

# The West End

By and for the  
West End Neighborhood

AUGUST 1984

## AUGUST IN THE PARK : WHAT CAN POSSIBLY BE NEXT?????

Summertime, and the livin' is easy,  
Fish are jumpin', and the cotton is high.  
Your Daddy's rich and your Momma's good-lookin',  
So hush, little baby, don't you cry.

George and Ira Gershwin turned down your Association's invitation to perform at Grace Court this August, much to our surprise and dismay. Both the June and July evening concerts were well-attended, and a good time was had by all, as they say in the society pages of small-town weekly newspapers. What could we possibly do to match these two successes?

Come find out for yourselves. On Tuesday night, August 7th, at 7:00 P.M. your West End Association, in conjunction with the Arts Council, will sponsor a performance by the Matrix Brass Quintet. This talented group will be returning to Grace Court, and what you oughta do is to grab up your friends and your family and perhaps an attractive stranger or two and show up at the concert.

There will be a second performance in August, probably on Tuesday the 21st, but that hasn't been firmed up yet. An announcement of that concert will be made at the August 7th affair, so expect to pick up the details then. Another way to find out about these events is to check the calendar in the local daily, and to look for the banner on the gazebo.

In September, there will be the annual Pot-luck Dinner, and this year we plan to have a fifth performance at Grace Court in conjunction with this extravaganza. Details about that one will appear in next month's newsletter.

The winners of the free tickets to the last concert were non-existent, because no one cared who C.S. Lee is. All you have to do to get free tickets to the next performance is to care, or to show up at Grace Court, or both. For everyone else, admission is gratis.

## ALL YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE JULY MONTHLY MEETING:

\* It was held in Grace Humphrey's attic. The next meeting will be held on Bill Gibson's front porch, bugs willing, on Tuesday, August 14th, at 8:00 P.M.

\* The House Tour Committee reported an underwhelming response by West End homeowners to volunteer their abodes for the Holiday House Tour, which will be held in December. Chris Chapman and Liz Gilliam are working on this project. There are numerous ways that we have developed over the past three tours to support and protect the homeowners who have been gracious enough to volunteer their houses; so far, there have been no serious problems and many pleasant satisfactions.

\* Sam Matthews, Treasurer, gave a financial report, which showed the importance of dues to this organization. Advertising in this newsletter has also \*@#\$\$#!#!&

NEWSFLASH!!! We interrupt the normal programming to warn readers of this newsletter about the existence of a clandestine organization dedicated to the participation of free individuals in community affairs. When organized and alerted, these people can be highly dangerous to those respectable and not-so-respectable folks who would screw up a good thing. Herewith, in the best traditions of the late Senator Joe McCarthy, is a listing of the identities of individuals and business fronts known to be fellow travelers, running dogs, nay, even card-carrying members! of a new kind of monster which strikes fear, or at least a bit of annoyance every now and then, into the lives of the well-entrenched powers that be. There is risk involved in revealing these names to you, for fear that it might provoke an outpouring of dues and donations to the very threat that you are being warned about. In any event, it's

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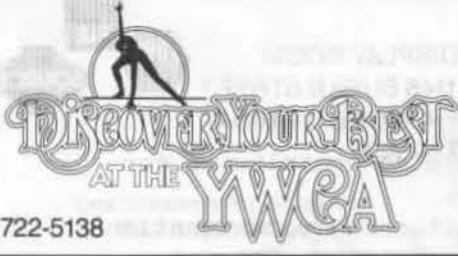
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Please forgive the interruption:

\*As we were saying, advertising in this newsletter has also contributed considerably to the financial health of your Association.

\* The Historic Preservation Committee is pursuing simultaneously designation of our neighborhood as a local historic district and listing on the national register. It is working to obtain sample ordinances from other special districts, development of grant possibilities, and a general fund-raising campaign, with goals and timetables.

\* We are purchasing some more large-sized West End T-shirts, which will be sold at Grace Court events in late August and in September. So, hold off on that trip to Paris. Yves St.Laurent will have to wait.

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SPORTSFLASH!!! On July 8th, a team of West Enders crushed a bunch of chuckle-heads from West Highlands, sweeping a double-header by utterly ludicrous scores. Even the best players from West Highlands were people who lived on our side of the Park. Our team was led by Kevin ("Catfish") Mauney, Jane ("Shoeless Jane") Jackson, Johnny ("John") Mitchell, Stephanie ("Martha") Mitchell, Susan ("Ringer") Dobbins, David Speedie ("Gonzales"), and Rence ("Rinse") Callahan, Greg ("Wash and Set") Carlyle, and Molly ("Jackie") Robinson and John ("Junior") Gilliam. What? Oh, they were playing softball.

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