

The West End

By and for the
West End Neighborhood

March 1984

ONE SHORT REMINDER, AND THEN WE AREN'T GONNA HASSLE YOU ABOUT THIS ANYMORE . . .
AT LEAST NOT IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

Lots and lots of folks have clipped their little coupon and sent it in new-
ing or renewing their membership in the West End Association. Have you over-
looked this opportunity to help make your Association a stronger one and there-
by helping make your neighborhood a more pleasant place to live and breathe
and have your being? There is still time for you to get your money's worth
. . . so clip the coupon on page 3, fill it out, and send it along with the
right amount of dues to P.O. Box 161. We need your support, and while you can
live without the West End Association, you'll live a lot better with it.
C'mon, it's less than 3¢ a day.

"a politician is an arse upon
which everyone has sat except a man"

-e. e. cummings

maybe so, but in modern urban society somebody is gonna sit on you and
yours, and it's better for it to be your kind of arse than their kind.

--newsletter editor

WHICH BRINGS US TO THE SUBJECT OF ELECTIONS:

- WHAT: Annual West End Meeting, at which elections of new officers and
Board members will be held.
- WHERE: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, dining room area.
- WHEN: Tuesday night, March 13th, at 8:00 P.M.
- HOW: By your showing up and voting on eight vacant board memberships and
for four officers.
- WHY: Because it's the right thing to do.
Because eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.
Because your mother told you to.
Because _____.
- WHO: Nominations from the Nominating Committee are:
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|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| President -- Chris Chapman | Board Members -- (in reverse al- |
| Bill Wise | phabetical order) |
| Vice-President -- Martha Harper | -- Steve & Margaret Yeargy |
| Secretary -- Bill Gibson | -- Dewey & Ellen Yarborough |
| Treasurer -- Sam Matthews | -- David & Evelyn Speedie |
| | -- Warren Sparrow |
| | -- Brenda Penney |
| | -- Grace Humphries |
| | -- Betsy & Jim Gregg |
| | -- John & Liz Gilliam |
| | -- Jay & Jeannean Cutchin |
| | -- Suzanne Reynolds & Hopy Elliott |

Additional nominations can be made from the floor. This writer has
been informed that the following additional nominations shall be
made: Jo Osborne (bd. member). You are encouraged to submit nomi-
nations; even if your candidate is not elected, there is plenty of
work to be done, and nominees form a particularly attractive pool
of people to call on for help.

A final tip: If you are a candidate, it helps to show up at the election;
historically, there has been a significant direct correlation between showing
up and getting elected. The same is true, generally, for presidential, sena-
torial and congressional races, regrettably.

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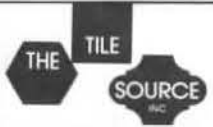
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THE LATEST FROM GWENYS:

Gwenys -- The Great West End Neighborhood Yard Sale -- will be held on May 5th, as has been previously threatened in these pages. Dot Wise is the person for you to contact, should you wish to join those people who are helping coordinate this extravaganza of the junky and not-so-junky. Her number is 761-0906.

Details will appear in next month's newsletter, which you are in danger of not getting if you don't pay your dues. Meanwhile, the suggested plan is for neighbors on each block to form co-ops so that there can be one sale location for each 3 to 4 houses. More than 4 is probably too complicated, while individual sales might prove too hard to handle without help.

SPEAKING OF SPRING

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The following poem is being published in your newsletter in honor of February 1984:

in Just-
spring when the world is mud-
luscious the little
lame balloonman
whistles far and wee
and eddieandbill come
running from marbles and
piracies and it's
spring
when the world is puddle-wonderful
the queer
old ballonman whistles
far and wee
and bettyandisbel come dancing
from hop-scotch and jump-rope and
it's
spring
and
the
goat-footed
balloonMan whistles
far
and
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-e. e. cummings

SEMINAR: PLANTING & CARING FOR TREES

March 17th at 1:00 P.M.
That's a Saturday.
At the YWCA livingroom,
as a place to start.
Speakers will be William
Gould, Jr., professor of
landscape architecture at
U. of Maryland and Jones
Abernathy, landscape archi-
tect from Winston-Salem.

