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# The West End

By and for the  
West End Neighborhood

July, 1987

## GRACE COURT FESTIVITIES

August is going to be a great month to be at home in the West End. On Thursday evening, August 13th, at 6:30 p.m. bring a picnic to Grace Court and enjoy the outdoor music. The Grand Slam, a barber shop quartet from this area, will provide the entertainment beginning at 7:00 p.m. Bring your own beverages, etc. with you as music only is provided for this one. And, please bring your neighbors to it also so we can all enjoy their company as well.

Then on Monday, August 31st, the EVENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM, sponsored by the Arts Council, will be bringing us the jazz group WE THREE KINGS. This will also be our annual end of the summer Pot Luck. Bring your pots to Grace Court by 6:30. Grab a blanket and settle in for some good traditional jazz. Music will begin at 7:00 p.m. Invite your in-laws and especially your West End neighbors who may not be receiving this newsletter. Bring plenty of food and camaraderie. We'll furnish plates, utensils, and drinks.

## BARBARA SMITHERMAN

Barbara Smitherman, who lived most of her life in the West End and was one of a small group of pioneers who began the neighborhood's revival in the early 1970s, died July 20th after a three year battle with cancer. She and her husband, Pete, restored buildings and found new owners to ensure the survival of many other old homes and businesses. She fought successfully to keep a "ninth street expressway" from being routed through Hanes Park.

Barbara most recently led the efforts to restore Grace Court. She raised money and came up with the ideas for the gazebo, the wall and the Victorian lamp posts. The parks in the neighborhood are indelibly and eloquently stamped with her energy and idealism.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

There are two membership blanks on the last page of this newsletter. If all of your friends and neighbors do not belong to the West End Association, please encourage them to join by showing them this newsletter and giving them one of the blanks to send in to the West End Association together with their membership dues. It is the best bargain in town. Also, in this newsletter, is a complete list of the members of the West End Association Board of Directors together with a schedule of meetings. Anyone in the neighborhood is welcome to any of these meetings.

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## MINUTES OF WEST END BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., July 7, 1987, at the home of Carole Wells and Bill Sugg. The minutes of the June Meeting were approved as they appeared in the newsletter.

### I. West End Preservation District Update.

Glenn Gravlee and his committee have completed a draft of design guidelines to be forwarded to the city for consideration. This draft represents the neighborhood input to the process. The community will have further opportunity to comment during various committee meetings conducted by the city. In looking at the districts designated throughout the state, the West End/Crystal Towers designation is the best example of turn-of-the-century architecture, yet is least protected at this point.

The board also discussed that it is expected that additional appointments will be made to the Historic District Commission.

### II. July 4th

The social committee (Carole Wells and Bill Sugg) reported on the very successful 4th of July Grace Court parade and pot luck. Further events will be announced for August and September.

Sue Davis and Lea Loftis agreed to assume the responsibility for the mailing of the newsletter (a perennially frustrating task, so please bear with the new shift!).

### III. Trash Day

Another West End tradition, the trash pick-up, brought forth great collections of rubbish. The city did a commendable job in its pick-up. Thanks to the von Isenburgs for organizing the event.

### IV. Zoning Board of Adjustment.

August 6th will be the next meeting of the zoning board of adjustment. Agenda items will include the Wayne Thomas house on Glade Street. Mr. Thomas' intention is to convert this 1000-square foot home into 6 efficiency apartments. The West End Board hopes to reach a compromise with Mr. Thomas.

### V. City Buses

Several neighbors have expressed concern over the speed of city buses on our crowded residential streets. West Enders are encouraged to communicate with the General Manager of the Transit Authority and/or the City Attorney if you wish to comment. The time of day and number of the bus would be helpful. The addresses are as follows:

Jim Ritchey  
Transit Authority  
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Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102

Ronald G. Seeber  
City Attorney  
P.O. Box 2511  
Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102


In additional business, the need for a membership drive was mentioned (see separate article on page 1 of this newsletter). If you have names to be added to our mailing list, please call Lea Loftis or Sue Davis. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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Forsyth Court Volunteers has written the West End Association as part of its effort to recruit adult volunteers willing to work one-on-one with troubled youngsters who come into contact with our juvenile court system. This organization is a non-profit organization which began in November of 1974 and is directed by a volunteer board consisting of businessmen, judges, lawyers and other concerned citizens. Its primary purpose is to supply the court and the community with alternative sentencing options for both juvenile and adult offenders. Its office is located at 113 Fayette Street and telephone number is 724-9923. If interested in volunteering or finding out more about the program, please call.

**WEST ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The following are the officers of the West End Association Board of Directors:

- President: Chris Chapman
- Vice President: Sue Davis
- Secretary: Lea Loftis
- Treasurer: Becky Sparrow

The following are the other members of the Board of Directors:


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| <p><u>Terms Ending 2/88</u><br/>Valerie and Carl von Isenburg<br/>Carole Wells and Bill Sugg<br/>Julia and Ben Wilson<br/>Wylie Yarborough<br/>Bob Hunter<br/>Suzanne Reynolds and Hoppy Elliot</p> | <p><u>Terms Ending 2/89</u><br/>Mike and Merlyn Bost<br/>David Christenbury<br/>Jim Fox<br/>Anne Johnston<br/>Martin Sokoloff<br/>Nina Weigl</p> |
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The schedule of meetings for the West End Association Board of Directors is as follows:


- Aug. 4 - Lea and Randy Loftis, 621 Jersey Avenue
  - Sept. 1 - The restored Hanes House, Glade Street
  - Oct. 6 - Chris Chapman and Mary Beth Blackwell-Chapman, 520 Jersey Avenue
  - Nov. 3 - Bill and Dottie Wise, 1113 West Fourth Street
  - Dec. 1 - Hoppy Elliot and Suzanne Reynolds, 516 West End Boulevard
  - Jan. 5 - Ben and Julia Wilson, 817 West End Boulevard
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