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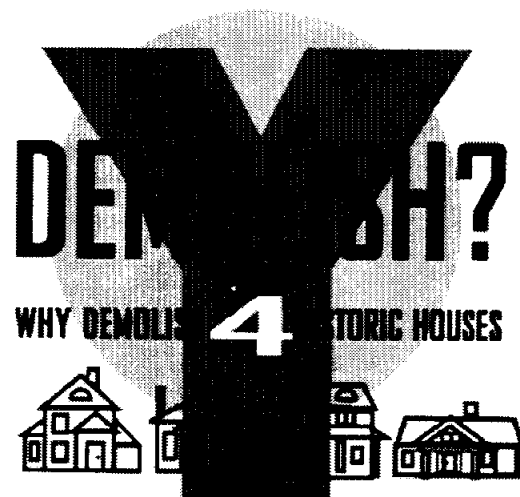


April 2001

News from the March 6, 2001 Meeting

Kathleen Ramich

Total funds in our treasury, including our Rainy Day Fund, West End Community Fund, and Operating Expenses Fund, total approximately \$20,000. The Board voted to pay an additional \$1200 to the City Parks and Recreation Department from the Community Fund to cover additional landscaping costs in the Grace Court Millennium renovations. The board will ask a three-person audit committee to give a complete review of each of the Funds back to the group within the next forty-five days. Two more nominations were made for the **WEA Board**: Bill Gibson, and Scott and Victoria Connell. These were seconded and passed. **Police Report**: Attendees discussed what was known to date about the burglaries in the neighborhood. Since the March meeting we are happy to report an arrest has been made of the prime suspect in the string of burglaries that has plagued the West End in the winter months. Residents are working with police to facilitate the return of stolen property. Thanks for your vigilance, neighbors!



**Pink & Green Ribbons
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Preservation**

Ever since last October's Y rally, neighborhood houses and street signs have been flying pink and

“Save the Y Houses” Committee: Planning Department staff member Robbie King gave a report on what has happened in recent discussions between the City/County Planning Department and the YMCA concerning rezoning of their land. Robbie indicated that this will likely come before the planning board at April or May’s public meeting. Only retention of the Freeman duplex is being discussed, along with removal and rezoning of other properties. Planning staff would likely recommend rezoning with an “S” site plan for new YMCA offices and parking. Rezoning opens the potential for future other uses of the property, under the less restrictive guidelines for new construction in the historic district. The “Save the Houses” committee proposed holding a press conference to acquaint the press and public with the proposals endorsed by the West End Association, one of which includes historic preservation architect Jeff Harbinson’s design for linking the existing structures at the rear while preserving the residential streetscape (see the WEA website). Currently we are approaching individual aldermen and city leaders asking for help with this issue. *(continued on page three)*

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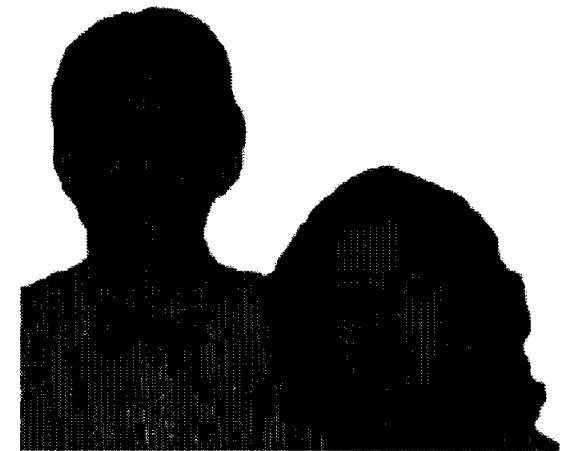
From our Co-Presidents:

Our new Board is really excited about all the new ideas and volunteering which we've been witnessing. The excitement is evident in our increased membership this year – already 122 families and businesses have paid their 2001 dues in the month since our annual meeting. We are sweetening the deal for April's West End meeting: we will personally buy two Smoothies for the first new members we sign in at our April 3rd meeting. Just when you thought life couldn't get any sweeter in the West End...

We were very excited by the dozens who turned out at our first monthly West End neighborhood "happy hour" party, held March 9 at our home. The idea for a regular informal neighborhood mixer came out of our first WEA Board meetings. We now have five locations booked for future events, and the Association is contributing toward the cost of snacks and beverages. You are invited to attend the next neighborhood social event, on Friday, April 6, from 6:00-8:00 pm at the home of John and Wanda Merschel, 1211 W. 4th St. The Merschels are long-time West End residents and Association supporters. Wanda is a past WEA President, and currently serves as our representative on the Board of Aldermen.

There is a lot of momentum building in our neighborhood. Join a committee of volunteer workers, support us with your dues, or come enjoy a social visit with your neighbors. There are so many great things we can do for – and with – each other. Let us know how to help.

George Bryan and Ann Doherty
WEA Co-Presidents, 2001-2003
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APRIL WEST END EVENTS – YOU'RE INVITED!

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Plans for the Women's Club building (Tise House): Michael Macko, owner of MHC Construction, reported that he has ninety employees based in his West End headquarters on W. Fourth Street. He owns the two buildings next to the Women's Club and plans to buy the Women's Club building soon. His plan is to put offices into the second floor, attic, and possibly the basement, and to bring the lobby back to its former grandeur. Michael also plans to donate the library room to the West End Association and Women's Club for their meetings and to rent out the lobby for wedding receptions and parties. The Association wishes him well with these admirable plans.

Committees Formed. Welcome Committee: Paige Lester-Niles (725-4412) will chair a committee to welcome newcomers to the West End. The committee will seek donations from area businesses and put together a package of information and goodies for new homeowners. **Historic Guidelines Committee:** Lisa Elam agreed to chair a committee to revise the historic guidelines for the district. Anyone interested in participating may contact Lisa at 724-5282. **By-Laws Revision Committee:** Vivian Thompson has volunteered to chair this committee. Call Vivian at 725-4474 if you would like to participate. **Neighborhood Watch Committee:** Members are needed to chair and staff this committee. Please call George Bryan or Ann Doherty (724-2706) if interested. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



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Editor's Note...

The Association's apologies to a few of you misled by a typo in last month's newsletter. Our March meeting was, as usual, on the first Tuesday of the month. But that day was March 6, not March 8 as reported last month. We are very sorry for any inconvenience. Last month's meeting was also unusual in that it was moved to the home of George Bryan and Ann Doherty on West End Blvd. Brunson School was unexpectedly locked upon our arrival there (there was a custodial scheduling problem that night). For future reference, the Association meets at Brunson Elementary School the First Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm (until no later than 9:00 pm) on those days that the school is open and in session. When school is not in session in the summer months, we meet at the gazebo in Grace Court. On snow days or school holidays, an alternative site will be posted when possible in the newsletter and in any event on the Brunson door that meeting night. Also, a call to George and Ann will always confirm any doubts as to location.

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