

The West End

By and for the
West End Neighborhood

THREE GOOD THINGS

(count 'em)

THE FIRST GOOD THING . . .

. . . will occur on Friday and Saturday, December 10th and 11th, when the annual West End Christmas Tree decorating will take place. This year, due to such factors as access to electricity and the growth of our traditional tree beyond our capacity to safely decorate it, this year's tree will be set up in the Grace Court Gazebo. On Friday the 10th, Ann Freeman's kids are going to start things off by trooping up the hill and laying on whatever the little nippers can get their hands on. What you are being invited to do is to take yourself and your kids to the gazebo on Friday or Saturday to help trim the tree with whatever you can share so that the tree will be all dressed out in time for the House Tour the next day. There will be a small crowd to lend assistance on Saturday at 10:00 A.M., but feel free to pitch in your decorative contribution at any time on those days.

THE SECOND GOOD THING . . .

. . . is the third West End House Tour, which will take place on Sunday, December 12th, from noon to 6'00 o'clock. The houses on view this year include the homes of the Harper, Craven, Voiers and Fly families as well as the Col. Ludlow House (Ken Land's bed-&-breakfast venture), Friendship House and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. In addition to seeing the church itself, visitors can view the famous West End slide show there and chow down on some

delicious cookies. In several of the houses, there will be live musical entertainment. In addition, at the YWCA you can save yourself the trouble of preparing Sunday lunch prior to taking the tour, for between 11:30 and 1:30 there will be a scrumptious box lunch, professionally catered, for your convenience and enjoyment. The lunches are priced at \$4.50 each.

Tickets to the Tour are \$5.00. You may order tickets in advance by writing to the Association at P.O. Box 161, or by purchasing tickets at the Zevely House, the West End Branch of Wachovia Bank, or the Arts Council Box Office at the Hanes Community Center. On the day of the tour, tickets can be most conveniently purchased at St. Paul's where there is plenty of parking and where you might want to begin your adventure. If you think you can sell a block of ducats to your civic club or whatever, please call Cort Meador(723-6773), and he'll get the tickets to you.

Also, poinsettias will be for sale at St. Paul's, at \$5.50 each. This tour can be the most significant fund-raiser our Association has other than annual membership dues, so please participate in the tour and avail yourself of the various offerings that are available that day. And bring some friends. By the way, two vans will be on hand to help ferry visitors across the neighborhood.

If you are one of the many people who are helping put this tour on, whether as a tour-home-owner, host, bakers, ticket-seller, gaffer or key grip, thank you for your help. This thing has been a lot of fun for participants in the past, as well as pleasurable for the visitors.

Please use this space to write down the names of three friends who you will telephone to get them to come to the tour: _____,
_____ and good old _____.

THE THIRD GOOD THING . . .

. . . is the annual Christmas Party, to be held on Friday evening, December 17th and 8:00 o'clock until Ben & Julia Wilson chase us away. Yes, the party will be at the Wilson's home at 817 West End Boulevard, as it was a few years ago. Bring yourselves and some food (whether sweet or savory) to share. The punches are provided by your Association, so come drink up your dues. Come by before that late-night party, or after that early evening drop-in, if you find yourself in demand that night among the sought-afters. But do come --the rest of us will be glad to see you.

3 OTHER THINGS

In addition to these 3 Good Things, three other important matters came up at the November 9th meeting of your Board.

First, considerable discussion took place over zoning matters, what the laws are, what they ought to be, and how they are being enforced. The specific question concerned the proposed Dante's Restaurant, which a local developer wants to have replace the Embers Teen Club, over on Hawthorne Road. At this point, there is a dispute bouncing between the Zoning Board and Alderman levels as to whether a waiver of parking requirements should be granted. Your association sent a letter of support for the position taken by surrounding property owners opposing the waiver. The Board did not convey opposition to the proposed restaurant itself, but merely to the ready waiver of sensible zoning requirements.

If you have any insight or feelings you want to share on the subject of zoning as it affects our neighborhood, please contact a board member and come to a monthly meeting with your ideas.

Second, we received a report from St. Paul's that the program started in November to provide overnight shelter for "street people" was off to a good beginning. By Thanksgiving, the program continued to thrive, with as many as 30 people being served by volunteers from the congregation. We are aware of no problems in the neighborhood stemming from St. Paul's participation in this generous-spirited (but potentially controversial) effort. This writer congratulates the willingness of the downtown churches to carry out such a program and the realistic compassion displayed by the individuals involved.

Third, we are still trying to establish a system of block captains and auxiliaries to help speed communication throughout the neighborhood concerning community affairs and the Neighborhood Watch program. If you are interested in serving, please call Bill Gibson at 724-0776. This task should take up very little of your time and effort, yet the structure your participation provides helps people in this neighborhood.

Lastly, the next Board meeting will be held at Dewey and Ellen Yarborough's house at 1405 Brookstown Avenue on Tuesday, December 14th.

Please give your neighbors and yourself the gift of your participation
in the Tree Decorating on December 10th and 11th,
the House Tour on the 12th,
and the Christmas Party on the 17th.

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