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The West Ender

By and for the
West End Neighborhood

THE BIKERS ARE COMING! THE BIKERS ARE COMING!

No, the neighborhood is not about to be invaded by the collection of Hell's Angels, Outlaws, or Motorcyclists for a Decent America (hdq. Dallas, Tex.). At least not by invitation, instead it's the . . .

6th Annual Michelob Light Bicycle Race.

This year's extravaganza promises to be the biggest and best ever. The races will begin at 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning, May 7th. Organizers expect to have record crowds of participants and on-lookers.

Included in the line-ups this year will again be the top seeds in the U.S. of A. along with the Grand Champions from around the world. Hot dogs are discouraged from entering the races, but they will be available, along with free beer -- the libation compliments of the sponsor, the Barringer Distributing Company, a/k/a the Bud Man.

Added to the numerous bike races will again be a 5,000 meter run as well as a new-speed-skating event, in which roller skaters will take to the streets to compete against each other, the clock and whatever else it is that these maniacs do battle with.

Again, this year there is a vital need for volunteers to house the racers, most of whom are visitors from out of town. For those of you who have never hosted racers before, it is truly a unique experience. They need a place to sleep. That's it, although most hosts feed them. They do eat a lot. Most of them will be in town Friday for the Hanging Rock Hill Climb. So, if you can put one or more of these athletes up one or two nights, please let Harriet Weiler know at 724-2081. She can answer any questions that you might have. Also, there is a need for marshalls. Marshalls help keep the track clear of on-lookers and debris at the interseptions. This gets to be pretty important to the racers, who at times are blasting around the course at speeds in excess of 45 MPH. Be a

WHAT YOUR BOARD IS UP TO :

On March 8th, the West End Association Board and Officers had its monthly get-together. These were the kinds of things that came up: Historic Preservation District -- we continue to develop approaches for raising money and for getting the most out of the money we raise. The possibility of holding an auction was bandied about, as well as other direct solicitation schemes. The next sentence is what is known as softening up. It is likely that the fair market value of real estate in this neighborhood would increase if the West End were to become a Historic District, so long of course as we continue to be vigilant in seeing that the status was not unfairly exploited by barbarians and purveyors of pestilence.

We continue to receive encouraging news on the zoning front, at least to the extent that the people in local government appear to be sensitive to the concerns of urban neighborhoods like ours.

There was a lively discussion on the subject of vagrants, their effect on the neighborhood, what can be done to help these people, what can be done to see that this area does not share an unfairly heavy load in dealing with their problems. The discussion dramatized the difficulty presented to people of good will by this kind of social problem; we face a situation in which a neighborhood can neither become a hell nor a haven for people who have no stable homes of their own.

The Bike Races -- see page 1

Summer in the Park -- we need some people to help coordinate the programs there this year. If you're interested, please drop a note to Box 161, or telephone any officer or board member. Speaking of the Park, the ever-vigilant Barbara Smitherman justifiably corrected this writer for the misinformation laid on you folks last month concerning the fountains. It's not true that the fountains are casualties of cold weather, never to spray again. They are back from the foundry in Alabama and are here in town, under the care and control of the City, which is looking for ways to fix the system up so the fountains can go back into place.

Progress is being made in establishing a constructive dialogue with YMCA concerning its expansion plans. Thorns Craven and Katie Fenning are good people to talk to about this, if you have any ideas.

Being an association heavily dependent on volunteers ourselves, we'd like to call your attention to the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. The purpose of "RSVP" is to create meaningful opportunities for persons of retirement age to participate more fully in the life of their communities through volunteer service. Potential volunteers are interviewed and referred to volunteer opportunities that

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16. Do you lock your garage door at night?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Do you lock your garage when you are away from home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Do you have good secure locks on the garage doors and windows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Do you lock your car and take the keys out even when it is parked in your garage?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

When You Go on a Trip

20. Do you stop all deliveries or arrange for neighbors to pick up papers, milk, mail, packages?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Do you notify a neighbor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Do you notify your sheriff? They provide extra protection for vacant homes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23. Do you leave some shades up so the house doesn't look deserted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24. Do you arrange to keep your lawn and garden in shape?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Wendy, the West End Windbag

Dear Wendy,

Some folks aren't treating their dogs right, or their neighbors. I specifically refer to dogs that are put out during the day by their owners and are allowed to bark all day long while their owners are off at work. For example, there is one large dog on West End Boulevard whose incessant bark is so loud that it can be heard for blocks, much to the irritation of people who have to sleep during the day and to others who live and do their chores in that area. I believe we in the West End should be a little more considerate of each other and not to allow conditions such as this to go on. Possibly a word to dog owners in the area might solve the problem.

--A West Ender

Dear West Ender,

I have spoken to the owner, who knows he has a problem and is trying to come up with a solution. Perhaps you can give him a suggestion. Anything old Wendy can do to help man and beast live side by side, she'll do. Peace be with you all.

--Wendy

The next meeting of the Board will be on Tuesday, April 12th, in the basement of the Arts Council Office at 305 W. 4th Street, downtown. The idea of having it there is so that we can inspect the plans for the development of downtown Winston-Salem, and to get our neighborhood's two cents worth in. Also, Alderman Martha Wood is expected to make it to the meeting.

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