



By and for the  
West End Neighborhood

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## WEST END CALENDAR

Tuesday, June 3, 8:00 p.m. - West End Association Board Meeting at Sue & Tom Davis's, 804 West End Boulevard

Wednesday, June 4 - Closing date for items for The West Ender to Joyce Gravlee, 1205 Clover Street. Also closing date for kids' ads to Alice Gibson, 1315 Brookstown Avenue.

Tuesday, June 10, 6:00 p.m. - Concert at Grace Court

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## THANKS FOR THE CLEANUP, GUYS!

The West End cleanup weekend was a most welcome event for those of us who seized the opportunity to line the streets with our unwanted debris. It was a pleasant relief on Monday morning to see the Sanitation Department workers hauling off all of those huge items that normally would have required individual trips to the landfill.

The City workers actually enjoyed their collection task. It was "not your average trash" according to one of the gentlemen who manned the trucks. He and his co-workers were amused by the variety. "Where have you all been keeping all of this?" The Sanitation workers were delighted by the usable discards they uncovered too. A used motorcycle was a prized scavenged item found by one team.

The piles were truly impressive. One collection site on West End Boulevard seemed to include an entire home's contents from refrigerator and stove to bedroom furniture and sofas.

Much of our trash never made it to the landfill. Our cleanup weekend coincided with the Junior League's Rummage Sale, and apparently skillful shoppers hunted for bargains on the curbs of the West End on their way to the Coliseum. It's amazing what people can find they need if the price is right.

Many thanks to Bob Hunter for coordinating the event. The Sanitation Department workers deserve special thanks. Give your route men a glass of iced tea next time you see them sweating as they push your trash up your driveway. The Recreation Department deserves our appreciation too for providing bags to cleanup the park. And...WSJS was kind enough to plug our efforts and to remind their listeners to help keep Hanes Park clean this summer.

Ben Wilson's Boy Scout Troop 749 from Ardmore Methodist deserve honorary membership in the West End Association. They spent about three hours cleaning the Hanes Park creek of everything from candy wrappers to a grocery cart. Let's remember them next December when they're selling barbecue supper tickets. They were joined in their muddy task by some Reynolds High students, too.

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## EMERGENCY, EMERGENCY!!!

Our new trees need water! Please help them out by watering them.

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Youth Opportunity Homes, Inc., a private non-profit agency which owns three homes in this area, is attempting to secure funding for repairs of the homes. The West End Association maybe asked to help in this effort. Further information will be forthcoming or you could call Youth Opportunity Homes, Inc. director, Donna Cook at 724-1412.

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### THE CONCERTS ARE BACK

On June 10 at 6:30, Grace Court will be the site of a free concert by the B. R. Boys from Greensboro. They play various instruments and several types of music - from country to folk and popular songs. Bring a chair, bring a friend, bring a picnic basket.

### AN HISTORIC FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT FOR THE WEST END

Contradiction of terms? Not really. The architectural survey for the National Register of Historic Places proceeds on schedule thanks to the perseverance of Laura Phillips and Gwynne Taylor. The proposed West End/Crystal Towers Historic District will likely encompass the largest number of individual properties ever listed in a North Carolina historic district. The nomination should be submitted to Raleigh sometime this summer, meaning we may receive National Register status before our fifth semi-annual Holiday Tour of Homes. Wouldn't that be nice?

What does it all mean? To refresh your memory, National Register listing primarily confers recognition upon the neighborhood. Other benefits include some protection from state and federally funded projects which might affect the integrity of the district as well as tax incentives for major restorations of architecturally contributing properties. The bad news (for some) is that these "tax break" properties can not be an owner-occupied single family house. Why not, you ask? That wisdom eludes the writer.

Although listing in the National Register has NO EFFECT on exterior architectural design of newly built or restored structures, it's no secret that we're looking into establishing some architectural design guidelines custom designed for the West End. Such guidelines could become binding only through a City ordinance designating a local historic or architectural appearance district. More on this later.

### RENT-A-KID

We're starting a new service this month to help young West Enders earn some spending money and to help the rest of us get done some of those odd jobs this summer. The West Ender will carry classified ads free for young association members, ages 10 to 16, who want summer jobs. Do you babysit, feed pets, mow lawns, wash windows, clean basements? Do you have a talent you'd like to sell? Send a classified ad for your skill explaining what you can do and for how much. You might include restrictions on what hours you can work and in what part of the neighborhood. Have a parent sign the ad to indicate his or her approval and send it to Alice Gibson at 1315 Brookstown by June 4. She and Megan Von Isenburg will edit this special section this summer.

