
The West Ender

*By and for
the West End Neighborhood*

July 2003

CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH THE WEST END!

Friday, July 4th, 11AM-2:30PM

Grace Court and Tise House

Parade!

Live Band!

Fried Chicken!

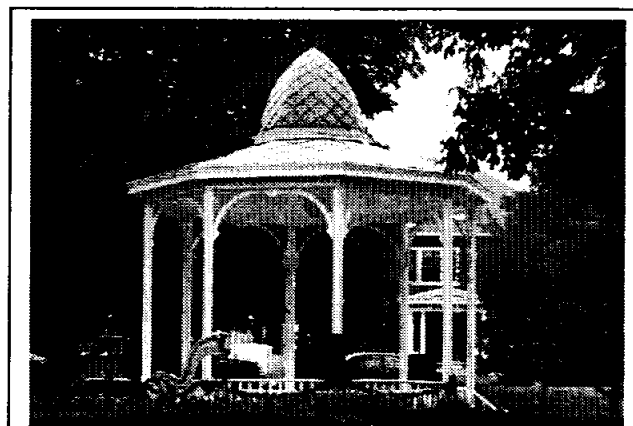
Pot Luck Lunch!

Apple Pie Contest!

Fire Engine and Dancing Firemen!

Prizes for decorated bikes and wagons!

Celebrate the American spirit with the wonderful West End community! The parade, led by the Fire Station #1 fire engine, starts at 11AM at the corner of 4th St and Forsyth St (one block from the intersection of First and Fourth). Dogs are welcome! The parade will end up at Grace Court where a live band will be playing and a pot luck lunch will be enjoyed by all. Please bring a dish! You might also want to bring a lawn chair. Drinks and fried chicken will be provided. There will also be an apple pie contest, so please step up to the plate with your best effort! Pies will be judged on taste, presentation and quality of crust. Volunteers are welcome to help set up at the Tise House at 10AM.



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A Word from our Co-presidents:

We are so pleased that the West End is now officially greeting new neighbors with Welcome Baskets! Please contact Marilyn Poorbaugh at 722-2469 if you know of a new neighbor who should receive one. We hope if you are part of a West End business or organization that you will share some promotional items or information to include in the Basket.

By the time you read this we should be back from Prague. We are going to scout out some really old neighborhoods and that great streetcar system. Don't forget to decorate for July 4th and plan to join our neighborhood gathering that day.

West End Association Co-Presidents George Bryan and Ann Doherty, 724-2706; bryandoherty2@yahoo.com

THE HISTORIC RESOURCE COMMISSION – NEW COMMITTEE

The Historic Resource Commission staff has formed a committee to review and update the current West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Guidelines. The committee hopes to begin meeting in July. If anyone is interested in finding out more about this committee please contact Michelle McCullough at 747-7063 or michellem@cityofws.org.

Each month the committee will post the topics that will be discussed on the City's and the West End's web pages (www.ci.winston-salem.nc.us and <http://thewestend.tripod.com>). The committee is hoping to get as much input from residents or concerned parties as possible. If you have any questions or comments, please call or e-mail Michelle McCullough at the City-County Planning Board.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH

A Carolina Ave. resident reports that on a recent Saturday her house was entered from the front while she was out in the back yard and her wallet was stolen. Please take care to keep doors locked. Also recently a number of West End residents were approached at their front doors by a middle-aged white woman asking for money to pay a locksmith. Please call the police if you are approached for money.



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A Short History of the West End

The land, now known as the West End neighborhood, was originally owned by the Salem Br. Johann Christian Wilhelm Fries. As Br. Fries could not keep his slaves in the town of Salem in January, 1828, he moved them out to a "little house on the hill" on the east side of the ridge where the present Summit Street is joined by Manley Street. The land was held by his family until 1890, when it was purchased by the West End Hotel and Land company.

In October 1890, fifty-nine men and businesses formed a corporation called the West End Hotel and Land Company. The purpose of the corporation was to control the growth of Winston in an orderly fashion. Section One included Br. Fries' ravine and spring (Spring Park) with West End Boulevard on one side and Park Lane on the other. Section Two contained what was to be the future resort Hotel Zinzendorf, Grace Court Park and residential lots. Many prominent men bought shares in the new development including R.J. Reynolds, W. A. Whitaker, James A. Gray, Henry T. Bahnson and the P.H. Hanes Company, and many others.

