

# The West Ender

By and for the  
West End Neighborhood

February 1986

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## WEST END CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 4th - West End Board Meeting at Chapman's, 520  
Jersey Ave., 8:00 pm.

Wednesday, March 5 - West Ender closing date for submissions to  
Joyce Gravlee, 1205 Clover Street.

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### Chris Chapman Elected President of the Association

The annual neighborhood meeting was well-attended on February 4, but for those of you who were down with the ubiquitous flu or home watching the Carolina game on TV, here's a report.

Chris Chapman will serve as president this year with Warren Sparrow as vice president, Becky Sparrow as treasurer, and Joyce Gravlee as secretary.

Six Board positions were filled. Those elected include:

Sarah Johnston-Hunter and Bob Hunter

Suzanne Reynolds and Hopi Elliot

Carol Wells and Bill Sugg

Valarie and Carl Von Isenburg

Julia and Ben Wilson

Wylie Yarborough

Lea and Randy Loftis will serve as first alternates.

In addition, Gwynne Taylor and Laura Phillips gave a report on their progress researching the history of the West End for the Historic District Application. They are still asking us for any historic tidbits we may have...maps, photos, deeds, gossip or whatever...that may give clues to the neighborhood's past. Wake Forest has loaned us a senior art major as an intern to help on this project.

The members present voted to continue to oppose any conversion of R2 zoned property to R1 in a continuing attempt to maintain the residential character of the area. Also, the Association will continue to oppose the construction of the Reynolds High stadium based on a consensus of this meeting.

Another matter was discussed and resolved at the Zoning Board meeting on February 6. Griffis and Hollingsworth Advertising had requested a variance to waive a parking requirement and reportedly to add a lot in front of their new building on the corner of Fifth and Summit. The Association agreed to support the request for a five-parking-space waiver subject to their approval of a new site plan positioning the proposed parking lot in a location deemed more compatible with the neighborhood. This was a very amicable agreement reached right before the Zoning Board met.

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A discussion was begun of the problems caused by street people who patronize the shelter ministry of various downtown churches. It appears that these people may be causing property damage and inconvenience to neighbors. At the next board meeting this problem and potential solutions will be discussed further.

### Repair Work Continues Throughout The Neighborhood

West End Hotel Company, (Also known as those 8 families fixing up that house on 4th street.) has begun showing the two renovated residences to potential buyers. Each unit has 2380 sq. ft. with 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 4 fireplaces and original hardwood floors. New 2-zone gas heat, central air and insulation has been added. Their hope is to sell the homes before final personalized work on baths, kitchens and decorating is begun. Know any potential new neighbors who might be interested? Call 761-1313 days or 724-3982 evenings.

The Kent family just bought the corner house on Sunset and First Street. It's on the left side as you go up the First Street hill. The building will be maintained as 2 apartments. The Kents want their neighbors to know they plan to fix up "the eyesore on Sunset".

### Police Response Time Reassuring

Recently the police were called late on a Sunday evening by neighbors when an alarm went off at the YWCA. In less than 5 minutes, two police cars arrived. It was determined that the noise was from a smoke alarm. Within another 5 minutes three fire trucks were on the scene. Happily, the alarm was caused by a minor malfunction and the YWCA property was never in jeopardy. The response of the police and fire departments was prompt and efficient and therefore, reassuring. The neighborhood watch is active and well in the West End.

### Wanted

West End teenager needed to babysit for 1 1/2 year-old, two afternoons per week after school until 5:15 pm. Call Jean Wine at 725-8571 or 727-2216.

### Needed...You

The West End Association needs your ideas, support, and participation. Membership costs are minimal and you'll stay up-to-date on neighborhood happenings with this newsletter. Let us hear from you.

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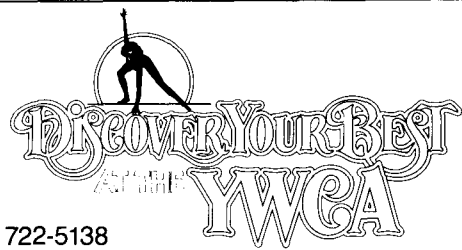
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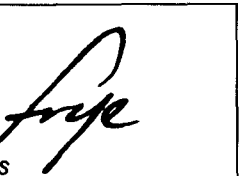
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#### Do You Love Football?

Responding to the objections to the families whose homes would be most directly affected by the construction of a football stadium for Reynolds High School, the Board of Education decided in February not to build the athletic facility on Reynolda Road across from the Children's Home property. But, pressure to provide Reynolds with its "own" stadium is continuing. Search for an alternative site is underway. The school board has taken steps to give Reynolds some relief in two areas: First, the board agreed to a subsidy that would defray some of the expense of playing at the City's Bowman Gray Stadium. Second, the board approved a plan whereby Reynolds would be permitted to play soccer at Dalton School instead of Ardmore. Both these measures are temporary. The most likely spot for a Reynolds outdoor athletic facility continues to be Hanes Park, as dutifully pointed out by your "West Ender" several months ago. It is adjacent to the Reynolds gymnasium (and the locker rooms in it). More than likely, the school board (i.e. taxpayers) would not have to come up with new dollars to buy the land. Some kind of trade could be worked out. This is the only way a stadium can be built in a high-density area for under two million dollars. They must get the land for "free" or something close to it. How many of you think the taxpayers are going to fork over \$200,000 an acre for a football field in the middle of town? That is what Petree, Stockton and Robinson had to pay for the Child Guidance Clinic property on Glade Street. If you don't like the idea of a football stadium in Hanes Park, you had better start doing something to discourage it...

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