

FESTIVAL AT GRACE COURT SUNNY, SUCCESSFUL, AND SUPERLATIVE

The Festival at Grace Court demonstrated, once again, for those who may have had any doubts, that West End is a great neighborhood in which to live, work, and play. Weather conditions were perfect, and everybody appeared to have a great time. We had balloons, fire trucks, face painting, dolls, beads and baubles beyond description, necklaces, flowers, hats, pins, watercolors, good food and drink, mellow music, furniture, baskets, pottery, plaques for your home, books, antiques, toys, the best yard sale in town (all treasures, no trash), and other neat stuff too numerous to list. Many thanks and much appreciation to Missie Vaughan, who did a wonderful job of planning and organizing the Festival, and made it look easy as well.

Thanks as well to everybody who volunteered to make Saturday such a great day: John Bills and Sami Ousley, who helped with the food; John and Wanda Merschel, who helped everywhere with everything; Billye Keith Jones, who also helped in lots of areas; Carole Wells, at the drink stand; Warren and Becky Sparrow, beverages and food tent; Dora Sparrow, food; Sherrie McCormick, food tent; Ellen Sandridge, drinks and food tent; Peggy Merschel, food tent; Trish Pegram and Buck Skillen, chef and sous-chef; Bill, Holly, and Julia Welsh, food and beverages; Perry Jennings, food tent; David Wallace, chef, and Judy Hunt, kid's games and activities; Scott MacKenzie; Anne Dougherty, George Bryan, and Nora, drinks; Jim Vaughan, food; Craig Thomas, all treasures, no trash tent. In case we missed anybody, sorry; your efforts were not unappreciated.

Thanks too to all of the exhibitors: Mary Pat Cowan; Diane Cain; Nancy Kubelle Wicker; Keith Brown; Mike Bosworth; Janet Bradbury and Phyllis Szesze; Leslie Hiatt; Susan Jackson; Margie McKenzie; Cindy Poindexter and Elaine Lewis; Annie Van Every; Janice Roberts; T. J. Kennedy; Julia Frye; Christie Patterson; West End Garden Club; Julia Wilson; Corner Antiques; Susan Martin; Kep Hall; Jean Johnson; Ryan Nicholas; Charlie Culbreath; and Blue Ridge Ice Cream. Hope we did not miss anybody here either; the exhibits were great, the music was just right, and probably no ice cream went back to the shop.

Thanks to all for helping make Saturday a good day for a lot of people. Hope to see everybody next year, same time and place.

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The YMCA is preparing to break ground for their new aerobics room, which will be added onto the Sunset side of the Y. Functional drawings are completed, and current estimates are for ground-breaking within 60 days. The Y expects that the project will take about 16 weeks to complete.

The Historic District Commission is discussing the new bridge planned for Hanes Park. The bridge is planned to span the creek near the football field.

There was some question about who is responsible for maintaining the entrances to Hanes Park. Some of the entrances are very well maintained, with the plants and shrubs properly cared for, while others need some attention. Apparently, more than one group/organization is responsible for the upkeep.



It is not too early to begin planning for the Holiday House Tour, scheduled for December 4, 1994. The homes have been selected, and preparations are underway. The homes include those of Anne & Kerry MacLeod, 634 N. Spring St.; Bill Sugg & Carole Wells, 1100 W. Fourth St.; Scott & Laura Carpenter, 1229 W. First St.; Buck Skillen & Trish Pegram, 619 Summit St.; the Woman's Club, 952 W. Fourth St.; Ellen & Steve Sandridge, 1412 Clover St.; Stuart & Sherrie McCormick, 1116 West End Blvd.; Mr. & Mrs. Don Mikush, 1205 Clover St. The House Tour is always lots of fun, and there are plenty of opportunities for volunteers, from being a host/hostess, to helping with refeshments (planning, preparing, serving), to assisting with transportation. Helping hands are always welcome; call Billye Keith Jones (723-1771) to volunteer.

By the time this newsletter is printed, the Chili Cookoff will be history, but hopefully all went well. Thanks to all West Enders, especially John Bills, for helping with this worthwhile event, and maybe the West End chili won one (or more) fiery awards.

Speaking of cookouts, the next meeting will be a cookout at Missie, Jim, & Anna Vaughan's, 814 West End Boulevard, October 4, 7:30 p.m. Grilled chicken breasts and hot dogs will be the special of the evening.



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In the meantime, by popular demand, we are repeating a list of the officers and board members of the neighborhood association. Call any of these folks to voice your concerns, express your opinions, or raise issues which may impact on the neighborhood.

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Are you interested in the history of your home? The West End Garden Club has a copy of the National Historic Register which lists all the homes, and their histories, in the area. The Club is also selling terra cotta house plaques, designed by Chris Yarborough and made by Ron Propst. The plaques can be inscribed either with the names of the orginal owners/builders of the home, or with the name of your choosing. Call Wiley Yarborough for more information.



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