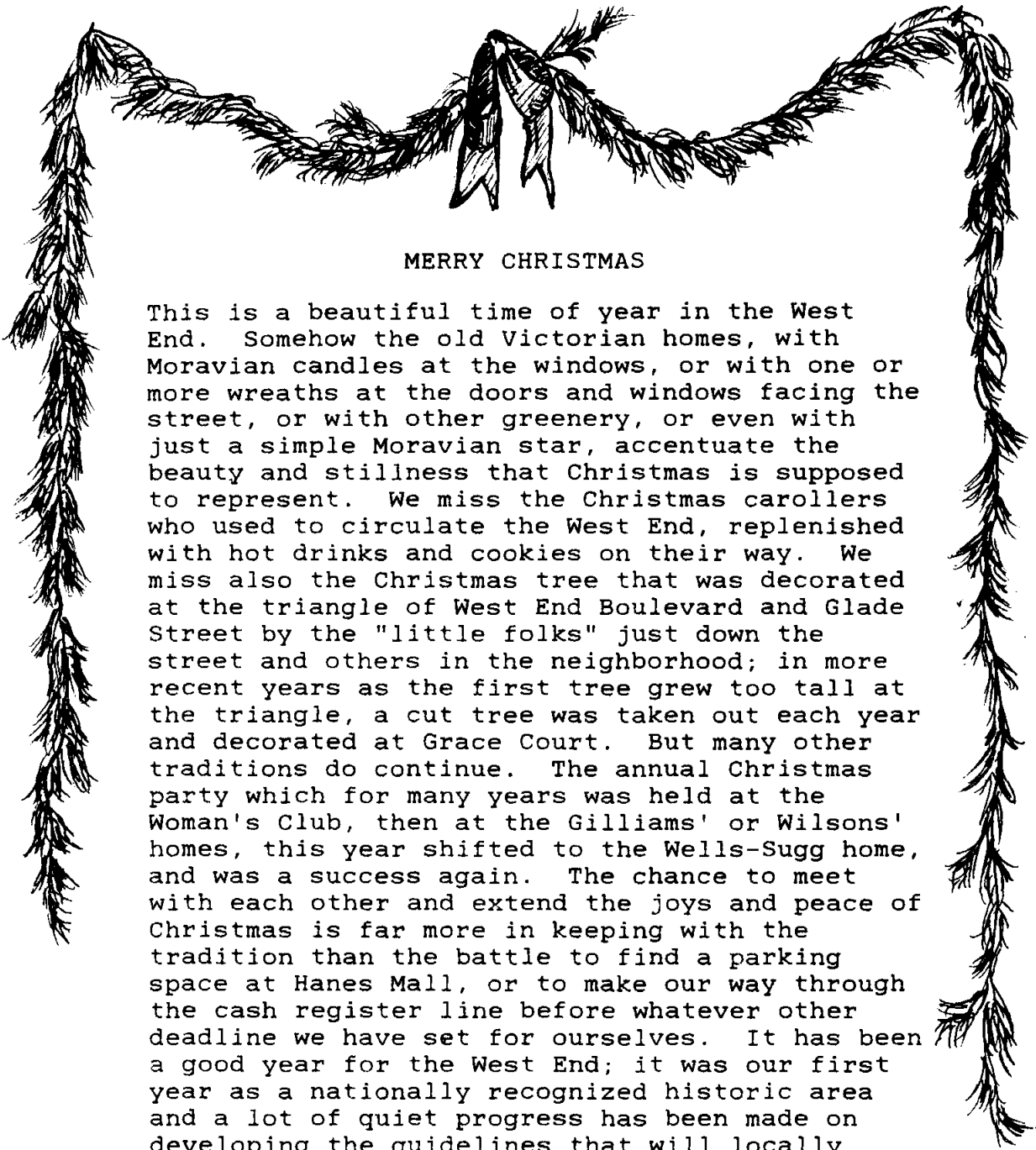


The West End

By and for the
West End Neighborhood

January 1988



MERRY CHRISTMAS

This is a beautiful time of year in the West End. Somehow the old Victorian homes, with Moravian candles at the windows, or with one or more wreaths at the doors and windows facing the street, or with other greenery, or even with just a simple Moravian star, accentuate the beauty and stillness that Christmas is supposed to represent. We miss the Christmas carollers who used to circulate the West End, replenished with hot drinks and cookies on their way. We miss also the Christmas tree that was decorated at the triangle of West End Boulevard and Glade Street by the "little folks" just down the street and others in the neighborhood; in more recent years as the first tree grew too tall at the triangle, a cut tree was taken out each year and decorated at Grace Court. But many other traditions do continue. The annual Christmas party which for many years was held at the Woman's Club, then at the Gilliams' or Wilsons' homes, this year shifted to the Wells-Sugg home, and was a success again. The chance to meet with each other and extend the joys and peace of Christmas is far more in keeping with the tradition than the battle to find a parking space at Hanes Mall, or to make our way through the cash register line before whatever other deadline we have set for ourselves. It has been a good year for the West End; it was our first year as a nationally recognized historic area and a lot of quiet progress has been made on developing the guidelines that will locally govern in accordance with our historic character. As usual, it was necessary to remain diligent on both zoning and safety issues. We remain in contact with city officials on these and other issues. But through it all let us remember those things which drew us to live in the West End to begin with, and let us use this Christmas season to nurture the joy and peace of that feeling in the coming year. Happy New Year.

