

The West Ender

By and for the
West End Neighborhood

JUNE 1984

SUMMER IN THE PARK-- IT'S COMING SOONER THAN YOU THINK!

On Tuesday night, June 5th, from 6 o'clock to about 8, there will be a concert in Grace Court Park. Playing for you will be a folk-singing duo, Sheppard and Mannring. They play the banjo, the mandolin, the guitar, the fiddle and the dobro (deaubreau?). They sing early, traditional folk music, stuff from the 20's and 30's, some country, a little bit of Hawaiian, even. Admission is free, and your money will be cheerfully refunded if you don't like the show.

Those of you who have attended concerts in the summer evenings at Grace Court during the past two or three years know how relaxed and pleasurable that can be. It's especially a good thing when you bring some of your neighbors and even your friends who are less fortunate than you and live in some other part of town. Picnics and concerts harmonize beautifully, so bring a blanket and a basket.

Warning -- if you simply cannot tolerate watching children -- yours or other people's-- enjoying themselves, you should consider not coming to these concerts. Ditto if you are a workaholic and cannot abide the sight of adults lolling about on the greensward. If you like music and lazy summer evenings but don't feel like socializing, there is plenty of room in Grace Court for you to have it your way -- no one will insist on your acting the false and painful role of the hail-fellow-well-met. On the other hand, this is a good chance to get to know your neighbors, should you want to do that sort of thing.

There will be another concert in July, probably a jazz group, and there is tentatively a brass band puffing it's way here for August. See upcoming newsletters for details.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR ASSOCIATION DUES?

If you see a red dot on your mailing label, it means our records indicate that you haven't. About a dozen of you responded to last month's red-dot special; let's have your response this month. (If you have paid, contact us at Box 161 so that we can correct our error.)

Your dues are the life blood of our association, because they are m-o-n-e-y and because they are the embodiment of your election to become a member of your neighborhood association. Thanks for your support.

"GWENYS" -- 80 FOR YOU, 20 FOR HER, AND THE REST TO GOODWILL:

The good Lord of yardsales took time out from the May showers to smile on the West End back on May 5th, the day GWENYS came to town. Yes, friends, the Great West End Neighborhood Yard Sale was a success. Not a smashing success, but by no means was it the disaster it would have been had the weather not cleared

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and the efforts of many hard-working volunteers led by Dot Wise and Mary Beth Blackwell-Chapperson had not paid off.

And pay off it did. That weekend, \$687.85 were added to your Association's coffers -- specifically into the Historic Preservation District Fund. \$579.10 came from the "20%" of the gross yard sale proceeds (make that the yard sale gross proceeds -- anyway, the total take) and from gifts. \$108.75 came from the bake sale. At least an additional \$17.50 has trickled in, if not more, since the monthly meeting on May 8th.

The Historic District Fund balance is now up to \$5,238. The sun shone all day long. And people had a pleasant time. The whole thing is rather bourgeois, if you think about it, but about the only neighborhood association that isn't was the Haight-Asbury one out in San Francisco in the late 60's, and it didn't last. . . going up in smoke as it did.

OTHER STUFF TALKED ABOUT AT THE MONTHLY MEETING:

The most important topic on the agenda of any meeting is the time and location of the next meeting. After about 2 seconds' deliberation, it was decided that the June meeting of your Association board will be held on June 12th at 8 p.m. at Ben & Julia Wilson's House.

The YMCA initially put a row of parking spaces too close to Sunset, within the allowable 10 feet. As it was making its expansion plans, this violation was discovered, and the Y was told it needed a waiver. Thus, the sign you might have noticed in the Y parking lot. Several members of your association met with Y-M representatives to discuss this waiver, the Y's expansion plans in general, and in particular the obvious need for the Y-M to do some serious, long-term landscaping. Apparently, the Zoning Board agrees with West Enders, and the Y is being required to do some planting over the next 3 years in order to get the parking variance. Altogether, the Y-M is trying to add about 75 spaces, mostly in the Glade Street side. The Board passed a resolution that we investigate the desirability and feasibility of having residential parking permits for West Enders who live near the Y-M.

