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I was interested in the short history of the West End in the July WEA Newsletter--along with George Bryan's note of comment. It is true that there were two active threats to the neighborhood's integrity: 1) Apartments built on former single-home lots on Summit and Brookstown demonstrated the inappropriate density allowed by zoning at that time. 2) DOT drew maps showing serious consideration of a road linking I-40 and US 52, and cutting right through Hanes Park. It's important, however, to note that our first coming together was not purely *defensive*.

At that time, I lived on Brookstown and worked at the Glade Street YWCA, and Ellie Clayton lived at the corner of Jersey and Pilot View. We sent our kids around West End with flyers advertising a pot-luck dessert, to be held at the YWCA on May 21, 1969. The City Recreation Department used to end their summer children's program at Hanes Park with a family picnic, so we knew our neighbors enjoyed gathering. We scheduled Dan Ashe of the W-S Housing Foundation to talk about remodeling older houses for re-sale--as attractive HOMES, not boarding houses--but the fellowship of meeting neighbors was our primary aim. Our conversations at the dessert, though, clarified that we needed to organize, so that group planned a follow-up meeting for becoming an Association.

The history of the successful re-zoning effort (and later Historic District designation) is pretty well known. No wonder that we in West End felt as if the many active neighborhood associations that began to appear were our "offspring" in some way. What may not be as well remembered are the social and family pleasures of our early meetings. It was not all "fight the invaders." Then, as now, we were gratified with the community spirit of West End. One fond memory is of a spontaneous "talent show" when (after a pot-luck supper meeting at the YWCA) the children entertained themselves by taking turns playing up on the stage. Serendipity! Not showing off, just fun--and more pleasant than if we had planned for it.

It's terrific to see the continuing health of the West End Association. Such organizations naturally have cycles of energy, but the community remains vibrant and alert for ways to enhance the environment, property values, and neighborly relationships.

Viva West End!

Ellen Yarborough

CALLING ALL WEST END BUSINESSES!

The West End Association is putting together "welcome baskets" for new residents. Please contact Marilyn Poorbaugh at 725-3303 (the number listed in last month's newsletter was incorrect) if you would like to contribute flyers or products for the baskets.

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By and for the West End Neighborhood

August 2003

*** The West End Association and The Winston-Salem Journal ***
proudly announce the first

HISTORIC West End ARTSfest
A celebration of the arts in Grace Court!

Saturday, Sept. 27th 11AM - 5PM

Professional regional artists exhibiting and selling their creations in sculpture, painting, pottery, glass, jewelry, fiber, mixed media and more. Featuring a sculpture garden, live music, food vendors from fine area restaurants, "out-of-doors" prizes of **original art work** donated by exhibitors and limited edition fine art t-shirts. (Order now for September!) Music by *Triad Scottish Fiddlers & friends*, traditional NC folk musician *Bryan Gallimore* and others.

Reserve the date to celebrate art in the park with friends. Food, prizes, music, and attractions for children. (No dogs, please.)
Free parking & free admission. Raindate: Sunday, Sept. 28 (same hours)

AUGUST WEST END EVENTS

Tuesday, August 5th, 7PM, Tise House, 952 West 4th St (near Grace Court), West End Association meeting. All West Enders welcome! Come meet your neighbors and discuss important issues that affect the West End.

The West Salem Cottage Garden Tour
AUGUST 9TH, 11AM-4PM

Join our neighbors in West Salem for a Garden Tour! Tickets can be purchased for \$3 prior to the day of the tour and for \$5 on the day of the tour (children under 6 free). For tickets and information about the tour, call Pat Olmstead (725-6771) or Carol Faley (761-1548). The money earned from the tour will go towards the purchase of signs when West Salem achieves its Historic Designation. The focus of the tour is on the history of West Salem, the closeness of the neighborhood and of course the many beautiful gardens.

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A Word from our Co-presidents:
 West Enders,
 We enjoyed seeing and meeting many neighbors at the July 4th event at the Tise House on Grace Court. There was dynamite food, great music and wonderful conversation. You could tell it was a great event by the amount of drips on the children's shirts! We enjoyed having the fire department and a representative from the police there. Many neighbors brought friends. Some of these neighbors even asked if this was all right – of course it is! We enjoy neighbors sharing their neighborhood with others. I would like to thank Stuart and Andrea Thomas for their work and thank the Board members and many others who made this a success. We had so much fun that we are very excited about the upcoming West End ArtsFest this fall (more news to come).

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Just a note about some other historic neighborhoods: I had a chance to spend time in Rye and Harrison, New York over the weekend and was interested to see the newest fad in driveway treatments. It has become more and more common to lay cobblestone in the first six to ten feet of a driveway. It really gives the property a new feel, particularly as you pass on the street or walk on the sidewalk. Not only does it look good but seems to hold up very well. More cobblestones!

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The Poorbaugh's telephone number for Welcome Baskets was incorrect in the last newsletter, the correct number is 725-3303. Please contact Marilyn Poorbaugh if you know of a new neighbor who should receive a basket!

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Remember our invitation to be involved on a committee or in a project in the neighborhood. Give us a call or an email! And please email us if you would like to be on the West End email news list.

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DRAFT CODGERS: To handle questions about, & sign-ups for WEA membership
LEG-BENDERS: To pick up & drop off tables & chairs from YWCA
ENVIRONMENTALISTS: To help with clean-up
YOUNG-AT-HEARTERS: To help with kids' activities (Call Missie Vaughan 724-4579)
AM-PASS-A-DORS: To notify neighbors adjacent to Grace Court of the event
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SCENES FROM A WEST END FOURTH OF JULY



The crowd gathers at Tise House.



A fire engine followed the parade. Bike and wagon decorations were very impressive!



Pie contest winners Connie Hance, Laura, John and Zachary Elliott



Another pie contest winner, Katja Wallin, with the remnants of her delicious pie!



Happy fireman standing in as a pie contest judge!

Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission
 Next meeting: August 6, 2003, 4PM
 Council Chamber, 5th Floor, City Hall South, 100 East First Street
 To obtain the meeting agenda in advance, please contact Michelle McCullough at 747-7063 or MICHELLEM@cityofws.org

Farewell to the Drugas!
 The West End bids a fond farewell to the Druga family. Tom, Marlene and Claire leave 1225 Forsyth St. after 16 years (Claire celebrated her first birthday on the front lawn soon after arriving in 1987). They are moving near Mt Tabor High School and promise to visit often! We wish them well at their new house!

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