

# The West Enders

By and for the  
West End Neighborhood

October, 1990

## The Holiday House Tour

December 9th., 12-6 p.m.

**We need you, we need you!** The tour this year looks to be one of the best! We have ten homes and seven West End shops that are participating. The shops -- Corner Antiques, The Arches, One Way Antiques, The Garden Path, Country Classics, Extraordinary Goods, and Jesse's Frame Shop will be holding open houses during the tour hours.

A new addition to the tour will be a door decorating contest. David Christenbury and Teri and Alan Johnson are in charge. Prizes will be offered, in both residential and commercial categories. This contest will be fun -- everyone knows that West Enders are the most creative of folks! This will give us free rein of expression -- traditional, whimsical, gaudy. We welcome all! We would like to start this tradition of having the whole area decorated to complement the spirit of the holiday season in the West End.

Volunteers are the backbone of this tour. House Captain Chairs Dottie Wise (761-0906) and Becky Sparrow (725-8953) need lots of people to staff the houses. Marsha Koufman (723-4567), refreshment chair, needs volunteers to help the day of the tour. Hoppy Elliot (723-6675) is in charge of transportation -- call him to offer your van and/or service as a driver.

David, Teri and Alan also need some more people to help them carry off this new project. Call David at 777-8315 or the Johnsons at 725-1105.

More details will follow in the next newsletter!

Call Sue Walter (723-9137) or Lea Loftis (725-4902) for any questions. We look forward to a great success!

**Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, October 24th, 7:30 p.m. at Lea Loftis' Home, 621 Jersey Ave.

## House of the Month

By Laura A. W. Phillips

The Jacquelin P. Taylor House at 236 West End Boulevard was built around 1896 and is one of the largest and most elaborate of the Queen Anne style houses in the West End. The Taylor House is a two-story weatherboarded frame dwelling of irregular massing with multiple decorated gables, a corner tower-like bay, and a large wrap-around porch with turned and sawnwork ornamentation. The handsome interior features multiple Colonial Revival mantels -- including one in the front hall, both paneled and vertical board wainscoats, four sets of sliding pocket doors, a spindlework frieze separating the front hall from the rear stair hall, and the original stair with curved handrail and paneled newel.

The house was originally located at 865 W. Fifth Street and was the long-time home of Jacquelin P. and Sarah D. Taylor and their family, who owned the property from 1895 to 1978. Jacquelin Taylor and his brother, William B. Taylor (whose house stands at 915 W. Fourth Street), were partners in the Taylor Brothers Tobacco Company, a prominent local industry. Jacquelin Taylor was an active member of the Socialist Party and worked for the betterment of the working class. Putting words into action, Taylor Brothers increased wages and reduced working hours in its own factories. When Jacquelin Taylor died on December 9, 1916, a factory worker and fellow member of the Socialist Party wrote that "Comrades, our Elijah has gone to claim his reward."

In 1978 Summit Communications purchased the Taylor property to build a parking lot adjacent to its office building on W. Fifth Street. In order to preserve the house, Jim Humphreys moved it to its present site several blocks away in the Crystal Towers section of the West End. In moving, the

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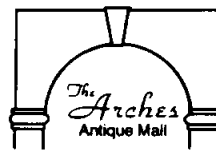
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### Next West End Association Board Meeting

Election Night  
Tuesday, November 6, 1990  
Bill & Dottie Wise's Home  
1113 West Fourth St.  
7:30 p.m.

### WEST END ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 4, 1990

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Sugg at the Sugg-Wells home. Committee Reports were the first item on the agenda.

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tradition. If you are interested in working on the social committee or have suggestions, please call Missie at 724-4579.

### House Tour

See separate article (page 1) for full report.

### Local Historic District

Seems like years, right? Progress has been so slow on this project that we don't want all our readers to assume that nothing is happening. Larry Robbs is handling personal lobbying efforts to garner support for that designation. A major stumbling block may be the budget crunch -- would a new position have to be created to handle the mechanics of the certificate of appropriateness? As has been our position from the inception of the process, the West End Association is open to discussing with any concerned parties the proposed ordinance and is interested in making it as simple as possible to manage.

The subcommittee working on the strategic plan to lobby for the passage is now waiting for Larry to make some key contacts.

### Recycling

Mention was made that unfortunately our neighborhood was not picked as a pilot program. This however does not affect our individual efforts. We will strongly support a city-wide program.

### Crime

A successful meeting was held with the City Police.

### Membership

We must start the membership dues drive. In order to standardize our system, **EVERYONE PAYS ONCE PER YEAR!** Our year runs from January to December. We would appreciate receiving your

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