Someone also pointed out that the old apartment building at the corner of Sunset and Forsyth has been demolished, apparently to make way for construction of some new condos. The question was raised as to whether the developers had complied with all parking requirements for the new project. Your board is trying to be vigilant, in an effective way, on questions like these. Needless to say, zoning matters, this time of a more general nature, managed to occupy much of the discussion.



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Someone was pleased with the landscaping done by City workmen at the entrance to Hanes Park at the foot of Clover Street. You will notice, as well, that it was not necessary for our association to help clean out the creek in the park this spring, as rigorous enforcement of the new Safe Roads Act provided a core of "volunteers" who performed community service along the waterway. There must be some irony hidden there someplace.

DON'T GET OUT THE CHAIN SAW -- IT'S ONLY A CASE OF ANTHRACNOSE.

Some of you have undoubtedly seen a black, cruddy substance on the leaves of your maple trees. This does not mean that your tree is dying, nor that it is going into a rebellious adolescence and should be sent off to military school at the earliest opportunity. No, your maple probably is suffering from anthracnose, which is a fungus which sometimes appears when buds are subjected to windy, cool, wet weather-- the kind of conditions that we've had this spring. Don't reach for the Absorbine Jr., says the county Agricultural Extension Agent (OK, he put it into more scientific terms), 'cause it's too late. But if your tree is otherwise healthy, a case of anthracnose shouldn't do any significant long-term damage. Think of it as teenage pimples -- you wouldn't cut off your head.

JUNE 2nd AT THE Y W C A

The YWCA is holding some sort of breakfast for first lady Carolyn Hunt on Saturday morning, June 2nd, from 8 to 10. Parking will be a problem that morning, so take note. Also on that day, the Y-W is having its unofficial opening of the new building, and West Enders are invited to come over and take an unofficial look. The Open House will be held in the fall.

THE SOUND OF A WELL-CAST TROUT LINE is the sound of the pack of cyclists at the bike races, don't you think? (All right, forget the P.A. system.)

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848 WEST FIFTH offers both hair styling and a deli. The salon has 10 experienced designers creating individual hair styles. They can move your look to the 21st century or make the present "you" easier to manage with custom styling. The 4½ Street Deli has a full line of custom and home-made soups, sandwiches and salads, plus imported beverages and other good stuff to let you satisfy your hunger or to keep you on your training diet. Having party?---we cater!

The YWCA has completed its Link Building, the parking lots are ready for use, landscaping is in place or under contract. Inside, the Y-W has added more nautilus equipment, racket ball courts, and more space for classes. Now what it needs is more people to use the facility. Its new logo -- Discover Your Best-- offers a challenge for everyone to join the Y-W! And now is the time to discover your best at special discount rates. Phone 722-5138, or drop by, for details.

WENDY, THE WEST END WINDBAG

Dear Wendy:

While I was walking along West End Boulevard by Hanes Park, I saw a City crew cutting down perfectly healthy limbs off some of the trees which shade the street there. What's up?

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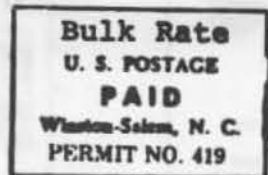
Dear B&D:

I asked a member of the West End Association's Beautification Committee to check this out. She had talked to one of the workmen, and do you know what she was told? You don't, of course, or you wouldn't have written. Well, she was told that there was concern that if a tornado came the branches might fall and disrupt traffic!!! Was this guy kidding?

Something I did like seeing at the park though were those lovely bicycle races on May 12th, which was my 87th birthday. It did this old gal's heart good to sit on my rocker and watch those young hunks pedal by. It was the grandest thing since all the young men marched off to Europe so confidently back in '17. I can't wait 'til next year's races -- I'm gonna have some friends over.

--Wendy

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