

The West End

By and for the
West End Neighborhood

April 1988

TERRELL YOUNG

Lucy Terrell Young, 98, the matriarch of the West End, died at Granville County Hospital in Oxford last month (March 19, 1988). Terrell was born September 21, 1890 on Cherry Street, but when she was 2 her family moved to a large Victorian home in the West End just 2 blocks away from R.J. Reynolds' new home at the corner of West Fifth and Poplar. She lived in the same house for over 90 years, until 1985 when she moved to stay with her family outside Forsyth County. She was one of the few people who could remember R.J. Reynolds, who died nearly 70 years ago; her father, John Graham Young, was a close friend of his. She was also the unofficial historian of the West End and those who knew her will never forget her stories of the neighborhood and its residents ever since the burning of the Zinzendorf Hotel back on Thanksgiving Day of 1892. She will be missed.

WEST END BIKE RACE

The annual bicycle race will be held around Hanes Park on Saturday, May 7. Racing will take place throughout the day, with the longest race starting approximately 1 p.m. This race will feature riders from around the country and abroad.

West End residents have traditionally provided accommodations to out-of-town riders, and have enjoyed meeting these fine athletes and learning more about this beautiful sport.

If you would like to have a racer guest (or more than one) call Thorns Craven, 725-9832, or send him a post card at 1232 Glade St., W-S 27101.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Want to help keep Grace Court Park clean and green? JoAnna Hudson (725-5391) is looking for members with green thumbs to help with Grace Court plantings and maintenance. It shouldn't require more than a few hours in the spring and fall.

The association is known for its social events. If you'd like to help plan and implement the summer get-togethers in Grace Court and other parties call Carole Wells (722-4932).

WEST END MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

By the time you receive this newsletter, you should have found a flyer on your porch promoting membership in our association. Please join today - it may be the best \$10.00 you'll spend this year. We will bring you news of your neighborhood, and inform you of our projects, parties and political triumphs. And, current members, remember that your dues should have been paid by last month, so if you have not yet renewed, now is the time to do so.

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MINUTES OF WEST END BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 on April 5th by Martin Sokoloff, President, at the home of Jim and Debbie Fox. The minutes were approved as they appeared in the March newsletter.

I. CHRISTMAS TOUR - David Christenbury has graciously and enthusiastically agreed to serve as co-chair of the committee. Possible candidates were discussed and will be contacted before our next meeting. We do have several houses already committed so it looks like another successful tour is under way.

II. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE - This time our latest reported crime was a group of teens stealing a bike from a 10 year old boy. This was not off the porch; they confronted the child and took off with the bike. This occurred at Sunset and First Street. Also Brookstown Avenue has had problems with car break-ins.

Panhandlers and con artists are also a constant annoyance. All residents should continue to be alert. It was noted that the police have available an etcher so that identifying marks can be made on property.

III. TREE ORDINANCE - A copy of the Durham ordinance was available to those present. This ordinance basically does the following:

1. Establishes procedures for trees on public property;
2. Addresses those considered public nuisances;
3. Encourages tree planting

After some discussion, it was agreed that a sub-committee, (Martin, Jim Fox and Barbara Lister-Sink) would talk to Mr. Lee Preston at Duke Power to further discuss our immediate concerns. In addition we would like to investigate underground power service, and education of Duke Power in proper pruning procedures. It was slated that we as an association want to pursue an ordinance and would like the co-operation of other neighborhood groups and associations. If you have any photos that you feel would be helpful in this situation, please let us use them.

IV. HISTORIC DISTRICT - Chris Chapman, Paul Shepard and others have been meeting with LeAnn Pegram of the planning staff as to the design guidelines for the historic district. (See separate article in newsletter).

V. TREASURERS' REPORT - Our association has several accounts: Historic District - \$2,972, Checking Account - \$1,200, Savings - \$1,286, Barbara Smitherman Fund - \$2,117. Discussion followed concerning whether we would like to investigate signs identifying historic properties, entrance-to-neighborhood signs and several other ideas.

VI. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - The membership drive is under way - - -Read your packet of information and please, please pay your dues!

VII. THE ARCHES - A zoning board of adjustment meeting is set for April 7th at 3:00 p.m. as to the Arches appeal of the notice of zoning violation. (See separate article in newsletter).

VIII. GRACE COURT MEMORIAL - As was previously reported, a tree and a plaque will be placed in Grace Court Park in memory of Barbara Smitherman. JoAnna Hudson is heading the park committee and will be keeping the calendar for events. Bill Sugg, Martin Sokoloff and JoAnna Hudson will meet with city officials to delineate the responsibility for upkeep of the park.

IX. MAILING LISTS - From time to time, the association has a request to use our mailing list for retail or sales purposes - - -a request was received recently and brought to the attention of the Board. A vote was taken after full discussion and the request was denied. It was agreed that this would be general policy.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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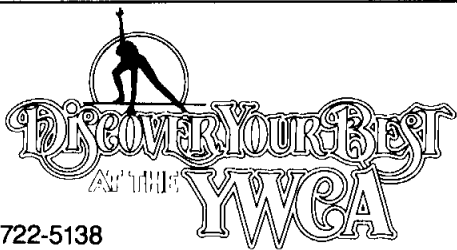


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WEST END HISTORIC DISTRICT

The Historic District committee met with planning staff member LeAnn Pegram on March 30th and April 13th and a first draft of the proposed guidelines (nearly 50 pages) will be available for review by the West End Board of Directors at its May meeting. The draft is comprehensive in its coverage, including sections on existing buildings, roofs, fenestration (windows and doors), porches and decks, landscaping, walls and fences, driveways and parking lots, lighting and signs, relocation and demolition of buildings, and construction of new buildings. Routine maintenance would not require approval, minor work would require staff approval only, and major work proposals would come before the Historic District Commission for its approval. The basic idea is to preserve the historic character of our neighborhood. If interested, please call Chris Chapman or Paul Shepard, or attend the next Board meeting. The next committee meeting will be on May 5th at 5:30 p.m. in the Planning Board room in the basement of City Hall.

**INTENSIFICATION OF USES ORDINANCE
IS THE ARCHES APPEAL REALLY NECESSARY?**

Perhaps you noticed the recent (April 3rd) headline in the Winston-Salem Journal which read "Ordinance Threatens Older Buildings," and "Business Owners Say They're Afraid They'll Have To Tear Property Down." The front page picture is of the old Summit Street Pharmacy across from Hanes Park, in which the Arches gift shop is now operated. In the Arches case, there was a change in use and this meant that either the parking and setback requirements had to be met or an application for a variance submitted to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Had such a request been made, a reasonable variance would have in all likelihood been granted with little fanfare. The Arches chose not to apply for a variance, however, and contended that the zoning ordinance did not apply to it since there was a pre-existing business use of the property. The Inspections Division quite properly issued a Notice of Violation to the Arches, but instead of applying for a variance the Arches appealed the Notice of Violation up to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. This matter was for hearing on April 7th, but then was continued until May 5th to await City-County Planning Board action on the Intensification of Uses Ordinance amendment.

Paul Shepard and Bill Wise met with planning staff on the Intensification of Uses amendment on March 24th and reiterated the neighborhood's position that when intensification of uses or combination of lots are proposed as to residential property or to business property bordering residential property, there should be a hearing before the Zoning Board of Adjustment if any variances are necessary. The staff is now recommending our position and when the matter went before the Planning Board on April 14th, the staff recommendation was approved by the Planning Board and the amendment now goes before the Board of Aldermen.



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