



By and for the
West End Neighborhood

JUNE 1986

WEST END CALENDAR

Tuesday, July 1, 8:00 p.m. - West End Association Board Meeting at the Gilliam's, 1129 West 4th Street

Wednesday, July 2, Closing date for submissions to The West Ender to Chris Chapman, 520 Jersey Avenue

Friday, July 4, 10:00 a.m. - Annual Independence Day Celebration - Grace Court

Tuesday, August 5, 8:00 p.m. - West End Association Board Meeting at the Loftis', 621 Jersey Avenue

WACHOVIA DONATES TO GRACE COURT FUND

Citing the contributions of Barbara Smitherman in particular and the West End Association in general, First Wachovia's David L. Cotterill delivered a \$1,000.00 check to the neighborhood association for the preservation of Grace Court Park last month.

Announcement of the gift came during dedication ceremonies for the First Wachovia West End Center on Sunday afternoon, May 18. Receiving the gift for the West End Association was Vice President Warren Sparrow.

West End Center was open to the public at the conclusion of the dedication ceremony. Visitors were afforded "selfguided" tours of the four floors above the parking areas, including music and refreshments.

First Wachovia says the West End Center has been planned with thoughtful attention to blending people in partnership with technology.

The functions housed in the center are:

1. The banking operations group, providing processing services for numerous internal departments and supporting offices around North Carolina.
2. Computer Services, a centralized data processing capability.
3. Wachovia Services, Inc., providing processing services for more student loans than any other company in the United States.
4. Units of the General Services Group, including a high-volume mail room facility and -- in the adjacent West End Center Annex (Old Sears Building) -- print shop, mailing services, record storage and stock room.

West End Center includes a 264-seat cafeteria for the three shifts that work in the building.

Many thanks to Wachovia for their generosity in helping the West End maintain Grace Court.

BEWARE OF PORCH PIRATES

The unhappy news is that summer brings out the wicker furniture and plants and with them the local thieves. A few houses on West End Boulevard were recently stripped of their porch furniture and plants at midday. This was not a single chair mind you, but an entire porch collection. Someone obviously planned ahead to purloin the goods when the employed homeowners were away during the day. A truck was needed to cart it all off.

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As our neighborhood becomes more desirable, unfortunately these unsavory types find us better prey, too. There is some justice, however. One of the pieces stolen recently was an antique trunk. It contained nothing but an active nest of yellow jackets. Surprise!

THE CLEANUP, FIXUP FOLKS ARE IN HIGH GEAR THIS SEASON

Ken Land and the Colonel Ludlow staff are working busily to open the house next door on Summit by the fall. It will house additional Colonel Ludlow guests.

Jules Smythe is busy on 1st Street, Brookstown, Sunset, etc. developing more luxury condos. He plans to have an open house sometime this summer to show us all the interiors of some of his reborn buildings.

Petree, Stockton and Robinson did a magnificent job pruning and refurbishing the trees on the old Hanes estate. Stop to see them; they are beautifully sculpted plantings that should flourish in the years ahead.

DON'T MISS THE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

On Friday, July 4th, plan to attend our second annual parade and pot luck. We'll assemble at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Court and have a children's parade down 4th Street. There will be prizes for the best decorated bike, trike, and wagon. There will be a bluegrass band. Watch for a special flyer with details. Bring your friends and neighbors!

ARE YOU IN THE RED?

Is there a red dot on your address label this month? If so, you've forgotten to pay your 1986 dues. Come on...it is JUNE already. Please send us your check to P. O. Box 161, 27102. We need your support to keep the newsletter and other things coming.

BOARD MEETING NOTES

On June 3rd, the Board met at the Davis' home. Donna Cook of the Youth Opportunity Homes spoke to the group to gain West End support of her quest through the City for Federal funds to fix up their 2 properties in our neighborhood. They operate an emergency shelter for 10 - 17 year old youths with acute family situation problems at 1204 Brookstown Avenue. They also run the 613 Summit Street home for youth judged delinquent by the courts.

Both their properties need a great deal of maintenance work, and their available funds are earmarked for regular programs and operations. The Board agreed to write letters to the aldermen endorsing their request for funding from the City.

Chris Chapman reported on progress on several neighborhood maintenance projects:

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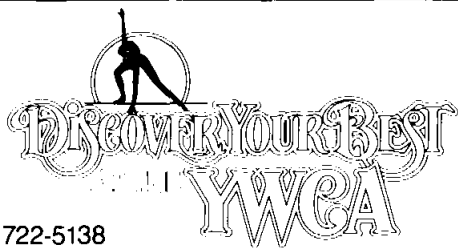
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Nick Jamison is looking at alternative lighting fixtures for Hanes Park's entrance.

Brent McKenney, City Traffic Engineer, will restudy traffic counts at various locations near the new Wachovia Building and assess the need for traffic lights or signs. He also will determine if we can replace the islands at Glade & 5th and Glade & Clover with planters.

The wall at Grace Court has sustained damage due to swelling of the concrete cap. Blum Construction will rework the wall and add expansion joints at no additional cost to the neighborhood.

The chains around the flower beds at Grace Court have been damaged and broken by children swinging on them. Please keep the kids off! The Board agreed to check into getting a \$25.00 fee from any group who reserves the park for a private party. This money would help maintain the facility.

The Board also discussed the increased presence of street people who bother families at the park. If you're annoyed by anyone, call the police. They respond quickly and want to help us keep the park safe.

Lea Loftis and Carol Wells have started a card file of contractors, painters, handymen, etc. who specialize in repairing older homes. If you've had good or bad experiences, let them know and share the information. The file will be only as good as the information you all supply.

RENT-A-KID

These ads are printed free for our young members. If you want to advertise this summer send your ad, signed by your parent, to Alice Gibson at 1315 Brookstown Avenue, 27101.

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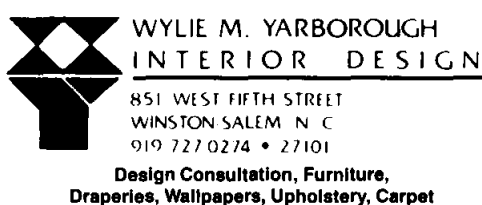
Julie Joiner is available for babysitting in the months of June and September - the rest of the year. Charge is about \$2.00 per hour. Call 725-3014 after 4:00.

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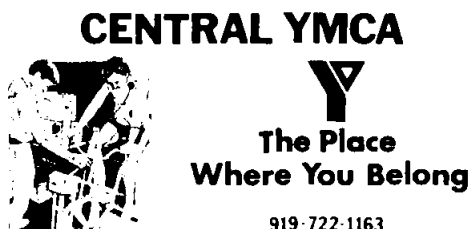
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