



The West End

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GRACE COURT

Rapid progress has been made in implementing the Grace Court Improvements Plan approved by the Board of Directors of the West End Association on September 1, 1980. As reported in last month's newsletter, the plans feature a Victorian-style gazebo, two five-foot cast iron 19th century fountains and old fashioned street lamps. The fountains and street lamps have been ordered and gazebo construction is now underway due to Pete and Barbara Smitherman's gracious extension of their own personal credit. On October 15th a Special Committee of the Board, consisting of Bill Harper, Mike Page and Barbara Smitherman, met and reviewed the substantial progress that has been made in fund-raising for the project and the latest cost figures involved.

The gazebo, fountains and lighting are anticipated to cost approx. \$30,500.00 and at this time a total of \$23,500.00 has been raised or pledged for this purpose. In addition, several trees and plants have been donated and there has been a donation of approx. \$1,000.00 for the flag pole which will be placed at the park. The latest word is that the City does have wrought-iron benches available, so the only costs for the benches may well be their renovation. At the present time the Special Committee is actively seeking more funds for the park, and we all hope to hear from some new donors within a matter of days. The West End Association, of course, cannot itself arrange or contract for the improvements until there are sufficient funds on hand, but fortunately for the neighborhood construction has begun and current plans call for the gazebo, the fountains and the lighting to be in place by the time the Christmas House Tour is held. Sustaining interest in Grace Court and meeting the expectations of donors require that the project move along quickly.

Major sources of support to date have been provided by individuals whose past roots include a close connection with The West End, but the support of current residents, businesses and institutions is also important and needed. Anyone wishing to support or underwrite part of this program should get in touch with Barbara, Mike or Bill as soon as possible for more information. Our thanks go out to all of those who have contributed or will contribute their time or financial support to this project. By the time of the next Board meeting we hope to be able to report that all the necessary funds are in hand -- and until that time our thanks also go out to those who are working so hard toward the end.



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Neighborhood Workshop in Charlotte

A workshop on neighborhood self-help technologies has been scheduled in Charlotte on November 8th and 9th. Subjects to be offered include incorporating, fund raising, home services for the aged, housing rehabilitation, fair housing opportunities and energy conservation. There is a reception that Friday night, and then the workshop itself will take place all day Saturday. If interested, please contact Paul Shepard (home: 722-8253; office: 723-5576)

West End Christmas Tour

Plans for the West End Christmas tour to be conducted on Sunday, December 21, 1980 are advancing rapidly. The committee has selected some but not all of the houses to be on the tour. Eight houses will be involved and when the selection process is completed, the houses chosen will be announced to the membership. Joyce Graylee has generously consented to serve as publicity chairman, Joanna Hudson's creative energies and talent will be addressed to developing a "slide show" depicting the West End as it was at the turn of the century to be punctuated with anecdotal reminiscences from those persons who are still living and remember what the West End was like in its hey day. Becky Gibson has assumed responsibility for Co-chairing the hostess committee and we ask that any of you who would be willing to serve a three hour shift on Sunday, December 21, and supervise the even flow of tour-takers through the houses on the tour to please contact Becky at 724-0776. Rich Teague has assumed responsibility for tickets at program activities, and others of you will be called upon to help in making this endeavor a truly memorable and important one. We expect to ask for baked good contributions to be given by the neighborhood as our gift to those on the house tour, and those of you planning your Christmas baking chores are asked to please consider this need. Should anyone wish to help out in this house tour, but are unsure as how their energies could be best employed, please call Bill or Martha Harper at 722-2641.

Christmas Tree Decorating & Caroling

Plans for the annual tree decorating and caroling in the neighborhood are in the works. Tentative plans call for the caroling and tree decorating to take place on December 20th followed by the West End Christmas Party to be held at the Womens Club at 7:00 pm. You are all asked to keep these dates in mind and plan your cooking so that each of you can bring a dish to the Christmas Party and hopefully have some refreshments ready if carolers come by. Once again the West End will be serving the liquid refreshments at the West End Party. More plans and announcements for the tree decorating, the caroling, and the West End Party will be in November Newsletter.

