

# The West End

By and for the  
West End Neighborhood

DECEMBER, 1984

## WHAT DO

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## HAVE IN COMMON WITH

Where You Should Be On  
Sunday Afternoon, December 16th,  
From 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.????

THE ANSWER  
is on page 2.

## WHAT IS HAPPENING

on Friday evening,  
December 14th, from 6 to 9???

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Yes, it's the annual West End  
Christmas Party,

and this year  
there will be  
some new things  
and a lot of the good old stuff, too!

A \*\*\*New\*\*\* Thing is the location of  
the party: it's going to be at the  
Law Building of Davis & Harwell,  
Attorneys at Law, at 1144 W. Fourth St.  
(That's Barbara Westmoreland's former  
digs, where 4th, 1st and Burke all  
collide). This house has been beau-  
tifully refurbished and decorated  
by Joslin D. and Fred H., and you'll  
be able to scope the place out for  
yourself, without having to pay a  
legal fee.

Another \*\*\*New\*\*\* Thing-- the time,  
SIX P.M. until NINE, which is earlier  
than in past years, but will enable  
you to go to several parties that night  
or home to bed, early.

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## FORTUNATELY,

the West End House Tour and Christmas Party are not as, how  
does one say this tastefully?, in as much disarray as your Newsletter  
delivery. This epistle (November issue) was taken to the Post Office for  
delivery back on October 29th; a few lucky souls failed to have their  
letters labelled and taken with the rest, so those folks got theirs on  
time. Your writer, Bill Wise (no, Bill Wise is not your writer) and  
many other subscribers got theirs finally on November 13th, and about  
fifty more were mailed out that day. Apparently, the election junk  
mail and the Christmas junk mail and unusual but not unheard-of Postal  
Service incompetence caused the late arrival of last month's Masterpiece  
of Community Communication, a/k/a the neighborhood junk mail.

## IN ANY EVENT,

next month's meeting of the Association's Board will be held  
at the residence of Margaret and Steve (Savoka and Yeagy) at 154 Piedmont  
Avenue, at 8:00 P.M., on Tuesday, December 4th.

(Yes, I know we promised you that the meeting on November 5th was  
going to be there, but since you didn't receive your promise until well  
after the meeting -- an honored Newsletter tradition -- what the hell do  
you care? Wait 'til you see what the Great Communicator does to eliminate  
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### THE ANSWER

(In case you've forgotten or been swept away by the other messages appearing thereon, the Question is on page 1.)

That's right! These are the places that will be on tour during the 1984 WEST END ( & CRYSTAL TOWERS ) HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR! ! ! ! !

These addresses correspond to the following homes and establishments:

- The Col. Ludlow House (1887)
  - The Humphreys-Taylor Home (1876)
  - The Dick Home (1909)
  - The Sanderford Home (early 1880's)
  - Hospitality Interiors (1897)
  - Griffis and Hollingsworth Agency (1924)
  - The Penney Home (1913)
  - The Chapman Home (1983)
  - Joanna Shober's (1979)--rebirth
  - St. Paul's Episcopal Church (1928)
- ) in the Towers, a new feature!

Did you enjoy turning back over to page 1 to match them up? Well, the Tour itself is going to be a considerably more enjoyable experience for you than reading this Newsletter is, 'cause I don't have a thing to do with it, and wouldn't touch it with a ten-foot staircase dowel ordinarily, even if it didn't interfere with my religious observances at the Holy Sepulcher of the NFL.

But, I have a confession to make (Father). These house tours are really enjoyable and interesting, the way the West End puts them on. And I'm not putting you on.

Here's what you get to do. You go around and snoop into all these places that normally wouldn't let you even in the door, and you get to learn interesting <sup>things</sup> about them, if you want to, or at least check out what kind of furniture they have and what the stuff on the walls is and whether they keep the place clean and what it smells like and all. And you get to go into Joanna Shober's and eat cookies and drink some punch and you won't even have to feel like you need to be cool or pick up chicks or hunks or anything (except the crumps, you slob). And you get to go to church and see the really lovely, sorta sentimental sound-&-slide show all about the West End that they'll be showing in the dining room at St. Paul's downstairs from the sanctuary. And you get to walk around the neighborhood and pretend that life isn't so busy and hectic and you can ride in your car or even in one of the vans which will be provided if you would prefer to do that. Or you can do both, walk and ride, in both, your car or the van. But don't try to do all that at once, or you'll hurt yourself.

