

June 1988

THE GREAT WEST END INDEPENDENCE DAY TRADITION CONTINUES

The famous parade, pot luck and music will return this Fourth of July on Fourth Street.

All kids (and the young at heart) will begin the festivities at Grace Court at 11 a.m. Decorate bikes, wagons, or other forms of transportation with appropriate banners, flags, balloons for a big parade around the gazebo. Prizes will be awarded for all participants--with special attention given to those of younger years.

The next event will be the pot luck at noon. Bring food for you and several friends to the Wises' (Bill and Dottie) front porch--1113 West Fourth Street. There will not be a special kids' porch this year, but some p b and j's and other kids' food will be provided by the association. You might want to bring a lawn chair to eat in and then to relax in as we move to...

Traditional music entertainment beginning around 12:30. Handclapping, toe-tapping music will go on until 1:30 or 2:00.

Fourth Street will be blocked off for the duration--11:00-3:00. The kids love to ride down the middle of the street with no hassle. You'll enjoy sitting in the street, talking with your neighbors and just generally hangin' out.

Bring any friends you wish--particularly your neighbors--but be sure to bring enough food for several people beyond your party. The West End Association will provide food for the kids, plus various liquid refreshments.

For further information call Carole Wells or Bill Sugg--722-4932.

It's time to mark your calendar for August.

August 17, a Wednesday, Urban Arts will provide a musical group for a picnic at Grace Court.

August 28, a Sunday, Dixieland Jazz by "Pardon Me Boys". This will be the end-of-summer pot luck.

Details of these and other programs will be included in next month's newsletter.

Other programs are being considered, particularly an evening or two of music and stories for the younger residents of the West End, for July or August (if in July, we'll send out a flier).

In the meantime, be sure to set aside the 17th and 28th of August for a couple of fun evenings.

(Aren't there a few of you who would like to be on the Social Committee? It's fun, not much work, and rewarding. Carole Wells would appreciate your calls: 722-4932.)

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MINUTES OF WEST END BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on June 7th in the home of Susan Walter and Walter Ettinger by President Martin Sokoloff. The minutes were approved as they appeared in the May newsletter.

I. GRACE COURT - Martin and Bill Sugg met with City Recreation Director Nick Jamieson and report the following: The city is responsible for mowing, repairs, lights, fountain, painting of gazebo, and general clean-up of the park. The West End Association will continue to assume the general gardening chores including plantings. The city will deliver mulch etc. as needed. The response to help Johanna Hudson with storage of bulbs was very good. Thanks to all who helped. Nick also stated that a new fountain is expected to be in place by late fall.

II. SUMMIT STREET TRAFFIC - City Traffic Engineer Brent McKinney has replied by letter to the speeding-traffic concerns on Summit Street. The city is planning to paint a vellow line in order to reduce the problem. The

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III. CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR - The tour is set for December 4th from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We have a large committee, but more help is always

p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We have a large committee, but more help is always needed. Please call chairman David Christenbury to volunteer. The committee will be meeting very soon.

IV. <u>HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGN REVIEW GUIDELINES</u> - The planning staff proposal has been circulating among the board members for the past month. It was decided that a copy will be placed in the North Carolina Room at the Main Library and that this matter will be considered at the July board meeting. All interested people are encouraged to review the guidelines and come back to the board with their comments at its next meeting.

V. <u>MEMBERSHIP</u> - The association welcomes 40 new members. Board members expressed appreciation for the membership drive and the wonderful response. New members are encouraged to call on board members with any concerns and by all means to report all crimes in the neighborhood so the association may continue to address public safety concerns (there were reports of break-ins on Brookstown Avenue in early June; the police number to call is 773-7700). We also need information for the newsletter each month. The officers of the board are Martin Sokoloff (723-1900), Bill Sugg (722-4932), Lea Loftis (725-4902) and Becky Sparrow (725-8953). They would all be happy to take your calls.

VI. <u>BYLAW CHANGES</u> - A committee of three-Bill Sugg, Becky Sparrow and Patsy Law-will be reviewing the association bylaws and will have a report in the fall.

VII. <u>WSTA</u> - The board expressed its thanks to the Winston-Salem Transit Authority for the route change that removed the city buses from Fourth Street west of Grace Court.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on July 5th at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Martin Sokoloff and Pat Pence-Sokoloff (707 Summit Street).



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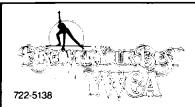
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INTENSIFICATION OF USES AMENDMENT REMANDED TO PLANNING BOARD

ARCHES FAILS TO FILE FOR VARIANCE BEFORE DEADLINE

ZBA HEARING ON APPEAL OF NOTICE OF ZONING VIOLATION SET FOR JULY 7TH

On June 6th, the Board of Aldermen considered the proposed amendment to the Intensification of Uses section of the zoning ordinance (requiring a property owner to file for a variance before the Zoning Board of Adjustment if all parking, screening, setback and other zoning requirements are not met, whenever there is a change of use of the property), but remanded it back to the Planning Board for consideration as part of its comprehensive review of the entire zoning ordinance. The neighborhood association had agreed to a compromise under which the requirements of this section would be relaxed on business property not bordering residential property, but this did not satisfy the Arches' attorney, who proposed an amendment covering the Arches' particular situation. Thus the law remains the same pending the Planning Board's comprehensive review.

As you may recall, the hearing as to the Arches' appeal of the Notice of Zoning Violation was continued to July 7th to await the outcome of the Intensification of Uses Amendment. Now that the proposed amendment is dead for the foreseeable future, the Zoning Board of Adjustment is expected to take action on the appeal. The Arches could have filed a request for a variance, but the deadline for doing so passed on June 17th even though the neighborhood association has repeatedly (most recently at the Board of Aldermen meeting on June 6th) offerred to support a reasonable variance request. Thus the only thing at issue at the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting on July 7th is whether or not the zoning laws apply to the Arches.

The neighborhood association strongly supports the equal application of the zoning laws to all businesses and other property owners in our community. Although we have no objection to the Arches remaining in business and would support a reasonable variance request, we oppose its appeal of the Notice of Zoning Violation because of our firm conviction that the zoning ordinance, which is for the protection of all of us, should be upheld. The hearing is scheduled for 3:00 o'clock on the afternoon of July 7th (City Hall Council Chamber) and your attendance is encouraged.

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