

# The West End

By and for the  
West End Neighborhood

January, 1995

## **ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 7, 1995**

**"You don't have to move to live in a better neighborhood." Richard Arrington**

The West End Association believes that statement is true, and we would like to invite all recipients of this newsletter to attend our annual meeting scheduled for February 7, 1995, at the YWCA at 7:30 p.m.

The West End Association is a neighborhood association comprised of West End/Crystal Towers residents. Our purpose is to enhance and preserve the quality of life in our unique historic neighborhood. We meet each month (the first Tuesday of each month) at various homes and organizations to discuss issues which can impact the neighborhood, such as problems/concerns residents may have, requests for zoning changes, plans which other entities may have which affect the West End, etc. This newsletter publishes the time, date and place of the meetings. We believe that we are among the oldest neighborhood associations. Among our accomplishments has been the attainment of Historic District overlay status. While we do work hard, we like to play, too. The Association sponsors several social events throughout the year, including the Festival at Grace Court in September, a 4th of July celebration, a holiday party, as well as such activities as the Holiday House Tour.

The Association has a board of directors who are elected at the annual meeting. This year the nominees for officers include:

President--Jim Vaughan, 814 West End Boulevard

Vice-president--Billye Keith Jones, 614 West End Boulevard

Secretary--Cathy Long, 1100 West End Boulevard

Treasurer--John Bills, 818 Carolina Avenue

The slate of nominees for the other seats on the board will be revealed at the February meeting. Nominations from the floor are welcome.

**In order to vote, you must have paid your dues.** See the form on the back of the newsletter. This issue of the newsletter has been hand-delivered and includes a self-addressed envelope, so you can mail your membership form and dues or pay at the meeting. You do not have to have paid dues in order to attend this or any meeting.

Please come join us, meet your neighbors, and maybe make some new friends. Feel free to bring a friend.

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**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS FROM JANUARY MEETING**

In addition to preparing for the annual meeting and election of officers and board members, the Association welcomed a special guest from the City of Winston-Salem Housing Services Department, Marlene Alexander. She is our neighborhood's **community service advisor**, which is a new position serving as a liaison between the City, elected officials, and the community. She is happy to discuss any problems residents may have, and can ensure that the proper departments or people are made aware of any areas of concern. Marlene plans to come to meetings periodically to meet residents and to see what is going on in the West End.

Is **Hanes Park** historic? Well, at least part of it is. Wylie Yarborough, our representative on the Historic Properties Commission, reported that several of the projects which are going on in Hanes Park have been started without following the proper procedures which were established when West End became a Historic Overlay District. Some of these projects include removal of trees which exceed the size limit, pouring concrete pads for picnic tables and bleachers, etc. The Association felt very strongly that all departments of our local government should at least adhere to the guidelines as prescribed, and preferably should set a good example for the community to follow.

Billye Keith Jones reported on the **Holiday House Tour**, thanking all who participated. Some discussion centered on ways to improve the tour for the next time. Profits are projected at \$1235.50. Wanda Merschel also thanked John Bills & Sami Ousley for the tree in Grace Court, and David Wallace & Judy Hunt for hosting the holiday party. Billye Keith also reported that the annual sales of **luminaries** went well this year.

**Miscellaneous** news included the purchase of the law office at the corner of West Fourth and Burke Streets by the YMCA, who plans to use the house for offices. Word is that the Jefferson-Pilot building has been rented, also, but we are uncertain by whom. There was some discussion about the newsletter, especially production and circulation, and hopefully some of these issues will be resolved in the near future.

Thanks to our outgoing officers--Wanda Merschel, who guided us through some turbulent times as president; Buck Skillen, who served as our vice-president; and David Wallace, who served as treasurer. We appreciate all your efforts, hard work, and time to help make West End a better neighborhood.

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### HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR WRAP-UP

Bouquets to Billye Keith Jones, who coordinated this year's Holiday House Tour and maintained her grace and good humor anyway. Billye Keith has some comments on the House Tour...

"What wonderful days in the neighborhood! Extra special thanks go to our wonderful families who opened their homes to us all: Anne & Kerry MacLeod, Trish Pegram & Buck Skillen, Lisa & Perry Jennings, Sandra & Don Mikush, Ellen & Steve Sandridge, Lara & Scott Carpenter, and Betsi & John Robinson. They were all so generous, courageous, and cheerful—even when all the work was in progress.

The West End Garden Club volunteer teams spend numerous hours, especially on Saturday, adding their touch to the homes with the help of tons of greenery and berries."

Many individuals contributed to the success of the tour: Wylie Yarborough, Lea Loftis, John Merschel, Bill Wise, Marlee Nicholas, Catherine Hendren, Don Mikush, Dottie Wise, Becky Sparrow, David Wallace, Missie Vaughan, Wanda Merschel, Bill Sugg, Jim Toole, Sherrie McCormick, Pamela Sanders, and the list goes on. Neighborhood businesses and organizations also contributed to the tour: The Woman's Club, Memories, Ltd., the Stocked Pot, and others, too.

There are many other memories of this year's Tour...the colorful red, white, and green posters; the garlands and wreaths; the holiday sounds and aromas; all the hosts and hostesses; the transportation; the pre-tour, post-tree trimming get together; and so much more.

"No event in the West End could be successful without many, many hands, feet, and sore backs. But the volunteer spirit for this House Tour was fantastic!! I personally thank you one and all. It was a fun and exciting day for me!" Billye Keith Jones, 1994 Chair

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