And there will be music to listen to, live, in several homes.

And you can get all the tickets you want to buy, for \$5.00 (children tickets specially priced at \$5.00, too). And you can get them at St. Paul's starting at 1:00 p.m. on tour day, or at these wonderful places: Wachovia Bank--West End Branch      Zevely House  
Arts Council Box Office (Coliseum Dr.)      Village Soda Shop  
Langdon-Culler (at Thruway)      (Reynolda Vill.)

"A little bit of the old, a tiny bit of the new, and a whole lot in between." -- Robespierre, or was it Le Rochefoucauld?

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CHRISTMAS PARTY, continued from page 1

The old (i.e., traditional, not stale) things revolve around feeding our faces. Remember how tasty the neo-gourmet food was at the picnic potluck in September? Well, again with your participation, this party can knock your socks off with all the yummy things to stuff down your throat. So bring either an hors d'oeuvre (how do you spell "or-derve?") or a dessert (in fact, since this party will be in a law office, you might want to bring "your just desserts"). (Get it????? Funny, hunh??) Beverages in the form of alternative punches will be provided by your Association; if you intend to drink a great deal of punch # 1, please do not become obnoxious and make sure you either walk or have a relief driver. The other punch will be spiked.

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THE USUAL THRILLING STUFF FROM THE BOARD MEETING

Well, it did convene on November 5th, and folks discussed The Holiday House Tour, with committee reports about getting food, hosts, clean-up, transportation, publicity, etc. The most brilliant decision was NOT to sell poinsettias this year (they are in short supply and cost a ton) or box lunches (they were in excess supply last year, even though they didn't cost a ton).

We talked about traffic problems at the 5-point intersection near where the Christmas Party is going to be. These included congestion along fourth street from people parking on both sides of the street, speeders violating the law and endangering everyone in sight along 1st, and large busses. A letter is being sent to the Police Department asking it to enforce the existing laws more closely. And a suggestion from Neighborhood Watch: if you see the same car chronically violating the speed laws, call the police and give them the license number and a description of the car. Another thing, if you see little kids playing in or too near the street, stride up to them in a menacing fashion and threaten to beat them up if they don't quickly retreat to a safer location. They'll be terrified, of course, but when they have kids of their own, they'll love you for it.

There was some concern, still, over the lack of a landscaping plan from the YMCA, as promised by the Zoning Board's ruling. Attention is being paid.

Glen Gravlee is preparing a letter and an agenda for a meeting in February or March, 1985, inviting open discussion of the Historic Preservation District plans. Look for the publicity in this newsletter and elsewhere, and please plan to attend.

\$\$\$--Treasurer Sam Matthews sought for approval to roll over our CD's. The whole thing was very high-finance, especially for a crowd that only has \$7,999.18 in the bank. But, you know, that's kind of in keeping with the ambience of this neighborhood -- sophisticated but modest, over-educated but chronically casting about for a way to keep Duke Power from turning off the electricity. Ah, the duality of Man, both angel and beast . . . but I seem to have lost track of the financial report. Well, it was a good one, and it was written in a clear hand, and this writer has found Sam to be a careful and trustworthy fellow even though he does have a beard. And jogs. And recently went to Europe. With someone who spoke the language, even. Well, that's the treasurer's report. And the report on the Board meeting. And this page.



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" WENDY GOES CONDO "

The story of the corruption and selling-out of one of America's finest ladies -- By I.B. Gyle, West Ender roving reporter

Wendy, the West End Windbag, called a press conference on November 11th to announce her retirement from the field of community journalism and her entry into the field of real estate development.

"You can call me 'Windemere' from now on," she announced to the assembled reporters, "and you may call my house here 'Windemere,' too." She detailed plans to turn her fine old Victorian home on West End Boulevard into a condominium with nine units in the building itself, plus an addition six units which she plans to create with a revolutionary design for this neighborhood, the stacking on top of one another of three double-wide mobile homes, which she will enclose in polyester cedarese shingles.

"What with the swing back toward basic American values like making as much money as possible as fast as possible, I thought it would be nice to turn a quick buck on the old homestead. And with the re-establishment of old-timey family values, I wanted to open up my home to families, who are encouraged to move in here and fulfill themselves, just as long as they don't have any noisy kids to contend with, of course."

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Look for next month's exciting installment: "Wendy Goes to the Zoning Board"

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