

The West End

By and for the
West End Neighborhood

September, 1987

GRACE COURT POT LUCK

We hope that this newsletter reaches you in time to again tell you of our annual pot luck scheduled for Monday, August 31st. If not, we hope you marked the date from last month's newsletter. This is part of the EVENINGS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM, sponsored by the Arts Council, which 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 neighbors and bring plenty of food and camaraderie. We'll furnish plates, utensils, and drinks. If it rains, the festivities will be held at the YWCA auditorium.

WEST END HISTORIC DISTRICT

On Monday, September 14th, there will be a West End Local Historic District information meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at the Public Library. LeAnn Pegram of the City-County Planning Board staff and perhaps other city officials will be present to provide information and answer any questions.

VEHICULAR USE LANDSCAPING ORDINANCE

The Landscape Subcommittee appointed by the City-County Planning Board has almost finished its work on the development of a vehicular use landscaping ordinance. Its final meeting has now been scheduled for Tuesday, September 29th, at 4:00 p.m. in the City-County Planning Board conference room on the basement level of City Hall. This subcommittee includes representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, the Retail Merchants Association, the Board of Realtors and other groups, including neighborhood organizations. The representative for the neighborhoods is Paul Shepard and the subcommittee also includes Sarah Hunter as vice-chairman and Lloyd Walter as chairman. The proposal that has been developed would require trees and shrubs between parking lots and public streets, as well as other landscaping, but it would only apply to new developments. There will be a vote taken on this proposal on September 29th, thereby leaving plenty of time for the subcommittee members to check with their various constituencies. Also on the 29th, any subcommittee member is free to submit a written statement explaining support or concern for the proposed landscaping ordinance. Copies of this newsletter are distributed not only to members of the West End Association but also to all other known neighborhood organizations. Please, please -- any person or neighborhood organization wishing more information on the proposal or wanting to express a concern -- call Paul Shepard (office # 727-1364). Information on the proposal can also be obtained from Dave Hill of the City-County Planning Board Staff at City Hall (727-2087).

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MINUTES OF WEST END BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., August 4, 1987, at the home of Randy and Lea Loftis. The minutes of the July meeting were approved as they appeared in the newsletter.

I. Barbara Smitherman

The Board unanimously agreed that a dedication of an appropriate tree and plaque will be made to the memory of Barbara Smitherman at Grace Court.

II. Wayne Thomas house on Glade Street

The attorney for Mr. Thomas has been contacted and the matter of the requested variance discussed. At this time this is not scheduled to appear further on the agenda of the zoning board.

III. District guidelines

The city will schedule a public meeting in September with neighborhood participation in publicizing the time to begin discussing the appearance guidelines. (See article on page 1 of newsletter). LeAnn Pegram of the City-County Planning Board staff and Beth Thomas are presently reviewing the report provided by the West End/Crystal Towers Historic District Committee in early July. Beth Thomas is the state liaison to Historic District committees. Notices of all meetings will be provided by the city and there will also be notices in the newsletter.

IV. WSTA

A letter has been sent to the city attorney regarding the speeding buses on 4th Street. A petition has been circulated and Jim Ritchie, Ronald Seeber and Martha Wood will receive copies. The board supported the petition.

V. YMCA Parking

A major area of concern to West Enders and others is the severe parking problem in the area around the YMCA. It was agreed by the board to seek a meeting with the YMCA board to keep apprised of possible solutions.

VI. The Coleman Building

The plans to convert the old pharmacy once located in the KFC building on West End Boulevard to a card shop have been suspended due to lack of parking spaces.

VII. Griffiths and Jordan Property

Due to a series of financial decisions, the work on this property has been slowed considerably. The city is aware that the owners have agreed to complete the landscaping and paving in a manner compatible with the area.

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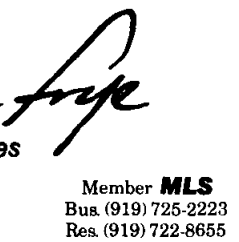
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VIII. Hanes Park and Grace Court

The work begun and inspired by Barbara Smitherman goes on in Hanes Park: entrance light repairs, bridge repair and the moving of the volleyball court to a safer location.

The fountains in Grace Court require major work. The sidewalk and gazebo are being repaired now.

IX. Neighborhood Break-Ins

Robberies continue to occur in our area, the board urges all neighbors to be alert to any suspicious activities and report them to the police. A neighborhood watch is an effective method of discouraging crime.

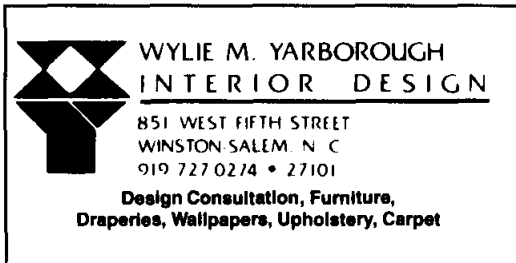
In other business, it was announced that the next board meeting will be at the Hanes House, now occupied by Petree, Stockton, and Robinson. Anyone interested in a tour may come at 7:30 on Tuesday, September 1st. The meeting itself will begin at 8:00. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Save your treasures for the yard sale coming up in October -- the proceeds will go to the YWCA for grounds improvements!

Welcome to Jim and Mindy Williams who are staying in Mark and Gai Case's house during the coming year.

Flash. Recently, there has been an attempted robbery on Summit Street and an actual robbery on the 600 block of Jersey. Beware of your porch furniture and other belongings.

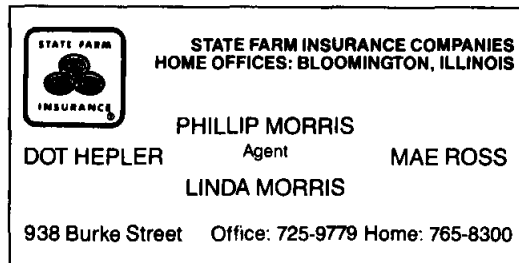
Teenagers in the neighborhood who wish to mow lawns, babysit or do odd jobs? Please feel free to submit a notice, with parental permission, and we would be happy to run it in the newsletter. The only one we have received recently is for Colin Shepard, who is available for mowing lawns or babysitting (call 722-8253 -- and if one of your editors answers the telephone, please do not accuse us of favoritism).



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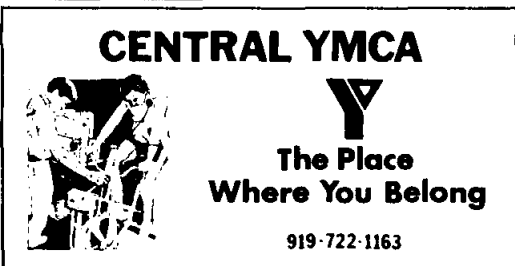


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