Gould will discuss proper
methods of planting, pruning
and caring for trees.
Abernathy will discuss tree
diseases and signs
of a tree's being healthy
and worth saving.

Our recent request for bond
money for 250 trees to
replace those lost over the
past 75 years makes this an
especially good time for us
all to learn about ways to
preserve the trees we have
as well as how to nurture
replacements. This project
should help restore some
of the West End's original
beauty, privacy and peace.
Admission:

an energetic curiosity.

So, enjoy the weather and come to the seminar. I think that I have never seen the West End lovelier than when it's green. -- Wendy, the WEWB.



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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH -- THERE'S PLENTY TO LOOK FOR

Did you know that in the time period September 1, 1983, to January 25, 1984, in the area which comprises most of the West End north of First Street, there were 178 complaint calls made to the local gendarmes: leading the list was -- you guessed it -- "miscellaneous" at 71, followed by 29 larcenies, 24 accident investigations, 15 prowlers, 11 residential break-ins, 6 assaults, 6 "disturbances", 4 "other criminal", 4 vandalisms, 3 obscene phone calls, 2 auto thefts, 1 each D.U.I., missing person, and drunkenness. There were no partridges in a pear tree reported to the police, nor was there any murder, rape, robbery, business break-in, traffic or parking violations (I said "reported" -- that does mean there weren't any committed), abandoned autos, arson, fraud, malicious injury to property, violations of liquor or drug laws, weapons violation, suicides, false alarms or bad checks.

Hill treet we ain't, thank goodness, though this writer would like to spend an evening with Veronica Hammel. Yet we are an inner-city neighborhood, with all the joys and risks that involves. So, keep an eye out for your neighbor, his goods and chattels, his face and fanny. Neighborhood Watch isn't a matter of being nosey -- it's a matter of being concerned. And hey . . . let's be careful out there, Okay?

HISTORIC PRESERVATION -- AN EXPERT SPEAKS TO THE WEST END

As promised, Douglas Johnson, a member of the Association for Historic Preservation Attorneys, came over from Raleigh to speak to the assembled multitudes at the monthly board meeting on February 14th. He also conducted some in-depth discussions with a few of your officers as to the best thing for our neighborhood to do. In addition to his remarks, Doug left some useful written materials for our edifications.

Of particular interest, was Doug's encouragement for us to go ahead and try to obtain State Historic District Preservation status right away, while working toward the possibility of National status as well. He pointed out that State status would be far less costly, would help provide some of the political leverage we need, and yet would not be unduly burdensome to administer.

There will be considerable follow-up by the committee honchoing historic preservation. We all thank Doug Johnson for coming over here and sharing his useful insights.

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BOND BUCKS -- WHAT'S HAPPENING

By the time you get this newsletter, the daily newspaper will probably have made obsolete any "outcomes" we might want to report here. As of 2-22, the process is still fluid, we hope, because early published reports of funds allocations are woefully short for the "WEST CBD", which includes the West End, Crystal Towers and Holly Avenue neighborhoods. We realize that our needs are not ^{as great} as less fortunate parts of town, and we have made formal requests accordingly. However, our modest needs are legitimate, and satisfaction of our requests will bring benefits not only to residents of this neighborhood, but to people who work in this vicinity, who walk, bike or drive through, whether on their way to the Y's, schools, or workplaces. Tourists, even.

On February 3rd, a written preliminary request was submitted to the Community Development Department. In it, we asked for \$12,500.00 to underwrite $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost of establishing the West End and Crystal Towers as a (national) historic preservation district; \$20-to-30 thousand for the planting of 250 trees throughout the West End; \$14-to-18 thousand for sidewalk repair; and \$5,000 for neighborhood identification signs.

Initial responses to these proposals from the City were highly discouraging to historic preservation (which was no surprise), but we seem to be making some headway with the other three requests, although more funding must be allocated to the West CBD for us to get a fair share. More detailed proposals are being submitted to Community Development, to include additional curbing and guttering and some pathways from school parking lots to the ever-more-congested YMCA. Lots of work is being done by Ben Wilson, Barbara Smitherman, Jo Osborne, Bill and Becky Gibson, Bill and Dot Wise, and your soon-to-be-outgoing, but-no-longer-the-timid-lad-in-the-chem-lab Association president Glen Gravlee.

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