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MINUTES OF WEST END BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. at the home of Suzanne Reynolds and Hoppy Elliot. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as they appeared in the newsletter.

I. Coleman/Pharmacy building--The board has continued to express its concern over the operation of the Arches gift shop, given the non-conforming parking situation. Neighborhood concern centers on increased traffic problems and the belief that the zoning ordinances should apply. The owner of the shop contends that the building is grandfathered, due to continuous operation of a business before zoning ordinances were adopted. West Enders may be asked to sign an affidavit recollecting the usages of the building as a KFC warehouse. The city attorney is reviewing the case (see separate article in this newsletter).

II. Planning board agenda--The discussion on combination of lots will be on the January agenda. Modifications are expected (see separate article in this newsletter).

III. Presentation to Leadership Winston-Salem--Our president Chris Chapman made a presentation to Leadership Winston-Salem, providing an opportunity to further educate a diverse audience as to the historic designation of the West End. Board discussion generated a suggestion that a brochure be developed to use as an educational tool for the association.

IV. Horse Patrol--A training team has been sent to Charleston, S.C., in further development of a horse patrol. The neighborhood endorses the concept particularly as an additional deterrent to the robberies we experience. A plan for the litter surely will be included!

V. Summit Street letter--Martin Sokoloff has drafted a letter to Martha Wood and Brent McKinney outlining the concern for safety in the Summit Street area. More to follow on this issue.

VI. Membership--In order to facilitate our membership records and bookkeeping, our dues will come due in January - and our membership drive will be January thru March. More details will be provided, but please be thinking about residents who might join our organization.

VII. Duke Power--West Enders should be advised that they have the authority to discuss and supervise the "trimming," etc. that Duke Power has been conducting. Major damage has been done by indiscreet cutting and many are very concerned about the consequences. The trees are very much a part of our historic area and deserve to be protected.

VIII. WSTA--Jim Ritchey has sent a copy of the letter from the association to WSTA employees for their information. The bus route down 4th Street will be changed but the timetable is not complete. We may expect this the first part of the new year. Perseverance does pay.

IX. Board Election--Our elections are coming up in February and the nominating committee is as follows:

Mike and Merlyn Bost
David Christenbury
Jim Fox

Anne Johnston
Martin Sokoloff
Nina Weigl

The full slate of officers and 6 of the 12 board members are up for election. All input and nominations are welcome. Please contact Anne Johnston (W) 722-2777 (H) 725-3711 with your suggestions but please discuss it with your candidates beforehand.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56. Our next meeting will be at Ben and Julia Wilson's home, January 5, 1988.

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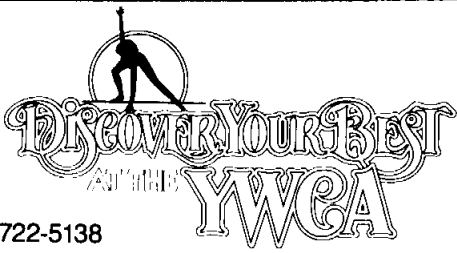
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ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS

Action on the "combination of lots" amendment was put off another month until the January Planning Board meeting in order that representatives of the City-County Planning Board staff and the Inspections Division staff could meet with Bill Wise and Paul Shepard of the West End Association. The meeting took place on December 9th, and after an hour and a half review of the existing problems created from the ordinance as it is now written, an agreement was reached to exclude industrial and business B-3 zoned property from the operation of the ordinance so long as the land involved does not adjoin any residentially zoned property. What this means is that it will not be necessary for businesses that do not adjoin residential property to apply for a waiver as to dimensional requirements unless it is an expansion or addition that would need the waiver as to setback or similar requirements.

The new landscaping ordinance, requiring landscaping for new parking lots, will be coming before the Board of Aldermen some time after the first of the year, and we are continuing to follow this measure closely as it should improve the appearance of all areas of the city.

