



**January 2000**

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JANUARY 2000 - Happy New Year

NOTE: My apologies to the new advertising sponsors of the West Ender. Due to the holidays, I was not able to insert your graphics in this issue. You will get a full 12 months of advertising in the newsletter starting in February. Also, all sponsors will see upgraded graphics quality with the next edition. Again, sorry for the inconvenience.

Minutes from the November meeting

A detailed accounting report of the West End Community Fund Campaign will be compiled and given at the January meeting. A vote on the proposed sitting wall in Grace Court was delayed until presentation of the aforementioned report.

Baldwin Property Management withdrew their petition to the Historic District Commission regarding signs for their rental property in the West End.

The YMCA situation regarding the 4 houses being demolished is back in focus and the Metro "Y" Board will be contacted regarding this issue.

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The year in review

1999 was quite an eventful one for the West End neighborhood. Years of parking problems suffered by the residents of the Summit St. area were finally solved by a permit system supported by the City of Winston-Salem. We have 2 new restaurants, the Fourth St. Filling Station and Bella Capri - both are welcome additions to the fine variety of dining choices in our neighborhood. In the same section of West End, "upscale" townhouses will be completed in 2000.

The West End Community Fund Campaign started with some monies donated during the 1998 West End Holiday Home Tour. A very successful kick-off event was held in May with various city dignitaries in attendance and full media coverage. The Campaign ended in early fall and far exceeded our original goals. The Historic Markers designed by David

Poythress will be installed throughout the neighborhood this spring and the Grace Court clock will be installed in early summer. Two block parties were held during the fundraising period and will hopefully become annual events.

Trees and shrubs were planted along Burke St. and part of Fourth St., thanks to the hard work of Nick Kefal plus the donated labor and equipment from the City of Winston-Salem. Construction on Business 40 moved at a rapid pace, to the delight of many and the chagrin of a few West End residents. The longer First St. exit ramp is a definite improvement over the previous poor excuse for a deceleration lane. The YMCA dropped their plans for a proposed Aquatic Center in the West End.

Real estate values in the West End continued to rise steadily, partially due to the time and money spent on home improvement. The Historic District Commission saw a record amount of Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) applications come through their office. (Remember, you must get a COA approved prior to starting any modifications visible from the front of your home)

The annual West End Christmas Party was held on December 4th at the Women's Club on Fourth St. Over 50 people attended the gala, which had great food and entertainment. A hearty West End "thanks" to all who helped make this party a success. Also, thanks to every West End resident who helped make 1999 another great year for our community!

#### West End Happenings

A special thanks to Hanes Dye and Finishing for their second donation of \$2500 towards the fundraising campaign.

The next meeting of the West End Association will be Tuesday, January 4th 1999 at Brunson Elementary from 7:00 to 8:45. Everyone is invited.

**NO REPORT FROM THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS.** The first meeting of 2000 is on Wednesday January 5th at 5:30 PM in the Board of Alderman Chambers, 2nd floor City Hall.

The newsletter staff needs individual(s) to deliver the "West Ender" in the 6th Street area. Contact David Elam at 724-5282 for more information.

Also, I am resigning as editor of the "West Ender" effective March 2000, in order to devote more time to my new "dot.com" business. My time as editor has been quite rewarding - I've met many interesting people, learned about the history of our neighborhood and enjoyed my first foray into journalism. If you would like to volunteer for this position, contact me at 722-9804, powermt@lycosmail.com or call Nick Kefal at 725-9209. Thanks again for your support.

#### WEST END RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT: Greg Carlyle

Entrepreneur Greg Carlyle has lived / worked in the West End since 1979. He

purchased his first West End property in 1979 at 407 Summit, moved in and opened up shop as a hair stylist with one chair.

Within 2 years he had 8 employees and needed more parking for his clients.

Greg fell in love with the Rosenbacher house at 848 W. 5th Street. He bought it in 1981 and leased his previous home to

the Rainbow News. Once again, renovation consumed his spare time and his hair business expanded to 25 employees. In 1983 he got the old kitchen

licensed as a restaurant - the 4 « Street Deli, which

also had live jazz on Friday and Saturday nights. The deli started catering and flourished and became what is now known as Michael's. Greg continued to operate the salon on the 2nd floor.

Eventually he decided to downtown to 4th St. and he sold his interest in Michael's.

Greg has since moved his salon business to Reynolda Village, started the Millennium Group which owns the Millennium Center, and has received numerous local and national awards for his hair styling and business development. A true West End pioneer and one of the individuals responsible for the restoration of several key historic structures in our neighborhood.

The new Web address for the newsletter is <http://www.actionsspeak.org/westend>