

The West End

By and for the
West End Neighborhood

June 1987

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

KIDS, start decorating those bikes, trikes, Hot Wheels, roller skates - or whatever you're driving these days - for a July 4th celebration. Be in Grace Court at 10:30 a.m. for the judging of the best or most unusually decorated vehicles. Kids' parade will start at the gazebo and go down 4th Street which will be blocked off. The Midnight Blue Grass Boys will be playing for us on the Sparrows' front porch (1117 W. 4th St.). ADULTS, bring your pot luck lunch contributions to the Wisers' porch (1113 W. 4th St.) by 11:30 a.m. Beverages will be provided.

COMING IN AUGUST

Check in next month's newsletter for the dates and times of Music & Potluck at Grace Court. The first is tentatively set for August 4th and the second is tentatively set for August 31st.

GREYSTONES' ZONING APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

Before the City Zoning Board of Adjustment this month was a request by Greystones (1000 Brookstown Ave.) for a parking waiver for a beer and pool parlor, which was to take over the shop's location at the corner of Brookstown Avenue and Burke Street. Greystones itself is moving downtown.

This case drew local business and West End residents together in an alliance which convinced the applicant to withdraw the request just before its review by the zoning board. The neighborhood's concerns focused on the limited parking in the Burke/Brookstown intersection area and the fact that Greystones has no off-street parking or loading area. Many businesses have purchased land or leased space for off-street parking even if they were not legally obligated to, but most have not, and pressure on curbside parking remains very high. Seven businesses in this immediate area have been there more than 25 years and more than 150 people work in this series of buildings. (More than 300 employees report to businesses in the area but many are simply dispatched and paid from them.)

Bill Wise, who took part in the deliberations, reported that the neighborhood-business alliance was very effective -- and gratifying.

ENRICHMENT VIA THE ARTS

This is a program for children 1 1/2 to 6 at the Creative Learning Center for Very Young Children. 3 sessions: June 29 - July 3; July 6-10; and July 13-17 from 9 a.m. till noon. Age-appropriate activities using the theme "Celebration Of/ In/ With Water." Visual arts, creative movement, a field trip to NCSA. Cost: \$45 per session plus \$15 registration. Call 784-0064.

ADS FOR SUMMER WORK ACCEPTED

Any teens or others out in the neighborhood who want work or odd jobs, please write down the type of work you are willing to do (lawn mowing, baby-sitting, etc.) and your telephone number and we will run it in this newsletter. Teenagers will have to have their parents' permission in order to advertise, so please have them also sign the suggested ad; send it to us at Box 161, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102.

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MINUTES OF WEST END BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., June 2, 1987, at the home of Sarah and Bob Hunter, by Chris Chapman, President.

I. Break-Ins--Officer Jim Berry from the Winston-Salem Police Department was present in response to concerns over the rash of break-ins in our neighborhood. The major points covered were those of awareness -the need to report strange or unusual activity, take notice of neighbors' property, avoid leaving signs of absence, and to lock all doors and windows.

The issue of Neighborhood Watch was discussed; in the past, efforts to formally organize one died for lack of support from individuals. Officer Berry suggested that the West End take advantage of the large signs provided by the city to post the area as a Neighborhood Watch Community. This has already been done south of First Street but has not been done north of First Street. Anyone interested in pursuing the program is encouraged to call Bill Wise at 716-0906 (also see separate article on this subject by Bill Wise in this newsletter).

II. Local Historic District There were approximately 120 people present for the official presentation of the National Register Certificate on May 13th. Mayor Corpening has the certificate displayed in his office. The event was the city's recognition of the designation, and it was agreed that the West End and Crystal Towers neighborhoods will celebrate in the fall with a big party. (See item III below.) Representatives from the Planning Board and the Historic District Commission had a positive meeting with residents from the West End and Crystal Towers neighborhoods. The commission will be enlarged by two members to represent the new historic district which encompasses our two neighborhoods. Chris Chapman has written a letter to the chairman of the Planning Board. The development of guidelines for the district is a prime function of the committee. Glenn Gravlee, chairman of the West End committee, is expected to have a report for us by the end of July on these proposed guidelines.