ARCHES GIFT SHOP

Controversy still surrounds the opening of the Arches gift shop which took place this past October. There is no question but that the parking provided is not in accordance with the requirements of the zoning ordinance and the issue is whether this nonconformity is grandfathered by the previous use of the property as a warehouse. City representatives have pointed out that since there has been a change in use, the parking requirements must be strictly followed unless a waiver of parking spaces is applied for and approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. As of the date this newsletter is being prepared, no waiver has been applied for and the property owners have apparently taken the position that they will not discontinue the use, provide additional parking (if this were possible) or apply for a waiver of parking spaces. City officials have advised that they will go to court to enforce the zoning ordinance, if necessary, and the matter is now in the city attorney's hands.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Remember, 1988 membership fees are due in January of 1988, so while you are thinking about it, please clip off the coupon on the last page of this newsletter and send it on in. You might also show this newsletter to a friend or neighbor who has not yet joined, and let him or her know that this is a good time to join. At \$10.00 per family (\$5.00 senior citizen or full time student), there isn't a better bargain in town.



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Slate of Candidates
Proposed for Election To
The West End Board of Directors

The West End Nominating Committee, led by Anne Johnston, has proposed the following people for our consideration as officers and other members of the Board of Directors of the West End Association:

Officers (1 Year Terms):

President - Martin Sokoloff
Vice President - Bill Sugg
Secretary - Lea Loftis
Treasurer - Becky Sparrow

Other Board Members (2 Year Terms; in alphabetical order):

Bud Beattie - Bud and his wife, Barbara, live on Jersey Avenue and both have been enthusiastic supporters of the West End Association. Duke Power's tree "surgery" is a major concern for Bud.

Jay and Janine Cutchin - Jay and Janine live on West End Boulevard and have expressed their concern over zoning to protect our neighborhood. They are interested in historic preservation and the design criteria for the historic district.

Patsy Law - Patsy lives on Manly Street and has been a resident of the West End since she was 10 years old, giving her a great appreciation for all the changes that have occurred.

Warren Sparrow - formerly lead singer for the group "Purple Onion," Warren has found time to devote to the association in addition to his role as District Attorney.

Carrie Sutton - Carrie is a 12-year resident of the West End and is interested in neighbors knowing each other better, adding to the West End's reputation as a warm and growing section of the city.

Susan Walters - Susan lives on Summit Street with her husband and 3 small children. The traffic problem is an immediate concern, and she has already volunteered to work on the House Tour this year.

Dottie Wise - A resident of the West End since 1978, Dottie has been involved in every facet of the neighborhood, donating many hours to the success of the association.

In addition, Grace Humphreys is willing for her name to be entered as an alternate (i.e. to fill in a board slot in the event a member moves away or for some other reason cannot serve). Grace is an artist and teacher at Summit School and Salem Academy; she has lived in the neighborhood for over 8 years.

THE WESTENDER (JANUARY INSERT)

The annual election of officers and other board members will take place at 8:00 p.m. on February 2nd in St. Paul's Church on Summit Street. Rather than risk trying to include this information in our next newsletter (and have it arrive a day or more after the meeting), we have delayed the mailing of this January newsletter in order to include this insert. The minutes appearing below were those of the January Board meeting (the ones appearing elsewhere in this newsletter were those of the December Board meeting). On the reverse side of this insert, you will find the names proposed by the nominating committee for election as officers and other board members. Nominations can also come from the floor and we also hope to have an update on the West End historic district by that time, so please come to the annual meeting!

Minutes of West End Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. at the home of Ben and Julia Wilson. The minutes of the December meeting were read as they appeared in this newsletter and approved.

I. The Arches--The city will challenge through legal proceedings the present operation. The West End Association supports the application of the zoning ordinance to this case. Look for this item to continue on our agenda.

II. Zevely House/Shobers--The Zevely House is for sale. (Shobers has already been sold and is now under new management). Pete Smitherman has indicated that it will not necessarily continue as a restaurant. The board expressed a wish that it continue as such, however.

III. Summit Street Traffic--Chris Chapman read the letter from the association to Alderman Martha Wood and Traffic Engineer Brent Mckinney regarding our concern over traffic on Summit Street; it was felt a one-way would control a great deal of the problem. Chris reported that enforcement of the speed limit would be the city's first response.

IV. The Christmas Party--A great time was had by all attending. Appreciation was expressed for the hospitality offered by Carole Wells and Bill Sugg, and all the members who contributed the goodies. The food was wonderful and so are the containers, platters and assorted other serving pieces which were left behind. (Owners are encouraged to reclaim their belongings).

V. Neighborhood Watch--Unfortunately, the neighborhood continues to experience problems with crime. In addition to continuing to be each other's eyes and ears in the neighborhood, the board discussed forming a "special request" group - volunteers who could install locks, etc. More discussion to follow.

VI. The Annual Election--is set for February 2nd at 8:00 in St. Paul's. All West Enders are encouraged to attend. The nominating committee, headed by Anne Johnston, presented a slate of proposed officers and board members for our consideration. (See reverse side of this insert for names of nominees).

VII. General Comments--Those attending the meeting expressed their appreciation to Chris Chapman for the fine and dedicated service he has given to the association as its president for the last 2 years. Appreciation was also expressed to the editors and other contributors to the monthly newsletter.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 (a record).