

April 1986

WEST END CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 1, 8:00 p.m. - Board Meeting at the Wilson's, 817 West End Boulevard

Wednesday, April 2 - Deadline for submissions to the West Ender to Joyce Gravlee, 1205 Clover Street

New Board Meets and Organizes

On March 4, Chris Chapman called to order the first meeting of the newly-elected Board. It was a full-house of neighbors, some residents of long standing and some relative newcomers. Chris reviewed the history of the Association and pointed out that we've been strong and vocal for many years in trying to preserve and protect the residential character of the area.

So many of the group's efforts have centered on zoning problems, with buildings threatened with demolition or new uses which would destroy the streetscape. Applying for a National Register designation as a Historic District will help the neighborhood establish its reputation as a truly unique early 20th Century neighborhood. Beyond the recognition, however, the Board agreed that we will need to pursue a local district status with an approval process for development and major renovations. Guidelines will be needed as well as a review committee with sanctions for noncompliance. This will be a most important year for the West End's future, and the Board recognized the need to work toward these goals.

The West End Association has endorsed the nomination of Rolphe Teague to the Historic District Commission. She is a committed preservationist who has done much to improve various properties in our neighborhood.

Ben Wilson volunteered to represent the West End in meeting with the Downtown Church Center about the Shelter Ministry. He will present the concerns of some of our neighbors about the conduct of the street people as they visit the churches in the area.

Bob Hunter will chair a Spring cleaning campaign for the West End. The Board was particularly concerned about trash in and around Hanes Park. Bob will try to get some help in the clean-up from a Reynolds High service club. He also will try to plan a neighborhood-wide super-trash pick-up from the City. We did this several years ago, and the City agreed to a one-time removal of oversize trash and debris (e.g. old refrigerators, carpeting, Christmas trees) that normally require a personal trip to the dump. It's a great way to clean out the basement, and watching strangers' cars stop in front of your house to take home your trash is an amusing activity for the family. We'll keep you posted on this event.

Warren Sparrow pointed out that the City-County Planning Board has been asked to help school officials find a new site for the proposed Reynolds High Stadium. The Reynolda Road - Northwest Boulevard location has been rejected. The Board will continue to be vigilant as Hanes Park has been rumored to be a candidate location for the 5,000 seat facility. The West End Association feels strongly that Hanes Park and the West End would be damaged significantly if a stadium was constructed in Hanes Park.

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- Watch out for strange vehicles. Know your neighbors' car and note the license of any unfamiliar vehicles.
- Tell your neighbor when you're going to be away from home. the mail and paper, but have someone stop by in your absence just to make sure deliveries aren't piling up.
- Tell your neighbors if you're having work done on your house by strangers in new vehicles.
- Engrave your possessions with your driver's license numbers and keep an inventory of what was engraved.
- Do not give out information on your house or family over the phone. Tell children never to tell anyone on the phone that they are home alone.
 - Never open the door to strangers. Ask for identification.
- 7. Don't put a nametag on house keys. Don't hide a key under the doormats. Burglars know "secret places".
- Install dead bolt locks on exterior doors, but have the keys in them when you're home to allow emergency exits in case of fire.
 - Keep garage doors closed. Empty garages shout "no one's home".
 - Leave on lights and radios or put them on timers when you're gone.
 - Consider getting a dog as a burglar alarm when you're home.
- If you'll be gone for a long time, arrange to have someone care for your yard.

Have a good trip and return to your lovely old West End residence in the same shape it was in when you left.

Another Look At The West End In Its First Fashionable Phase

January 4, 1886 is generally recognized as the date on which the West End Hotel and Land Company had its beginning. At a party given by her. & Mrs. M.N. Williamson, several civic and social leaders discussed the development of the West End as a prime residential area.

Winston's business district was developing in a north-south direction, and the railroad yards were on the east. Therefore, the western area was left for residential use. The West End also had a high site overlooking a meadow and miles of forests. The area caught cool breezes in the summer. It also had a "high cultural atmosphere furnished by the homes and leaders of the West End. (Some things never change.)



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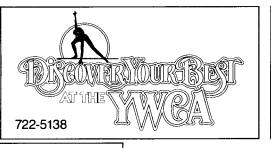
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This group constructed the ill-fated Zinzendorf Hotel at Fourth and Glade Streets. Its total destruction in a fire on November 24, 1892, was the end of the dream of the West End as a resort. The area was then developed exclusively as a residential neighborhood.

West End became the home of the wealthy, the influential, the leaders wise. Nearly every man in the The memory of the Zinzendorf was, In addition, volunteer firemen were of Winston. West Enders also were wise. neighborhood was a volunteer fireman. The me no doubt, something of a motivator. excused from paying property taxes.

(The above was "borrowed" from an article published in the <u>Twin City</u> <u>Sentinel</u> by Bill East on March 19, 1962.

West End Cleanup

Bob Hunter is doing a great job organizing a neighborhood cleanup. Hanes Park cleanup will begin at 9:00 a.m. on April 26th. There will be a special pickup on Saturday, April 26th for anything unusual - old furniture, appliances, etc. Please do not put the junk out on the curb until early Saturday. pickup should begin by 10:00 a.m.

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