

The West End

By and for the
West End Neighborhood

June, 1989

MEETING NOTES - May 2, 1989

The May board meeting was held at the home of Shelley Kirley and called to order by Martin Sokoloff, President.

The first item on the agenda was the Hanes Park Task Force. Representatives of the YMCA, Rence Callahan and Ben Johnson, met with the West End Association to discuss the future development of Hanes Park. It was eventually agreed upon that the various user groups should work together to identify issues and inventory concerns relevant to the Hanes Park area, such as landscaping, cleanup, etc. The possibility of hiring a consultant to conceptualize a plan for the park area was agreed upon by the Association members. The above will be discussed at the next Hanes Park Task Force meeting. For further information, call Lea Loftis at 725-4902.

The second agenda item was the Historic District. Chris Chapman stated that the final draft to include West End as a local Historic District has been sent to the State Legislature in Raleigh for review. After their review and approval, the draft will be sent to the Winston-Salem Board of Alderman for final approval.

Third on the agenda was the Gladstone Apartments. Brian South, owner of the Gladstone Apartments, has been contacted by a representative of the West End Association concerning the possible landscaping of the proposed parking lot adjacent to the Gladstone. The West End Association has offered to plant trees and landscape design services. Communication will continue between Mr. South and the West End Association concerning same.

Fourth on the agenda was a report of the Social Committee, headed by Missy Vaughan. She is working diligently to schedule our summer fun activities. A schedule will appear in next month's newsletter. (Editor's note: see page 2 of this edition.)

Bill Wise contributed to both the fifth and sixth agenda items: an update on the Neighborhood Coalition and the Winston-Salem Police Department. Re: the Coalition, five neighborhood associations have elected representatives to serve on the Coalition. It is now in the process of developing its mission statement and by-laws. Discussion was held regarding the city-wide tree ordinance. It was recommended that a group of volunteers be gathered to begin groundwork on an ideal ordinance, to be presented to both the Neighborhood Coalition and Vision 2005.

Regarding the police department, Bill reported that the department up until recently reassigned police officers to new units very frequently, as often as every week. This has resulted in poor communications and community relations, especially regarding the Community Watch program. However, the department has recently undergone a reorganization and is now assigning specific officers to certain beats. This will help neighborhoods identify with individuals, and hopefully make the department more responsive than before.

The meeting ended at 10:30 p.m.

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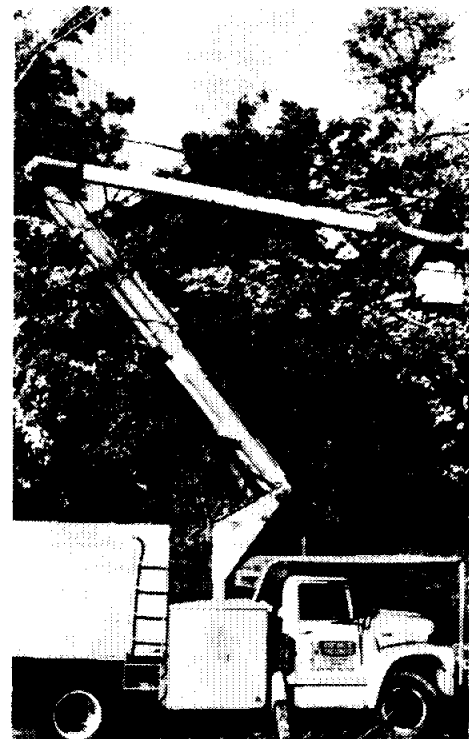
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NEWS: Tornado Rips Through West End

Date: May 5, 1989
Time: 8:45 p.m.

As the end of the first post-tornado week drew to a close, a number of West End residents were still numbed by the experience. While a head check indicated that all of us physically survived, the quiet was evidence that our psyches and emotions were still in high gear. Throughout the week, as we wandered throughout our neighbors' streets to witness the devastation, we continued to marvel at how lucky we all were to not have lost lives. Yet as the burden of cleaning up -- both financial and physical -- became reality, and as days wore on without electricity and phone service, we tuned into our survival mode. Neighbors were seen sharing cookouts. The temperature dipped down to freezing at night and remained cool for several days. Fireplaces were put back into commission. Those with gas hot water heaters saw friends and neighbors dropping by for showers. Others with gas stoves were heating water and foods for others. Coleman stoves and lanterns, coolers and other camping gear assumed new importance. Chain saws, shovels and numerous other tools were traded back and forth, and the clean-up continues as we near press time. Friends and neighbors working together and sharing life's necessities in a time of need -- not usually headline material, but for all of us -- as we continue to work through the process and learn to accept the loss and change that has deeply affected our homes, our trees, our neighborhood, the tornado is still the news of the hour.

Those who have a special story to share in the newsletter about "life after the tornado," please send it to: Marlene Larks, Editor, 1032 West End Boulevard, WS 27101.



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