West End Participation in YMCA-YWCA Planning

The West End Board voted to seek participation in the decision-making currently being pursued jointly by the YMCA and the YWCA. Having them in the neighborhood has been an asset and they have always been cordial and accommodating. We also realize that what these institutions choose to do in terms of services, land use, growth, etc definitely affects our neighborhood. We therefore will request formal participation in this decision-making process and receive notice of their meetings. Peyton Russ will be the West End representative in this matter so please feel free to contact her at 725-6800 if you have any concerns.

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Lucy Parker Memorial Fund

A fund has been established to purchase and install additional wooden childrens play equipment in conjunction with the new play equipment scheduled for installation at Hanes Park. The fund has been organized in the memory of Lucy Ellis Parker. Please contact Rence Callahan at 723-2655 or 725-1371 for further information.

Tree Planting in West End South

Any resident of the West End South Neighborhood can obtain small maple trees from a vacant lot in the neighborhood. Now is the time of year to transplant trees and thru the gracious generosity of Dr. Nash, it now is possible to relocate trees free of charge. If you are interested in planting a tree in your yard or along the street, contact Rence Callahan at 723-2655.

West End South Meeting

The West End South Neighborhood met on Monday, October 13, at the home of Pam and Tim Thornton to discuss with the Community Development Dept. the past and future performance of the program in the neighborhood. Joe Lineberger, the neighborhood liaison with the Dept., made a short presentation to the approx. 25 residents present. After the presentation, an open discussion was held to address specific goals the neighborhood has for the next programmed year. The following items were identified and proposed to be included in the C.D. Depts report of the meeting: (1) continued houseing rehabilitation programs, (2) stricter housing code enforcement, especially with regard to houses previously identified by the neighborhood, (3) increased public works activity including repairs to sidewalks, streets, water mains, and an open ditch at Crafton Street and (4) landscaping both along interstate 40 and throughout the neighborhood.

Also in attendance were the alderman for West End South, Mrs. Ernestine Wilson, and Police Chief, Lucius Powell. The neighborhood appreciates their involvement in the discussion and welcomes them to any future meetings.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES - "Excerpts"

Paul Shepard, our representative in the City Wide Neighborhood Coalition (CWNC) reports that the coalition has taken the position that all advertizing signs which are in violation of the present regulations should be brought into compliance or removed immediately. The CWNC has been in full operation for less than a year as a communications focal point for the entire community. It seems to be especially effective and the West End Board voted unanimously to invest \$10.00 in annual dues for membership to the CWNC.

The CWNC discussion brought us back to a previous review of the funding of our association. Our financial position has always been limited and the inflation of the last few years has reduced our ability to function effectively. The board voted unanimously to increase the annual dues effective Jan. 1, 1981 to \$10.00 for a family membership, \$7.50 for a single membership and \$5.00 for full time students and senior citizens.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE AT 7:30 PM ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, AT BILL WISE HOME (1113 W. 4th STREET).

West End Association Membership

NOW is the time to pay your 1980 dues, if you have not already done so, in order to retain your membership in the West End Association and insure your continued delivery of the newsletter. Our paid membership has now increased to 130 members (an increase of over 40 in just the past two months) but there are still approximately 50 or more of us who have been members in the past for whom we have no record of payment this year. These individuals and families are still being mailed a newsletter, but an asterik* appears as a reminder that they still need to pay their dues for the year 1980. There is a membership at the end of each newsletter which can be used for membership renewals. There are also several extra copies of the West Ender at Rainbow Newstand for Block Captains to deliver to any and all non-members on their block who may wish to become members, so if you need extra copies for friends or neighbors, please check with your Block Captains or pick some up directly at the Rainbow Newstand.

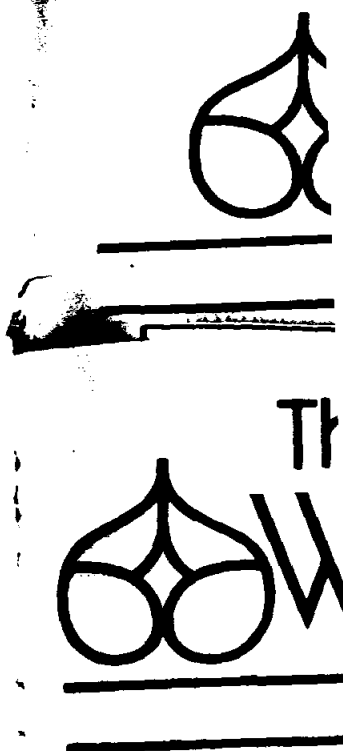
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