled apple cider will be provided.

Decorating of Christmas Tree in Glade St. triangle, Dec. 15th at 11:00 a.m. Children should bring a homemade ornament - preferably one that the birds can eat (such as popcorn or cranberry strings) or one that will not be damaged by weather (styrofoam stars, tin can tops, etc.)

Potful of Money

Board members agreed in the Nov. 27th meeting that if any person or group in the West End has a special plan for the spending of our house tour money (at this point about \$3,000) that he (they) should thoroughly investigate the idea before making the request. If for example you think the money should be spent on play-ground equipment for Lanes Park, first check to see what plans the city has for the park (if any) and whether they will help with the funding. Then check into the cost of the monkey bars, etc. In order for the board to give each idea a fair hearing, members need to know these specifics.

Membership Renewal

Please renew your membership in the West End Assoc. on or by Jan. 1, 1980. A renewal form is at the end of this letter. Send it in with the \$5.00 or bring it to the Christmas party.

New Officers & Board Members Elected Soon

If you have any suggestions for a new board member or officer contact a member of the nominating committee - Ron Little or Rich League.

Reynolda House Tour For West Enders

We have been offered a special group tour at Reynolda House in Feb. It may include a slide presentation of the old Reynolds house on 5th street as well as a tour of Reynolda and a lecture on the paintings. Plus refreshments. All free. Date will be announced later.

At Year's End & Farewell

I'm happy to report that nothing of a crisis nature arose during '79 to threaten the West End.

The staff of City County Planning Dept. released a draft of their recommendations for the West End Plan. It suggested several goals for our neighborhood and possible means to achieve them. Among the most noteworthy proposals were: a new zoning district to allow high-density residential use but not office use, which is currently allowed in R-1 zoning; and designation of West End Preservation District as an "overlay" which would not alter uses presently allowed in any existing zoning classifications, but would allow some degree of control over appearance and character. There were also several back-zoning proposals, some of which were vigorously opposed by the affected property owners.

Two meetings were held at the Planning Dept. with Director Donnelly, his Assist. Director Barry Weiler (who has done so much so well), members of your board and other interested people from the West End. Several areas of disagreement were identified, as well as several agreeable points. Two groups were formed to continue the dialogue for the purpose of amending the document to make it more acceptable. These negotiations are still continuing. Their importance cannot be over-emphasized. The West End Preservation District is the most creative means of protection and preserving the character of West End that has ever been proposed, and without very broad support, it will not fly!



A massive widening of I-40 (8 to 10 lanes plus feeder ramps) was proposed as one solution for future traffic planning. West End, in concert with our neighbors West Highlands, Crystal Towers and Watkins St., vigorously opposed this proposal, not only out of self-interest, but also out of concern for the health and vitality of all Center City and Lowntown...which affects the entire community. This issue is not resolved, and continuing opposition is essential.

The West End, as we relate to the total community, put a "good foot forward" with last year's Christmas House Tour, and your Board voted to perpetuate the tradition on a biennial basis, again during Christmas 1980.

Also looking toward the future, and at the same time taking a cue from our very recent history, I have suggested that one prudent use of our monetary assets would be retaining a portion in savings, for the purpose of optioning properties, should their availability and sale pose a threat. As an individual I purchased a second home, renovated and moved in, and sold the first; both had been "deteriorated rental" property for decades and now are of course single family owner-occupied. We are all familiar with the stabilizing effect the leagues' home brought on 4th St; probably the entire West End Renaissance can be traced to similar efforts by the Smithmans, Roy, Troxell and Tom Ross several years ago. To some degree, the Assoc. should maintain a capability to option property, thereby controlling its transfer and determining the future of our neighborhood.

1979 was the creation and reinstitution of a block captain structure, another fantastic pot luck supper, and West End participation in another Hanes Park Bike Race: all rich and worthwhile events.

No recap could give the credit due to your Board members and the many others whom I have been able to count on through the year; your willingness and sacrifice are what make the West End Association work.

In the fall I began my own private practice of architecture (the timing and circumstances were not entirely my choice!), and the demands are all consuming. It is with deepest regrets that I cannot continue as your president, and I thank you for the privilege of serving.

As with the tree, holly and Moravian Star, I look forward to Christmas in the West End, and to seeing you at the several Christmas events we have coming up.

Tom Little

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Please enroll me as a member of the West End Association for 1980. I enclose: ___ \$5.00 for me and my family; ___ \$2.00 for senior citizen or retired person.

Name _____ Address _____
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