

The West Ender

By and for the
West End Neighborhood

September, 1990

Letter From the President

Dear West Ender:

Crime is never pleasant. Particularly when it affects us. And West End does have a problem. Many of us have learned to live with the occasional stolen bicycle, the missing porch furniture, the rifled cars.

But things may be getting worse.

Over the past weeks, there has been one major break-in, with significant art work stolen.

There have also been multiple incidents of peeping toms in scattered locations in our neighborhood and nearby West Highlands.

Peeping toms are endemic to any residential area. They usually don't present a threat of violence. Normally they are passive.

But on several occasions during the past weeks there have been situations where at least one house has been entered, and threatening gestures (a ladder placed against a house) made at another location.

The targets of these intruders seem to all be single women, often with a child or children.

The women who have been harassed are thinking about leaving the neighborhood. How terrible to lose neighbors to fear!

Our many properties on the market present a problem. Unoccupied houses and apartment buildings may be havens for youth or homeless people: free lodging and potential drug abuse.

An informal meeting was held at Carole Wells and Bill Sugg's home in early August. A half dozen police met with almost 20 neighbors. Many of the recent problems were aired.

"What are we to do?" was the main question.

"Lots!" was the answer.

The major thing is vigilance! When you experience something wrong on your property: call the police! When you see something not quite right on your neighbor's property: call the police!

In many cases your observations and fears will not be of major consequence. You might see a medium height male, dressed in coveralls walking down the alley behind your house. He may not present any immediate threat. He might just be cutting through your alley to get to somewhere else.

Or he might be a scout for a crime ring, or a potential peeping tom -- or worse.

If he/she looks like an imminent threat, then call the police immediately -- 911. A car, or several, will be dispatched. (By law, on a 911 call, the police must respond with sirens on!)

But if your observation is not one of a life threatening situation, what do you do?

First, make clear notes of what you saw. Time of day. behavior observed. Descriptions of the person/people you observed. Include height, weight, build, age, race and any other identifying information.

Indicate location and direction of travel of the suspect.

Call the police.

1) Dial 911. This will get you a high visibility response of a threatening situation. Be prepared for a series of questions asked you while you are on the phone. This is necessary for verification of your location and situation. **DO NOT CALL 911 TO MAKE A GENERAL REPORT OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY!!!**

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2) Call Captain Linda Petree. She is the officer in charge of our district and will oversee and review all activity reported in our neighborhood.

Criminals often work within a well defined pattern. [It's their MO -- Modus Operandi.] All reports that we make -- no matter how apparently insignificant -- might help police fit each report into the mosaic that is West End crime.

Your call need not be made at once, particularly if it is not a life threatening situation. Call during normal office hours -- 8 to 5. A daytime call might receive more consideration.

Ultimately, our goal is to make it clear that West End is off limits to criminals.

So report those observations and minor incidents.

Some have suggested that we become part of the Neighborhood Crime Watch program. That may be a good idea. But any program is only as strong as the people who keep the concept alive and work to make it work.

It is up to each of us to "Take a bit out of Crime!" McGruff has a good idea.

Our neighborhood has its problems, but we are much less bothered than many sections of our city.

Make every effort to protect your property, your lives and your well being. Keep an eye out and the police informed.

I will keep you informed on our progress.

Bill Sugg
President
West End Association

CLIP AND SAVE!!!

**CALL THESE NUMBERS TO HELP
REDUCE CRIME IN THE WEST END.**

**911 -- FOR CLEARLY DANGEROUS
SITUATIONS**

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Call after 5 p.m.**

**773-7700 -- General Police Department
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773-7808 -- Captain Linda Petree

773-7846 -- Lt. A.D. Vance

773-7850 -- Lt. W.C. Cranford

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**722-4932 -- Bill Sugg, please keep him
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Board Meeting**

Tuesday, October 2, 1990
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1037 West End Blvd.
7:30 p.m.

**WEST END ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 7, 1990**

The West End Board Association met Tuesday evening, 7:30 at the home of Sue Walter and Walt Ettinger. Bill Sugg, president, called the meeting to order.

Historic District Designation

Introduced to the Board was Larry Robb, chairman of the Historic District Commission. After two years the West End Association is still trying to acquire the historic district designation. Through the month of August, Robb is speaking to a variety of groups that are on the fringe of the proposed historic district. He is trying to check out where support for the historic designation is before public meetings begin in the Fall and before taking the issue on to the City County Planning Board and then to the Board of Aldermen after the first of the year. To date, the only group that is against historic designation is the Board of Realtors. **The intent of the historic designation is to preserve the historic nature of the neighborhood.** If West End is given the designation, the Historic District Commission will administer the area. Mr. Robb will give a report at the next Board meeting, September 4, 1990.

Minutes

Martin Sokoloff moved and Bill Wise seconded approval of the June and July minutes as written. Unanimous approval.

Treasurer's report

The treasury is solvent. No formal report given.

Christmas House Tour

Lea Loftis reported that contracts have been sent to home owners whose houses will be on the Christmas Tour. The contracts are to be signed and returned by the end of August. There are 9 houses on the tour. Three businesses will have open house. Consensus was reached to request the businesses to donate towards advertising their participation in the Christmas Tour.

Advance ticket sales will cost \$6.50 and \$8.00 at the door. Purchase of the tickets are considered a tax deductible contribution to the West End Association.

Save the Trees

Ann Freeman reminded us that many of the trees planted by the city in our neighborhood and on Hawthorne road were badly needing to be watered. She asked if we could pick a tree and give it water each day to help keep it from dying.

Local Historic Implementation Ad Hoc Committee

This committee met on July 19 at the home of Ben and Julia Wilson.

This group will be able to help all West Enders know how to support the historic district project. **The West End Association and neighborhood is proud of its accomplishments and its strength as an Association. The Board is very committed to getting all our positive and supportive neighbors to know how to advocate for the historic district designation.**

Grace Court Park

Pot luck and music are scheduled for Sunday September 16 in Grace Court Park. 5:00 is pot-luck, at 6:00 p.m. music by Charlie Culbreath begins. Brenda Penny will call all Board members to remind them of the event and Board members will call all new, re-newed, and not-renewed Association members to invite them to the picnic. Marlene Larks and Jim Fox will develop a short presentation about the historic district and its affect on property values.

Bed and Breakfast

The Planning Board approved a bed and breakfast at Barbara Garrison's house. It is located two doors behind the Christian Science Church.

Membership Cards

Martin Sokoloff moved that we use membership cards provided that a significant number of advertisers are interested in offering an incentive through discounts. Bill Wise seconded. Unanimous pass.

CRIME

There was a significant robbery in the neighborhood on July 29 plus there have been numerous reports of a peeping Tom. A meeting with the Winston-Salem Police assigned to our area (we are "Sector 400) is August 8 at 7:00 to discuss what neighbors can do.

Board Meetings:

September: Bill Sugg and Carol Wells
October: Glenn and Lannie Eisenbrandt's
November: Bill and Dottie Wise
December: PARTY

Peggy Matthews requested a leave of absence as secretary because of teaching responsibilities at Salem College. Lea Loftis and Jim Vaughan agreed to help out.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:37.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Fulghum Matthews, Secretary

CLIP AND SAVE!!!

END OF THE SUMMER POT LUCK

WHEN: Sunday, September 16, 1990

WHERE: Grace Court Park

TIME: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Please join the West End Association for our traditional end of the summer Pot Luck Celebration. Please bring your covered dish item to the park at or before 5:00 p.m. then sit back and relax with your friends and neighbors and enjoy the music of Charlie Culbreath and his jazz band.

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