

The West End

By and for the
West End Neighborhood

June 1985

JUNE IS BUSTIN' OUT ALL OVER!

With the onset of summer, a new round of Grace Court concerts begins. The first one will be June 25, 1985. David Speedie says the featured artists will be Mad Sweeney, a group that plays foot-stomping folk music and features some special instruments, including a Scottish bagpipe. Starting time for the gathering is 6 p.m., with music at 7 p.m. These outings are great opportunities to meet your neighbors. Please plan to attend... bring a picnic... Here's the Lineup:

June 25: Mad Sweeney
July 8 : Bluegrass
July 30: Aria Jazz Trio &
Tom Lima (Clown & Mime)

The Summer of 1985 will mark the opening of Wachovia's West End Center. Just what kind of shadow this building will produce remains to be seen. Its fortress appearance makes the Petree, Stockton structure on West Fourth Street look like a single-family dwelling. As an entity dedicated to maintaining and improving the residential character of the neighborhood, the West End Neighborhood Association is going to have a hard time coming up with something good to say about its new neighbor. The construction of the building no doubt created a lot of jobs. Wonder how many people who live in the neighborhood worked on the building? Wonder how many West Enders will work in the building once it is completed? Hopefully, everybody will.

With regard to traffic, the West End Board has presented a traffic plan to Wachovia and the City. There have been some preliminary discussions between West End board members and the city traffic engineers concerning the issuance of bumper stickers to residents, a la Baptist Hospital/Ardmore. This requires a city ordinance. And, the ordinance is based upon a parking study. The parking study can be done, according to existing regulations, after the West End Center is open. West End Board members would like to know your feelings about restricted parking. President Bill Wise can be reached, sometimes through his answering machine, at 761-0906. Please let him hear from you about this. Dalton Rufin, Regional Vice-President of Wachovia Bank, will attend the West End Board meeting on July 2 at the Davis residence at 804 West End Boulevard.

For those of you who read John Gates's editorial in the Journal, Sunday, June 2, 1985, about the struggle between neighborhood groups and developers, you may be interested to know that there is little evidence to support his idea that lowering of neighborhood voices will have a constructive result. Well, not exactly. Construction WILL result but the neighborhoods are not going to like it. In a recent episode, the West End Neighborhood Association board lowered its voice. The Child Guidance Clinic

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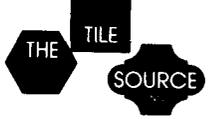
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had reacted to our shrill outburst with great indignation. What were West Enders supposed to say when they learned of Tom Caloway's grand design for a high-rise commercial development of the Glade Street Hill? After all, architect Caloway was on the clinic's ad hoc committee to investigate possible uses for the site. To discourage such development, the West End board took two public steps: Applied to backzone the site and applied for historic designation. The backzoning petition was withdrawn and the historic designation petition is in limbo. The latter may be resurrected, depending on what happens between the clinic and prospective purchasers. President Wise wrote a rather subdued letter to the clinic board members, outlining the association's current attitude. There have been some encouraging responses to President Wise's letter but the situation is far from stable. The clinic, according to the June 2, 1985, Journal, has received a \$30,000 grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. The survey crew that was marching around the property last month had to do with a loan application not the sale of the property, according to a member of the clinic's ad hoc committee. Petree, Stockton has offered "real money" for the site, according to one of the partners but no deal has been struck. Hopefully, John Gates will keep an eye of this. West End has lowered its voice. What will the Child Guidance Clinic do?

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS:

One of West End's frequent battle fields is the Zoning Board of Adjustments, sometimes called Speas's Spoilers in honor of Amos Speas, the oft-maligned City Inspector who prepares the agenda for the monthly meetings. Amos Speas has rendered great service to the City of Winston-Salem and has never gotten much credit. A lesser man would have crumbled under the load forced upon him by those who expect much for little. He has a big responsibility and a small staff. The ZBA members should be thankful they have Amos Speas to back them up. The news from the ZBA is not too different than what you would expect: Dr. Kennedy, who toiled for years in his office-residence, got the ZBA to grant him the waiver he needed to sell his place for a nice price. Damage to the neighborhood, we hope will be minimal. In fact, the continued vitality and appearance of the Kennedy site may have been insured by the waiver. There was one item of interest on the June ZBA agenda: Antoine's parking... again. Maybe this is the case John Gates is worried about.

RANDOM NOTES:

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Perhaps something should be said about "Jenny's Gone Away." Remember Jenny? This was the wooden structure near the West End Boulevard boundary of Hanes Park. It had deteriorated since its erection in 1977 and the City Parks and Recreation Department wanted to do something about it. Jenny was "public art," according to some, and deserved something better than the obliteration she suffered at the hands of the Recreation Department. Whether or not the City or West End had a duty to preserve the piece or notify the artist of its impending demolition are questions beyond the scope of this newsletter. West End board members who voted to permit the City to proceed with the demolition were persuaded to do so by the public safety arguments stressed by the City.

JULY 4TH - POT LUCK STREET PARTY & PARADE! Fourth St. will be closed from Grace Court to First St., for a street party. Kids, decorate your bicycles, wagons, tricycles and strollers. Prizes will be awarded and there will be "surprise" entertainment. Bring your best dish: vegetable, main dish, salad or snacks to share. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

A PLUG FOR WEST END ADVERTISERS

WELCOME TO THE YMCA AS A COMMERCIAL MEMBER! The Central Branch YMCA is located at 775 West End Blvd., and has something to offer everyone. The YMCA would like to invite you and your family to be their guest for a day of exercise and fun. Just present this month's YMCA ad to take advantage of their facilities. Their two day camps, Tangled-Y, held at Tanglewood Park, and Roustabout, their in-house camp, are gearing up for another exciting summer. These camps offer children a variety of fun-filled learning experiences and opportunities to make new friends. Swimming is another favorite past-time in the summer and they offer lessons for the entire family. Please keep the YMCA in mind for any of your recreational needs.

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