

The West End

By and for the
West End Neighborhood

July 1992

WE RESPECT YOUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

. . . and we are the last people on Earth to chastise you for not attending the The Nth Annual West End Neighborhood 4th Street of July Party. But, as is usually the case, it was a lovely affair. The kids were cute without being unduly obnoxious, the food was plentiful and tasty, the drinks were chilled and varied, the band was tunefully laid-back, and the companions (whether neighborhood old-timers or newly-arriveds) were most amiable. If you meant to attend but overslept, don't Thoreau up your hands in despair. We'll do it again next year.

I WILL NOT WRITE ABOUT THE WEATHER.

HANES PARK SELECTED FOR NEXT LANDFILL SITE!!!

According to legend, about one score and seven years ago our forefathers and foremothers in the West End Association were galvanized into action. Those-who-dwell-under-rocks had announced plans to build an expressway smack dab through the heart of Hanes Park. From that nuttiness was born the West End Association, and shortly thereafter our precious park was emancipated from the clutches of the unrighteous.

Well, I lied a little in the headline . . . at least for the time being. But it's threats like that which prompt enlightened, self-interested folk to want to participate fully and joyously in the Winston-Salem recycling program "Recycle Today." Our July board meeting was kicked off with a presentation by Kay Rogers (not to be confused with K-roger's), honcho of the City's effort. She was joined by two stalwarts from Horn & Stronach Advertising, who are helping promote the venture. Their purpose was to encourage the West End to the City in attaining an 80% participation rate. Right now, according to their surveys, we're at about 49%, which ain't bad but could be a whole lot better. The Board accepted our guests' invitation to step up our efforts. So you'll be hearing about recycling from your neighbors, face-to-face, over the next few months. We promise to be neither overbearing nor holier-than-thou about all this -- unless, of course, you wish to be castigated, in which event event we'll call in our special Castigation Team, captained by the ferocious Wendy, the West End Windbag and her Coven of Haranguers.

I WILL NOT WRITE ABOUT HOW HOT THE WEATHER IS.

FROM TRASH TO TRISH, OR, A HOT-BED OF B&B'S

The July Board Meeting of the West End Association was, for the second month in a row, rather free of strife. Trish Pegram and her kept man, Buck Skillen, outlined their plans for a Bed-&-Breakfast at 618 Summit, next door to Lady Anne's, down the Street from Colonel Ludlow's and around the corner from the one on Fifth Street. They plan to have four rooms, need six parking places, and assure us that the zoning variance and ground work will not present any untoward aesthetic offense to the neighbors.

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WHAT ELSE HAPPENED AT THE MEETING?

Well, Tom Harris brought us a revised site plan for his six-unit dwelling on Sunset. The most noteworthy improvements were moving the parking from front to rear, and replacing a 3-story monolith with a 2&1/2-story dyad. Tom needs a zoning change for some paving and trash-can placement in the side-lot buffer. As it had with the B&B, the Board expressed its support for what appeared to be congenial zoning requests.

Yes!!! The Planning Board approved the generic historic overlay district proposal at its June 26th working session. The Aldermen will probably consider the proposal on August 17th. If passed, the specific West End proposal should hit the Planning Board in October or November.

Some concern was expressed about rumors of un-historic rehabilitation of a house on Fifth Street by CONTACT. The Board opined that offering assistance to the rehab-bers is not a Board responsibility, but is appropriate for tactful, supportive "neighbor-to-neighbor" dialogue.

Social Committee: On August 19th, there will be a band at Grace Court. Bring a picnic supper and be there!

Festival at Grace Court Committee: Plans are going swimmingly for the September 12th event. Since you want to join a growing list of volunteers, call Wanda Merschel at 722-6092.

Membership Committee: We are going to a more formal system of yearly billing. Block captains will knock on every door in the West End. They will be willing to listen to constructive criticism, but wild-eyed praise is likely to meet with a kindlier reception. This newsletter will go to more people - for a while. Meanwhile, if you are in doubt about your membership status, call Treasurer Glenn Simmons at 722-2243.

House Tour Committee: Call Veep Missy Vaughan to volunteer for this December's do. 724-4579.

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 ebo in Grace Court, on Tuesday evening, August 4th, at 7:30. Our
 ediate past President is secretly hoping that it will be rained out,
 that we can all go over to one of the neighborhood watering holes and
 e just how much water we can, in fact, hold. The September soiree
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