

# The West End

By and for the  
West End Neighborhood

August 1993

IN CASE YOU DIDN'T GET IT LAST MONTH . . .

PLAN TO ATTEND THE THIRD ANNUAL FESTIVAL IN GRACE COURT  
ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th.

Festival events start at 11:00 a.m., but if you lusting after great legs (lovely, powerful, either gender, any color -- we're inclusive here), head up to 4th Street earlier to see the end of the TCTC road race. Then, go run an errand or two, and later, as the morning fully ripens, return to Grace Court to browse among (a 40's pastime) and purchase an item or two (50's) from nearly two dozen exhibits of arts and crafts (as well as from a small community yard sale), groove on some terrific live music (60's, without the psychedelics), lay around the park and be totally self-absorbed (70's, sigh), conspicuously consume all the food, drink and other stuff you can grab (80's, for sure!), and promise never to over-indulge again (90's). And, for the kids (timeless), there will be a clown or two, face-painting, sidewalk art and other merriment.

SPEAKING OF GRACE COURT . . .

Did you attend the "All American Ice Cream Social" there on Sunday, August 15th, sponsored by the Downtown Church Center? The center is celebrating 25 years of urban ministry in the Winston-Salem community.

SO, WHAT ELSE OF COMMUNITY INTEREST IS HAPPENING IN THE WEST END?

You're right, friend. There are a million stories out there in the naked city, and if we tried to tell you all the private tales in our little Historic District, we'd have to present a thousand-page newsletter every month (or hours of steaming videos), which would necessitate an impossible amount of investigative reporting, a skilled editorial staff to actually get the facts straight (for a change), and a team of hard-nosed \$205/hour lawyers to deal with the libel, slander and breach-of-taste lawsuits. So instead, in keeping with the limited resources of this decade, we offer you these, the minutes of the August Board meeting. Gotcha.

President Wanda Merschel briskly led the multitude assembled at the Thomas-Welch House B&B on Summit Street. Wade Long and Bud Goldsmith (the Starsky and Hutch of the W'end) reported these Neighborhood Crime Watch developments: (1) \$100 will be spent on a brochure to be distributed to all households in the neighborhood. (2) In July, a young man broke into Esther Mock's house repeatedly, usually when she was home; he was eventually arrested; several of us feel compelled to make an appropriate response, probably a trip to Courtroom 5-A when the offender is scheduled to be sentenced. (3) August is National Crime Watch Month -- as a symbolic gesture, leave your front porch light on.

Social events -- put the FatGC (see previous page) and the chili-cook-off on September 18th at Tanglewood on your calendar. And, if you plan to attend some Demon Deacon football games this fall, call Social Chairman

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The Board unanimously passed a resolution to encourage the West End "representative" on the Historic District Commission to serve as a non-voting, ex officio member of the Board.

Bill Wise reported that we have accumulated a long list of tag numbers of "outsiders" parking on residential streets. Wachovia is engaging in a serious dialogue with us in an effort to mitigate the problem. The trolley route has changed to encourage workers to use the park-&-ride lots, but it hasn't helped much yet.

Wise also reported on an important zoning controversy involving parking for the Black Bear Tavern at 1131 Burke. The pertinent facts are too numerous to review here, and the applicable municipal law is complex. The Board delegated Wise to speak for the neighborhood's interests and to help try to work out a compromise plan that would best serve the legitimate interests of near-by residents as well as those of our commercial friends on Burke Street. (Later that week, the Zoning Board continued this case for 60 days.)

The Merschels and Vaughans recently met with Bob Caldwell, the Executive Director of the Central YMCA and its Board President, Gary Jackson. They discussed such issues as a West End group membership plan, a neighborhood lock-in, and having West Enders serve on their Board. A special nominating Committee of Anne MacLeod, Wanda Merschel, Carl von Isenburg and Wylie Yarborough will come up with two names to submit to the Y.

Wanda Merschel also had a constructive conference with Dick Preto, the Facilities Manager at Petree Stockton. He reiterated the law firm's desire to be good business neighbors, and he relayed compliments recently given to him by out-of-town visitors to the firm praising the appearance of the surrounding residences and businesses.

Someone also called our attention to the trees that have been recently planted in Hanes Park (we cheered) and the woebegone effect the heat and lack of rain has had on several of those trees (we wept). And then we adjourned.

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Notice: the September Meeting of the West End Association will take place at the Gazebo at Grace Court, on Tuesday, September 7th, at 7:30 p.m. (If it rains, go to the Merschel's on 4th. The October meeting will be on Tuesday the 4th, tentatively at the YMMMMMMCA.


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Which is our way of telling you that several members of the West End Garden Club got together and enjoyed a scrumptious pot-luck dinner at Shirley Gobble's home on August 5th. The club will carry out an active 1993-94 year, including some serious weeding at Grace Court on August 10th. You can get membership information by calling David Christenbury at 777-8315.

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