

# The West End

By and for the  
West End Neighborhood

January 1993

YEAH, THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN AN ELECTION . . . BUT THE ELECTION TAKES PLACE ON FEBRUARY 2ND, at the Association's Annual Meeting.

It's been a bruising, hard-fought campaign, filled with tense primary battles, raucous conventions, spine-tingling televised debates, and smoke-filled back rooms crammed with ruthless power-brokers. But the Nominating Committee of the West End Association has nevertheless come up with a slate of candidates for next year's officers and directors.

The four present officers have offered to stand for re-election to a one-year term. These power-crazed, over-controlling Neo-monarchists are: Wanda Merschel, President; Missy Vaughan, V-P; Bill Gibson, Secretary; and Glenn Simmons, Treasurer.

Two slots have me available for persons willing to fill vacancies for a one-year term in the "Class of '94." The nominees are: Billye Keith Jones and Wade & Kathy Long.

Finally, there are six new directorships (with two-year terms) in the "Class of '95." Nominated for those positions are: Sami Ousley & John Bills; Bud & Barbara Goldsmith; Ted & Sandy Irvin; David & Julie Mayberry; Bobby & Christy Patterson; and David & Judy Wallace.

If, as a member of the Association, you believe that -- rather than be elected -- some or all of these nominees should be taken out and shot, you have the right to nominate more suitable candidates from the floor. "And where is this floor?" you ask. It's located in the YWCA. The meeting starts at 7:30. Be there.

## HOW THE WEST (END) WAS WON

If you are there, you'll find out. Tom Ross (a/k/a C. Thomas Ross, Attorney at Law), though a callow youth at the time, was a major player in the re-zoning effort that accompanied the creation of the West End Association back in 1792 . . . or was it 1972? Whatever. After all these years, Tom is now a functioning adult, and he's accepted an invitation to speak at the Annual Meeting about what it was like to be there at the Beginning. Tom is still a bit outrageous, so his spiel ought to be fun and informative. Yawl come.

## IT TAKES A BUNCH OF GOOD PEOPLE TO PUT ON A SUCCESSFUL HOUSE TOUR.

First, the Bottom Line. Ticket sales for this year's tour totalled approximately \$5,000, and we cleared almost \$2,300. Now you know. More important, the tour again demonstrated deep community involvement by people throughout the West End. It also served to remind Winston-Salem, Forsyth County and the World what this neighborhood has to offer, especially in terms of becoming a Local Historic District.

In last month's newsletter, we thanked Missy Vaughan for heading up this effort. Well, she came down with the croup. Since misery ordinarily

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In addition, the West End Garden Club earned special thanks for house decorations; Laurelyn Dossett for music selections; Valerie von Isenburg for ticket sales and poster placement; Liz Gilliam for host and hostess placement; Glenn Simmons for house operations; John Merschel for insurance and transportation; Laura Phillips for refreshments; Christie Patterson for a zillion delicious home-made cookies; Holly Welsh for the brochure; and James Woodel of Home & Garden Design and Dan Hill of Extraordinary Goods for their decorating expertise. Finally, extravagant kudos go to you for your contribution. You know who you are, and you were terrific.

**JANUARY MINUTES -- VENTURES, VALUES AND HISTORIC OPPORTUNITIES!**

The Board couldn't figure out a way to help Jones Abernethy get rid of a bunch of trees in 48 hours, so we resolved to recommend he go straight to the City with his donation. We congratulated ourselves for another successful House Tour; thanked Billye Keith Jones for spearheading the distribution of Christmas luminaries throughout the neighborhood in support of the Ronald McDonald House; announced the slate of candidates and planned the 2/2/93 Annual Meeting.

We also discussed the striking increase in the appraised tax values of numerous residences throughout the West End. While it's wonderful for our neighborhood's growing value to be officially reflected in the appraisals, most folks at the meeting don't intend to sell their homes anytime soon, and some expressed concern West Enders might be paying more than our fair share of property taxes for a while.

The Experiment in Self Reliance has contacted Bill Sugg concerning a possible rehabilitation of the vacant apartments at 7th/West End/ Spring into transitional housing units for eight families. We agreed to actively learn more about this proposal.

And, we resolved to bring out support for the West End Historic Overlay District Proposal and the Design Review Guidelines at the City/County Planning Board Public Hearing on January 14th. The Board of Aldermen is scheduled to review all this on February 1st.

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