Look for this neighbor-helping-neighbor information and get some of those small tasks out of the way.

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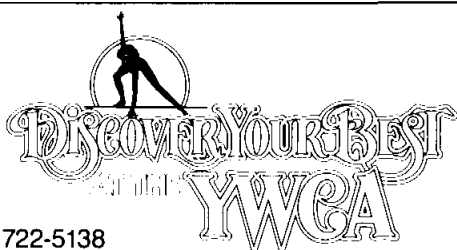
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## THE BOARD TACKLES VARIOUS PROBLEMS TO IMPROVE LIFE IN THE WEST END

The Board met at the Hunters' on May 6.

Chris Chapman reported that he's been in contact with the Parks and Recreation Department regarding the replacement of the lights at the Hanes Park entrance. These currently are broken and unattractive and extra light would increase area security there at night. He also will ask about the possibility of replacing the traffic islands at 5th and Glade and the one at Clover and Glade with island planters. These would be more attractive and might cut down on the semi-tractor-trailer trucks turning around at these intersections. We'll see what the City Traffic Engineering Department thinks about this idea.

The Board was please to hear that Petree, Stockton and Robinson has requested that its employees be careful on entering and exiting their parking lot into 4th Street. Visibility is limited and young children are often busy playing in the alley. A hearty "thank you" to our lawyer neighbors.

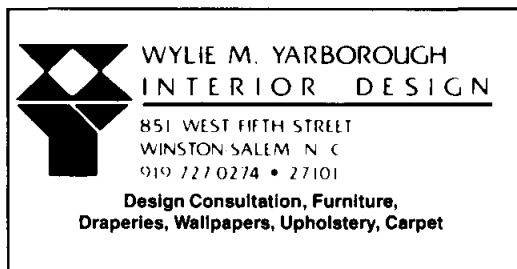
Carol Welles will speak to the police about monitoring speeding and parking on 4th Street. Chris will speak to the bus company about their vehicles speeding and failing to yield in the neighborhood.

The Board spoke approvingly about attractive renovation of the 5 West Building into 15 condominium units, several of which have already been sold.

The Board expressed the need to have an outstanding house tour this December to increase awareness in the community of why we all are trying so hard to have our area preserved. Barbara Callahan and Joyce Gravlee need suggestions of houses to feature on the tour. Volunteers are welcome. Let them know of any really special houses in the West End that you have visited.

## OUR VICE PRESIDENT WINS A PRIMARY ELECTION

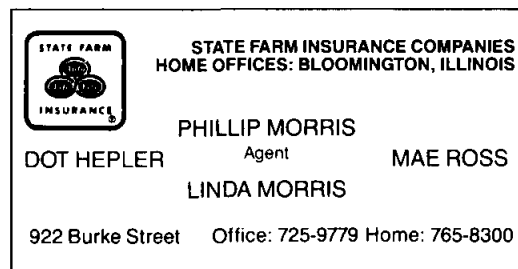
Warren Sparrow, West End Association's Vice President, won his hard fought Democratic primary election for District Attorney. A tired but happy Warren sends his thanks to his supporters in the neighborhood.



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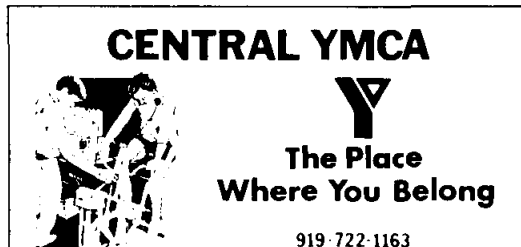
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## WACHOVIA MAKES A DONATION TO THE GRACE COURT PARK FUND

Dalton Ruffin of Wachovia Bank called Chris Chapman recently and announced a special gift to the West End and to the people of Winston-Salem. Wachovia will make a \$1,000.00 donation to the Grace Court Park Fund to help make repairs and fund replacement items. This generous gift will be presented to a representative of the West End Association at the dedication of Wachovia's West End Operations Center on May 18th. Many thanks to Dalton Ruffin and Wachovia Bank.

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