

The West End

By and for the
West End Neighborhood

WEST END ASSOCIATION

May 1982

BOARD MEETING

Your West End Board met at the home of Bill and Becky Gibson on May 11. Eleven members of the Board, including 4 of the 5 officers, attended.

A key item on the agenda was a presentation and discussion of the neighborhood watch program. West End - South has this program, however, other areas of West End have not followed suit. Over 236 neighborhoods in the community have a Community Watch Program. A separate article on this important topic is also in this issue.

We also reviewed The Grace Court Park progress. The attractive wall has been completed and additional plantings are planned. Contributions are still being obtained from local businesses and individuals in order to cover work already done as well as for repairs and upkeep. Donations from West End residents are still very much needed and encouraged.

Mark Land is chairing our summer "Arts In The Park" program and an exciting line-up of events is in the offering. Details will be coming soon!

The Michelob Lite Bike Race on May 1, was an outstanding event from all aspects. The weather, the crowd, and festivities were all good and a large "Thank You" goes to Chuck Hotchkiss who superbly coordinated the WEA's involvement. (Reports are that The American Lung Association received their largest net proceeds ever - about \$2,000).

The next Board Meeting will be at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, at the home of Chris and Mary Beth Chapman, 1017 West Fifth Street. Any association member is welcome.

Crime Stoppers/Neighborhood Watch programs; what are they and what is their value to the folks in West End? Winston-Salem Police Officer Mike Culler had those answers and more at the May Board meeting. According to Officer Culler, both programs provide an important extension of the police force's eyes and ears by training those of us who are naturally nose-y to be effective watchers, listeners and reports. (The police want no help beyond the reporting act).

Training includes: key items in effective observation, recognizing red alert situations which require an immediate call to the emergency number 911, how to improve your chance of avoiding a crime of opportunity, how to report observations to the correct police telephone number (727-2184) so that the special force of Neighborhood Watch officers can respond effectively. [This may be a young couple (plain clothes officer) walking down the street instead of a siren and blue light response].

We need your response to this program. If we get an indication of interest, we will schedule Officer Culler and his training group for a special general meeting. And Wendy - before you get your pressure up - front yard signs are not required and training includes a segment on avoiding overzealous acts which turn a community into a hostile camp of vigilantes.

Let us hear your opinions - call a board member or drop us a line - P. O. Box 161, Winston-Salem, NC 27102.

Bill Wise

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WENDY, THE WEST END WINDBAG

Dear Vandy:

Vas ist Dis mit der Vall? I nicht like Valls!

--Ich Bin Ein Vestender

Dear Wendy:

I love the new wall alongside Grace Court, but, tell me, how much is it costing and who is footing the bill?

--Built Like a Brick

Dear Ich and Built:

The wall is part of the landscape designed done for Grace Court by our landscape architect. Its aesthetic purpose is to provide a visually pleasing definition to the contours of the park, rather than to allow the park to bleed, as it were, listlessly, into the adjoining properties on the block. I don't want to write an art treatise or anything, but you get the point, huh?

The cost of this structure is about \$20,000.00, which ain't cheap. A donation of \$8,000.00 from Malcolm McLean enabled the project to get underway, and fund-raising efforts are now being made to gather the \$9+ thousand needed to pay off everybody. Donations large or small from residents in the neighborhood are most appreciated. Incidentally, almost \$59,000.00 in donations have been made so far toward the creation of the jewel that is Grace Court, so there is broad support as well as deep involvement in the park on the part of many people both within and without our immediate neighborhood.

Ich, I think I know where you're coming from, but you must rest assured that the wall is not designed to keep anyone out of anywhere. If you want to pass from the East to the West sector, all you have to do is walk around either end of the wall, or vault the darn thing if you can.

Dear Wendy:

Now that the YWCA has announced its enormous expansion plans, where are all the people going to park their cars? I was told that Petree, Stockton is planning to convert its offices into a parking deck to handle the traffic.

--Spaced Out on Clover

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Dear Spaced:

Pat McNeil of the Y and Ed Boulden, the architect, tell me that the thrust of the expansion plans are to use the existing spaces more intensively, by linking up the two structures there now. Part of this plan is to connect the upper and lower parking lots, which will not only create a few more spots but will also encourage motorists to use the heretofore ignored lower lot. There is also room for additional parking on and around the old tennis courts which they hope will handle all the parking needs at least through 1990. These folks seem highly sensitive to the impact of their plans on our neighborhood.

I don't think the rumor about Petree, Stockton is correct, although some people are saying that the firm plans to transform the premises into an arcade for electronic video games. Don't believe it, honey.

WENDY'S QUIZ

The correct answer to last month's question concerning the number of times West End Boulevard could stretch to the moon is "none, you idiot." This answer was submitted by Benjamin, age 3, whose prize will be to get to lick the bowl the next time old Wendy makes one of her lima bean and pickled beet upside down cakes.

Due to upcoming final exams, Wendy is not going to offer a quiz this month. You may send answers, tho', if you have extra ones around that you haven't yet taken to Goodwill.

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