

# The West End

By and for the  
West End Neighborhood

November 1991

"FIRST, LET'S KISS ALL THE LAWYERS."

Due to an unfortunate typographical error made during the Cromwell interregnum, Shakespeare's oft-quoted exhortation to "kiff" all the lawyers has been mis-handed down to us as "kill." It's important to know this, for in our midst there dwells an attorney-at-law who deserves a few smooches, one Robert M. Elliott, Esq., a/k/a "Hoppy." This carrot-topped lad has recently been awarded the N.C. Bar Association's Pro Bono Publico Award. Hoppy has given an enormous amount of his professional time, personal energy and emotional resources to a variety of desperate people. His special clients faced towering obstacles, and there was no way they could hire their own lawyer. Because of Hoppy's skill, generosity and courage, they have had their days in court, and their voices have been heard in the halls of justice.

Some West Enders, radical feminists, no doubt (well, actually, my wife) are (is) quick to suggest that Mister Elliott would be just another good ol' boy were he not married to a woman like Suzanne Reynolds, who is not only an accomplished attorney, scholar and teacher herself, but also brings home the bacon while her husband's out gallavanting around the countryside doing good. Wendy, the West End Windbag, claims that neither Hoppy nor Suzanne were worth a hoot until they moved into this neighborhood. Were it not for the benign influences of our community, Wendy alleges, those two wouldn't have amounted to a hill of beans.

CHRISTMAS PARTY -- YOU'RE INVITED. YES, YOU!

The annual, ever-popular and always enjoyable West End Christmas Party will be held at the home of Tim Nichols and Sal Aiello, at 1100 West End Blvd. The time for this soiree is 6:00 is 9:00 p.m., Friday evening, December 6th. Bring some food to share with your neighbors. The Association will provide basic beverages, which you can supplement according to your desires. It has been suggested that all attendees wear clothing and be pleasant to one another.

SOME GOOD INK: The Winston-Salem Journal has run several articles recently covering concerns of our neighborhood, specifically progress toward the Local Historic District designation, the Hanes Park Plan (check out the picture in the October 31st edition), and this editorial comment:

Neighborhood preservation can be a worthwhile recognition of the importance of history and environment to community. It can also be busybody residents inflicting their own notion of taste and propriety on their neighbors. Efforts in the West End section of Winston-Salem are clearly of the former variety and should be welcomed, not just in the West End, but throughout Winston-Salem.


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Your Association's officers and directors (a/k/a busy-bodies) met on November 5th. Peggy Matthews' resignation as Secretary was accepted, everybody present recognizing that Peggy has about a blue-million worthwhile things she's trying to accomplish all at once.

Becky Sparrow presented a Treasurer's report showing that the Association has approximately twelve grand in its various bank accounts, and the bills are being paid on time.

The Membership Committee reported a thundering lack of new memberships during the past few months. Remember, troops, your renewal comes up in January. Make the effort to get a new member to join up with you. Prices are on the back page.

The Social Committee confirmed plans for the Christmas Party -- you know about that already.

The Historic District Committee presentation focussed on Lea Loftis, one of the new members of the Local Historic District Commission. Lea's impression is that it's a matter of "when," not "if." She reports that the Commission has several new members, the staff is preparing for public hearings, and staffers predict that extensive documentation will be ready in December.

Your Board leaned on Lea to lean on the Commission to set dates-certain for the public meetings. (By the way, it behooves Dr. Spin to point out that the comment by Bill Sugg in the Journal referring to city "bureaucrats" might have sounded rather abrupt, but to our President, the definition of "bureaucrat" is "a hard-working, trustworthy, dedicated public official.")


There ensued a general discussion about Hanes Park, featuring Jeff Smith's dissent as to the agreeableness of the Plan: "to shrub or not to shrub?" -- that is his question.

The annual meeting will be held in February. If you are interested in offering yourself or a neighbor to be an officer or director, contact the Eisenbrandts (748-1026), the Simmons' (722-2243), the Vaughns (724-4579), the Walter/Ettingers (723-9137), the Wilsons (727-1110), or the Wises (761-0906). Do it by mid-January, OK?

There will be no December Board meeting. The January meeting will be held at Jeff Smith's house at 1223 West First Street on Tuesday, January 7th. Bill Sugg or Jeff will invite Alderman Nancy Pleasants to join us.


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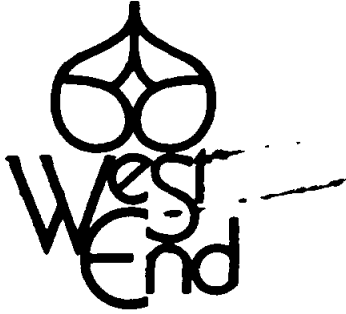


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