

The West Ender

By and for the
West End Neighborhood

December 1985

The Annual Christmas Party Was A Big Success

While this newsletter is being written before the annual holiday party, we're making a safe assumption that it was a wonderful event. (It must be nice to work at the Journal where the bulk mail gremlins don't stand in the way of getting out news while it's still new.) Anyway, thanks to all who brought along a Christmas dish and some holiday spirit to share. Special thanks to the Gilliams for welcoming us all into their home.

The December West End Board meeting was held at the Gilliam's (hospitable family those Gilliams!) on December 3, 1985. President Bill Wise has had long discussions with our attentive alderman, Martha Wood, and wishes to solicit all of your help. A note from Bill...

"Recent publicity on the Sykes case has blown the lid off a real pot boiler. We have an opportunity to bring your thoughtful suggestions directly to the management level of the Police Department through our alderman Martha Wood. What's past is as regretable as it is unchangeable but it has value to the present administration as a guide to strategies to avoid a repeat performance. Also of value will be positive comments from thoughtful citizens. The key word is positive comments. More brickbats they don't need. What would you do if your name was on the Chief's door? Is 911 effective? What would improve it? Do you see the police at times and places that you expect to see them? Ideas - grand or minor - the scale is not important - the thought is. If you're not willing to spend some time helping them I think you give up your right to complain. We need to hear from you - scratch it out on the back of an old envelope or have it printed on Mill Bond - style and form make no difference but your thoughts can make a difference in our city. P O Box 161 Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102. Now before you forget!"

The only other topic of note before the Board this month was an update on the status of the West End Wachovia Center. They currently are employing 650 at the new facility with 150 on the night shift. Approximately 800 will be working there by February.

West End Calendar

Tuesday, January 7, 1986 - West End Board meeting, 8:00 p.m., at the Wises', 1113 West Fourth Street.

Wednesday, January 8, 1986 - closing date for submissions to the West Ender to Joyce Gravlee, 1205 Clover Street.

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Buena Vista Recognized As a "Development" in the West End

In pursuit of a historic district status, our historians keep turning up interesting facts about the early days of our neighborhood.

For example, in 1919, thirteen local real estate companies pooled their resources to sponsor an advertisement in the Journal for a new area for homesites. "Buena Vista" was touted as located in "beautiful West End" and "coming into its own as a development...an exclusive residential section". Gwen Taylor, our historian, shared this information for you to drop into cocktail party conversation over the holidays. Incidentally, Gwen does live in Buena Vista.

Wendy, The West End Windbag's, Letter to the Editor

Thanks so much for the invitation to your annual Christmas party. I'm looking forward to (1) finding out where the thing will be held, and (2) kicking up my heels a bit. May I bring a dessert and a designated driver?

Your newsletter reminds me of the time we girls went trick-or-treating around the West End on Christmas Eve, dressed as elves, reindeer, and Salvation Army volunteers. You wouldn't believe the amount of oranges, peppermint, candy and fruitcake we got to eat. We also were given \$24.17, a necktie, a subscription to American Mercury magazine, and a Warren Harding campaign button. I was allowed to keep them, and I still get out the fruitcakes every now and then when I want to reminisce.

Someday I'll tell you about the time we went sledding down the Clover Street hill using the charred clapboard from the old West End Hotel...little black trails, right down to the creek. It's great to be part of a place with a history to it.

Wendy, Lost in Reverie

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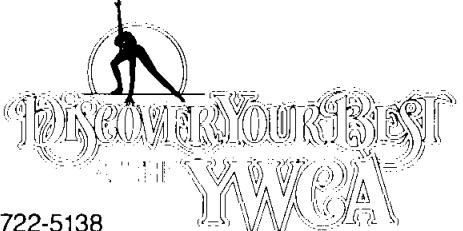
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Bill Wise still has a few aerial photos/maps of the West End in the days of the ill-fated Zinzendorf Hotel. They're a nice quality, framable keepsake at \$10.00. Call him at 761-0906.

The Colonel Ludlow House will soon have available even more gracious rooms for your out-of-town guests or romantic evening get-away for you and whomever you choose. They're working diligently on the house next door. An enclosed connection between the two houses is planned with a lovely new courtyard. We'll provide more details as construction and renovation nears completion.

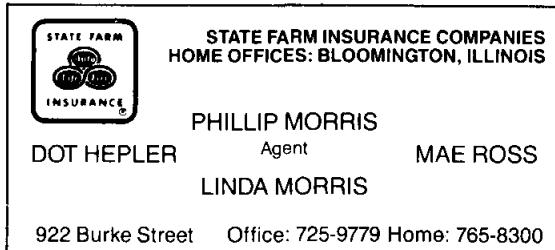
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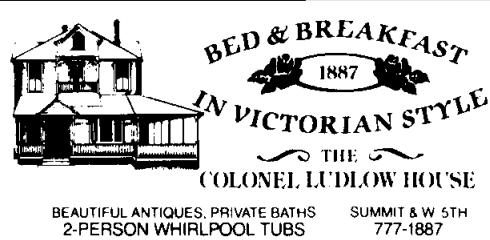


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HAPPY NEW YEAR, WEST ENDERS!

Getting through 1985 was a little bumpy, but the area is stronger for it. As a residential neighborhood, things have never been better. More residential construction took place in 1985 than at any time since the formation of the association.

The number of young children in the area seems to be increasing, providing a buoyancy that every neighborhood needs.

Wachovia's West End Center opened in 1985 and it filled up rapidly. The parking lots that support the facility aren't pretty but employees are using them. Petree, Stockton bought the Child Guidance Clinic and expanded its parking.

Jules Smythe has single-handedly attempted to change the face of the First Street hill. Simon Sosnik calls it the Ho Chi Minh Trail. A lot of supplies go up and down that street. Smythe keeps pouring labor and materials into structures on both sides of the street. The improved appearance of that area means much to West End.

1986 is going to be another dynamic year for West End. For the first time in a long while, the association is going to have a "real" election, one where we can do more than approve a slate of officers put forth by the nominating committee. The idea is to have better attendance at the annual meeting in February. See you then. HAPPY NEW YEAR.

If you would like to join the West End Neighborhood Association or to pay your overdue dues, fill out the following form and send it in with a check to P.O. 161.

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