

The West End

By and for the
West End Neighborhood

July 1988

WEST END SUMMER

The summer is winding up!

Soon--too soon for the kids, not soon enough for the parents--school will start and life will return to a different kind of normality.

Your association has two big events to help the summer come to a wonderful conclusion.

Make sure your calendar is marked for the following:

PICNIC ON THE 17th

Urban Arts is sponsoring the music for this Evening in the Neighborhood program.

The music will be by "Summer Wages", a popular bluegrass group.

Bring your picnic to Grace Court around 6:30. Music will start at 7:00 p.m.

N.B. This picnic will be on WEDNESDAY!

POT LUCK ON THE 28TH

Dixieland music will highlight the big POT LUCK end-of-summer celebration.

Playing will be "Pardon Me Boys". Art Wise--son of the West End sage, Bill Wise--is one of the members of this exciting group from Guilford County.

Bring your pot luck contribution to Grace Court at 6:00 p.m. Paper plates, plastic "silverwear", soft drinks and napkins will be provided.

Be creative with your covered dish. Don't forget how hungry we'll get while waiting for the music.

Don't hesitate to bring friends and neighbors with you to either event. Membership in our Association is not necessary to share in these activities. (But non-members are welcome to contact any board member for information. We'll try to have a table set up for sales of the remaining T-shirts.)

FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS

For those of you who missed the Independence Day festivities at Grace Court and the parade down Fourth Street, it was a real treat. It looked as if every child in the neighborhood took part, with scores of decorated bicycles and vehicles parading in the park and down the street. Prizes were awarded, the music was appropriate to the occasion and all involved had lots of fun. A special thanks goes to Carole Wells, Bill Sugg and their Social Committee for a wonderful event.

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MINUTES OF WEST END BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on July 5th in the home of Martin and Pat Sokoloff by President Martin Sokoloff. The minutes were approved as they appeared in the June newsletter.

I. CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR - David Christenbury reported on plans so far. The committees have been formed as follows:

- home selections - Bill Wise, David Christenbury, and Susan Walter
- house operations - Bill and Dottie Wise
- transportation - Lea Loftis
- printed/publicity - Warren Sparrow
- refreshments/music - Anne Johnston
- house captains - Martha Harper
- tickets - Still to be named

These are merely the beginnings, WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS. Please call David at 777-8315. The next meeting will be held for those involved at 7:30 p.m., August 9th, at David Christenbury's home, immediately preceeding the August Board Meeting.

II. ZONING ISSUES - Discussion centered around the Arches - back to square one. The owners will be appearing with the same case they started, challenging the zoning law. Your youthful zoning experts will report to us on the continuing discussion. Wachovia is requesting set back waivers on the Fourth Street location, and of most importance is the variance requested for a bar and grill for the building (formerly the Tile Source) at 1148 Burke Street. (See separate article elsewhere in newsletter).

III. HISTORIC DISTRICT - Chris Chapman reported that the planning staff has blocked time for August to resume discussion of the design guidelines. The committee feels comfortable with the work so far and is planning to have ready a draft for review by Crystal Towers and West End no later than September. All are reminded that a draft is available for anyone to review in the North Carolina Room at the public library.

IV. The Appearance Commission - is still in the formation stage. The commission will have no legislative authority, will be comprised of mainly design professionals, and will have drafting responsibility for the final ordinance. Plans include a slide show for public information. Board members commented that a tree ordinance should be developed and included in the final draft.

V. GRACE COURT - Joanna Hudson has had great help with weeding and watering at Grace Court, thanks to the kids living in the Youth Opportunity Home on Summit Street. We welcome such fine community service and many thanks to Bill Vincent and his kids!

VI. TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - There will be a meeting held (date announced later) in September of the traffic committee. Susan Walter will be the contact. We continue to be concerned about the general traffic problems, especially on Summit Street. Call Susan if you are interested (723-9137). There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to add 49 new members of the association to our mailing list. Now that you've joined the association, take that next step and volunteer to help with the Christmas House Tour, or serve on one of our many committees. Call Lea Loftis at 725-4902 for more information.

Remember - Be alert for any unusual activity in your neighborhood and don't hesitate to report to the police. We need constant vigilance to help reduce the crime rate.

ZONING CASES

Zoning cases pile up, then melt away to one. The Zoning Board of Adjustment agenda listed hearings for Wachovia West End Branch, The Arches Gift Shop and a proposed bar and grill in the former Tile Source location at 1148 Burke Street. Wachovia withdrew its case when the architect's plan was found to use more land than the surveyor could round up. They also found three locations recorded for the property's Fourth Street boundary. Wachovia will be back when the problems are solved. The Arches case was continued when the owner's attorney filed for a waiver of parking space requirements. West End has encouraged this action from the beginning. The Burke Street Bar and Grill case was heard and after testimony from adjoining residential property owners, business owners on Burke Street and the applicant, the board voted unanimously to deny the application. This was a double victory. West End and the business community came together in harmony again and this case further sealed the wording of the revised zoning ordinance to preserve the requirement for a public hearing on business use which adjoins residential zoning.

MY LITTLE PROFESSORS

Welcome to a new advertiser - same name, same location, **NEW OWNERS**. The new owners are Mitch and Cathey Stover. You may recognize Cathey as a former G & T teacher at Brunson for five years. Mitch is also a certified teacher and their full time employee has four years of day care experience and an associate degree in Early Childhood Education.

BOARD MEETING

The next meeting will be at 8:00 p.m. on August 9th at David Christenbury's home, 1416 Brookstown Avenue.

ARTICLES WELCOME

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