III. More on Celebrations & Parties An ad hoc planning committee has met twice to discuss organizing a celebration of the West End/Crystal Towers nomination to the Historic Registry. So many enticing ideas emerged that the committee formulated a basic concept which will allow for a great variety of events.

The historic celebration concept is to schedule a year's worth of events culminating in an outdoor festival in Grace Court in the summer of 1988. Regularly scheduled events, such as the summer concerts in the park will be considered part of the yearly schedule in order to reduce the number of volunteer hours involved. Some of the possible events include a party for neighborhood residents, especially honoring old-time/returning West Enders to be held in September 1987 at the Women's Club, an exhibit at the library of the Frank Jones photography collection, an exhibit of antique cars, a picnic day with old-fashioned games, Christmas caroling in both neighborhoods, an exhibit in the library by West End/Crystal Towers visual artists and a West End Historic District T-shirt design contest.

The committee has begun to discuss tactics for promotion and publicity, and for organizing research and volunteers. It is suggested that a brochure be put into production as soon as possible, and that it include both West End and Crystal Towers. The group is continuing to collect ideas and suggestions for activities, and anyone who is interested should call Sam Sanger to share ideas or offer help.

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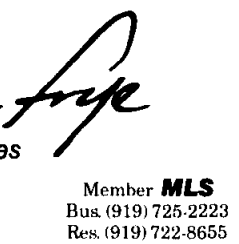
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IV. Remaining Business Board members were urged to attend a zoning board meeting on June 4 to oppose proposed use of the Greystones shop building for a beer and pool parlor. Attendance at meetings is critical; numbers do impress. (See Page 1 of this newsletter for an article on the outcome of this case.)

Wachovia's West End Center Notes contained a notice urging employees to be aware of increased pedestrian traffic, especially children, now that school is out. A similar request is forwarded to Petree, Stockton & Robinson to be aware and safe while driving.

The board expressed its thanks to Petree, Stockton & Robinson for the significant improvement in their parking situation.

No further business was discussed; meeting adjourned at 9:30 (a record for brevity!).

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

One of the discussions at the June meeting of the West End Board involved the problem of keeping the community well informed on a timely basis. The newsletter is monthly - too slow. We have tried block captains and found that the system degenerates quickly; "calling trees" are fine for special events but inconvenient for less sporadic events. HELP! We need your ideas. Call me (or my answering machine) at 761-0906 if you can think of a functional back fence gossip system. One idea that might work is to have two answering machines: one to receive your information and one to deliver the news to callers of the West End number. There are some problems with this, though. Start-up costs would be \$250.00 and \$300.00 respectively plus the machines would require daily attention. We probably could learn to use only one machine, but this would still require daily attention and a \$300.00 cost.


On the break-in front: Another has taken place, this one on Spring Street. The residents were sleeping upstairs, were not awakened, and had groceries, money and cameras taken. Stereo equipment had been disconnected and moved, ready for taking, but something spooked the thieves, who left with their haul in the residents' BMW (keys taken from the woman's purse). The car was found 10 days later as a result of a citizen's complaint that the car had her parking place. Police have no suspects and no leads. Entry was through a back door which could have been unlocked or, because the lock was an old one, could have been picked with a nail or other simple tool. This is straight out of the book on this thief or thieves; the message is plain: LOCK YOUR DOORS and fix your windows!! --BILL WISE

NOTICE *** NOTICE**

Mark and Gai Case (814 West End Boulevard) still need to rent their home while they are in Haiti--\$850.00 per month. Please call the Cases at 723-3000 with any inquiries or leads.

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PAINTERS RUGS AND DESIGN - Painters Furniture was on these pages for years and we now say welcome back to the new shop, located on West End Boulevard beside the yogurt shop across from Prince's pizza and Sea Products. If you like fine Oriental rugs and handsome English, French, Italian and Spanish furniture you must visit Jim Painter's latest treasure house. More than 700 fine rugs from Persia, the Middle East, India and China. The furniture inventory is must starting to arrive but it is easy to see from those pieces on the floor that the rugs are going to have royal company. Of course there is full decorator service and drapes made locally for service after the sale.

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