

The West Ender

By and for the
West End Neighborhood

October 1985

Does Your Mailing Label Have A Red Dot? Is Your Account With The West End Association In The Red?

If there's a red mark on your address label on this newsletter, our records show that you haven't paid your 1985 dues yet. Come on, guys, it's October!

We know we should have reminded you sooner, but we've been sending you the West Ender out of the goodness of our hearts and financed by someone else's dues. But this is it. We need your 1985 dues now to help pay mailing fees and to enable us to have concerts in Grace Court and Pot Luck Suppers and such. We also pay for the maintenance of the special equipment in Grace Court. We know you non-payers aren't deadbeats. We're all forgetful. Please pay-up now with the attached form, or we'll have to discontinue mailing the West Ender to you. You don't want to miss all of this information, right? (By the by, if you have paid and still have a red dot, call Sam Matthews at 748-1066 to straighten us out.)

Thanks To Our Distribution Team and Social Chairmen

In September we hired ten young West Enders to hand-deliver the newsletter to let all of the neighborhood know about the Pot Luck Supper. Many thanks to Glenn Case, Jacob Chapman, Ian Fay, Alice Gibson, Brent Gravlee, Will Harper, Ivy Ross, Colin Shepard, Charles Von Isenberg and Elliot Wilson for their deliveries.

Thanks too go to Liz Gilliam, Grace Humphries, and David Speedie for arranging the great Pot Luck Supper. The food was wonderful and the music fun.

West End Board Says "Not In My Backyard"

The Board met on October 1st at the Harpers'. The potential building of a Reynolds High stadium in the Hanes Park was the hottest topic of discussion. The Board was firm in their resolve to oppose the Reynolds High Booster Club's plans to build a football field either in Hanes Park or on Reynolda Road near the high school. Either location would provide tremendous traffic congestion. Also, the Bowman Gray Stadium appears adequate if not adjacent for Reynolds High's games. Bill Wise will present the association's views at the October 7 School Board meeting.

On a brighter front, the Garden Club Council awarded a \$10.00 prize and honorable mention to the Hanes Park entrance

West End Calendar

- Tuesday, November 5 - West End Board Meeting - 8:00pm,
Gravlees', 1205 Clover Street
- Wednesday, November 6 - Closing date for submissions to
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The Board also will continue to follow the City's new permit parking plan to insure that our area is included in the new legislation. This would enable us to get permit-only parking for residents in the future if it's needed.

A nominating committee of non-retiring Board members was formed. Elections will be in February. The committee includes the Averys, Gilliams, Shepards, Davises, Anne Johnson, and Jeanne Wine. Let one of these folks know if you'd like to be on the Board next year. It's practically painless and you'll learn more about the neighborhood than you thought you'd ever want to know.

We still have West End T-Shirts in various child and adult sizes, some with long sleeves, even. Call Jay Cutchin at 724-3077 for one-stop Christmas shopping for your casual friends. For more formal types, how about a print of the 1891 "Bird's Eye View" map of the West End? Bill Wise (761-0906) has a few more copies for \$10.00. It's all just another service from your friendly neighborhood association.

Just What Is So Historic About The Good Old West End?

For some time now you have been reading here about our quest for a National Register Historic District in the West End. While the researchers are delving into the record books to do the highly-technical nomination documentation, they are discovering all sorts of interesting facts about our neighborhood's past. We plan to print various bits and pieces that are amusing or entertaining. Some of this data is just too good to file away without sharing. In fact, when the academic report has been completed, we might just develop a tour guide to the West End for those of us who enjoy appearing knowledgeable when strolling with a guest through the neighborhood.

Did you know that the First National Bank of Salem was rechartered as Wachovia National Bank in 1879 when it moved its offices to Winston? When we complain about the size and traffic from the new Wachovia West End Center, we should remember that they really were here first!

The West End Hotel and Land Company held its first meeting on May 29, 1890 to plan the erection of a new first class hotel and residential area. Jacob Lott Ludlow, of Summit Street was Winston's first city engineer, and he laid out the gracefully winding streets of the West End. These were in sharp contrast to the rectilinear grid of downtown Winston. The great Zinzendorf Hotel was opened for business across from Grace Court on May 9, 1892. It was truly the great resort of its day, but its days were numbered. It burned to the ground on Thanksgiving Day that same year.

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If any of you have historic information that you'd like to share, let us know. We'll keep you posted.

Who's News

The West End recently welcomed back Todd and Carolyn Fay and Ian - 15 and Amanda - 11. They've moved to West End Blvd. from Lynwood Avenue. The Fays lived in Carlie Hughes' house in 1976 when they first moved to Winston-Salem. Todd is a psychology professor at Salem and Carolyn is a costumer at North Carolina School of the Arts.

Doug and Shelia Martin moved into 633 Jersey Avenue in mid-August. They've come from Houston so that Doug could join Reynolds. They have a 2-year-old son and 4-year-old daughter.


Letter To The Editor

Dear West Ender Editor:

Who are you? Where have you been? I've been living over here in Buena Vista at my daughter Muffy (Mrs. Van Dyke) Buffington's gracious home for several months now (except when Muffy, V.D., the children and I motored up to Roaring Gap for a weekend) waiting for a copy of my newsletter. I miss it, and I miss the West End.

I did take an excursion through the old neighborhood a week or so ago. It is heartening to see lots of people are fixing up their houses, and lots of broken sidewalks are being replaced. It's enough to make this old gal get out her roller skates and whiz around the neighborhood like we used to do back in the '20s.

I did notice one rather unattractive thing, however, and that's how messy the streets and sidewalks are. I counted 11 frozen yogurt containers, 17 beer cans, 6 broken soft drink bottles, two empty boxes from KFC which apparently had been specially hauled into the neighborhood, a multitude of snack-food wrappers, and a rain-soaked




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paperback copy of William James' The Varieties of Religious Experience, (New American Library, New York, N.Y., 1958), which contained critical margin notes obviously inscribed by an offended fundamentalist Christian. What we used to do was to get a grocery bag and walk around the block picking up the mess. It only takes 15 or 20 minutes, and it's a good way to visit with a member of your family, or to get away from your family, if that's what you need at the time.

I love you people, but you got to shape up.

Wendy, the erstwhile West End Windbag

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