The Jackson Marian Martin home off 4th Street on Brookstown, the Benjamin J. Shepard home on the corner of 4 1/2 Street and Summit, the Col. J.S. Ludlow home next to the Shepard house, the Frank Miller home across the street, the Galloway home on 5th Street, the Audrein Mickle house next door and the William Liipfert home were all built in the 19th century. Also built in the 19th century was the Lillian (Moir) Dalton home, the Thomas Pepper home, the Edgar Vaughn house, the Joe Vaughn house and Captain Will Staff's house. The Zinzendorf Hotel was an outstanding landmark in the area. It was constructed in 1890 and burned in 1892.

The area was very heavily wooded in the 18th and 19th century. It enjoyed the dubious notoriety of being the place where Peter DeGraff killed and buried his lover and mother of his dead child, Ellen Smith. DeGraff was hung on the other side of Hanes Park near West End Boulevard. The story became legend in a pop-rock ballad in the early 1960's.

During the first decades of the 20th century the residential development of West End continued but with homes of smaller size than the earlier mansions. During the 1920's several churches and apartment buildings were built. By the thirties most of the area had been developed with homes characterized by a variety of sizes and architectural styles. In 1942 the YWCA moved to new quarters built on the James G. Hanes property on Glade Street hill.

In 1948 the area was rezoned permitting business development and high density, high rise buildings. By this time a number of the larger homes had been vacated by the original owners, many had been converted to multi-family homes, were being used as boarding houses, converted to other business uses or actually destroyed and replaced by business. The Wachovia Bank West End office was built in the late 1940's on the original site of the West End Methodist Church and Pilot Life Insurance Company built their office later a block away. The destruction of the Nading home on Summit Street in 1968 and the construction of a high-density apartment building on the same lot brought about the organization of the West End Association to work for re-zoning to prevent the construction of more high-density structures. The Association was successful in its efforts. During the 1970's many of the homes were purchased by young families who were eager to return the fine, older homes to single family use and take advantage of opportunities offered by living in a neighborhood near downtown, parks, schools, churches and the public library.

-- From the "West End Neighborhood Survey and Analysis" by the city Planning Staff - March, 1978



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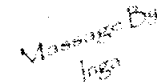
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**Notable Trees of the West End:
The Mulberry**

This month's tree is one that has been enjoyed by many lately, particularly the squirrels, birds, my nephew Austin, my son Silas and me. There is one behind my house and it has been very amusing watching the squirrels climb to the tips of its branches. The branches bend over with the squirrels' weight. The squirrels then hang upside down and enjoy the tasty mulberry. Sometimes they fall. Supposedly the unripe, whitish berries contain cathartic or hallucinogenic qualities in large quantities. However, on our walks to Brunson playground we stop at all of the many mulberry trees along the way and enjoy the delicious ripe, sweet purple or tart red berries, and haven't experienced any effects. Of course we aren't eating the unripe berries, because they don't taste good, and the squirrels don't seem to eat those either. Some people make jam from the mulberry fruit, but pectin must be added.



In our area the White Mulberry, *morus alba*, is the dominant species. It was brought over to the U.S. from China over a hundred years ago to establish a domestic silk industry, which failed. The tree has since naturalized and is more prevalent than our native Red Mulberry, *morus rubra*. The Chinese have been making silk for centuries from the silk casings of the Mulberry silk worm, whose sole food source is White Mulberry leaves. In traditional Chinese medicine, all parts of the tree are used: the leaves, bark, root, twigs, all having different medicinal properties. Even the silk casings and droppings from the worms are used in traditional Chinese medicine.

Both the Red and the White Mulberry have simple, alternate leaves that vary from one lobe to three, sometimes five, like a sassafras leaf. However, White Mulberry leaves are dark green and smooth underneath. The Red Mulberry has coarser leaves that are hairy underneath. It is smaller, and requires a more specific habitat than the White Mulberry, which is somewhat weedy.

If you know of a notable tree that you think should be featured or would like more information, please contact Kevin Lindsey at 722-2881.

CALLING ALL WEST END BUSINESSES!

The West End Association is putting together "welcome baskets" for new residents. Please contact Marilyn Poorbaugh at 722-2469 if you would like to contribute flyers or products for the baskets.

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