

The West Ender

By and for
the West End Neighborhood



March 2003

West End Association Board Nominees 2003

George Bryan and Ann Doherty	Co-presidents
*David Poythress	Vice President
Steve Joiner	Treasurer
Lee Ann Manning	Secretary

Craig Dishner
Susan Hutson and Reidar Wallin
Jack Campbell
Toni and David Phillips
*Ansley Browning
*Karen Durell
*Bud and Barbara Goldsmith
*Linda Kirby
(ny Lindsey
*David and Marilyn Poorbaugh
*Larry Schooler
*Stuart and Andrea Thomas

*New nominations this year

MARCH WEST END EVENTS

Tuesday, March 4, 7PM

West End Association Meeting

Tise House

952 W. 4th St (near Grace Court)

All West End residents welcome! Please come meet your neighbors, discuss the future of the neighborhood, and vote for your association board.

Saturday, March 15th, 7PM on...

West End Neighborhood Social and St.

Patrick's Day party

George Bryan and Ann Doherty

813 West End Blvd. All West Enders, including children, welcome! Irish Coffee and music by Gaelwynd.

Voting for the board will take place at the West End Association meeting Tuesday, March 4th. Additional nominations from the floor are welcome that night. Come nominate yourself or your neighbor!

Highlights from the February 4th meeting of the West End Association

- George Bryan announced Tom Calloway, architect for the proposed Unity Place complex on Broad and 4th Streets had invited WEA board members to a meeting to discuss specifics of the project. George proposed that when Krispy Kremer and Calloway have more information ready, he would like to invite them to a WEA meeting to discuss. He reminded WEA members to think about how this development might work with the South Central Area Plans' suggestions for infill areas, etc. We need to be proactive with any ideas and concerns about the proposals to come.

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WEST END TAP ROOM

Highlights from the February 4th meeting of the West End Association con't

- **Nominating Committee:** Bill Gibson reported that the Nominating Committee was preparing a slate of incoming board members based on the terms and rotation outlined in the bylaws. The slate will be voted on at the March meeting. Bill Gibson encouraged members to attend the March meeting and vote, including changing the slate as they may deem necessary to add other nominees.
- **Peters Creek Toxicity Report:** George Bryan noted that the city let him know that in the report the WEA received about the lab results, the decimal point was misplaced. The correct reading should be 8 times higher than normal, not 80. Amy Lindsey and George have been researching businesses that release into Peters Creek. They will continue updating the WEA as they get more information.
- George Bryan announced that there are new ordinances for property maintenance. These ordinances allow for civil penalty assessments of 10% of cleanup cost or \$100 whichever is greater. These are for property owners whose property requires three or more crew cleanups within one calendar year. Permissible vegetation height was lowered from 12 inches to eight. An addition included a new section on improperly maintained bushes and shrubs and penalties for placing grass clippings in the roadway.
- Ms. Rae Jessup, community services advisor for the City of Winston-Salem, and Ms. Jacki Sims, housing inspector for the City, spoke to the Association about how the City addresses community issues and code violations. Ms. Sims explained that Housing and Neighborhood Services takes care of problems such as high weeds, abandoned vehicles, environmental issues, recycling and garbage, etc. The community services area works to find out what problems are in neighborhood and how they can help residents find answers (e.g., if a resident doesn't know what division to call, or has trouble with assistance from a city office, the community services advisor will help solve problem).
- For questions about housing and neighborhood code enforcement and community issues, West End residents may contact Ms. Jackie Sims at 734-1271 or 727-8486.

--Minutes submitted by Lee Ann Manning
To view the minutes in their entirety, please visit <http://thewestend.tripod.com>

Please support your neighborhood by joining the West End Association now!

West End Association Membership Application

Join the West End Association and help create a friendly and beautiful neighborhood. Membership is as low as \$15 for families in 2003. You will help support the newsletter, park and roadway enhancements, and monitoring of zoning and the Historic District Commission. Members can join the West End email list (<http://thewestend.tripod.com>) to receive information on houses for sale and their prices, notes from our Alderman, crime statistics, invitations to monthly gatherings, and much more! **Annual Dues for 2003 are due NOW. Send to: WEA, POB 10055, W-S, NC 27108**

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erl originals: A mix of serious art and whimsy in a friendly gallery

Lee and Peter Swenson, owners of erl originals, want visitors to enjoy their gallery in a relaxed atmosphere. They play music throughout their bright airy space, and even welcome customers who stroll in with their dogs! Unabashed art and dog lovers, the Swensons opened the gallery on West End Blvd last September. Previously on Trenwest Blvd, they were looking for a larger space and more visible location. The high ceilings, accessible parking and complimentary businesses nearby drew them to this spot in the West End.



Above: erl originals on West End Blvd. Below: Owners Lee and Peter Swenson in the gallery

Originally from Montclair, New Jersey, the Swensons moved to Winston-Salem in 1979. In 1996 they bought erl originals, a business that now dates back 25 years and was named after the original owner's mother, Elizabeth Reeves Lyon. They manage the business together, drawing on Peter's business expertise and Lee's background in fine arts. They specialize in contemporary American art, craft and photography.



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Letter to the Editor

This is in response to the above photo which appeared in this newsletter last month. We feel it made light of an issue which is important to us. This sign was targeted to the landlord who, for the past year, has been trying to force us to remove our fence and open up this property, not only compromising the safety of the neighborhood, but also devaluing properties in this section of West End.

Representatives of the West End Association support keeping this alleyway open to preserve the "historical integrity" of the West End Historic District. We feel each situation should be considered not only historically but how the action will affect our homes and neighborhood in the long term. The statement that the association in their long range plan will "open closed alleyways and maintain existing alleys" gives cause for alarm. We know of at least one alleyway which was closed and is now the property owner's private driveway. Will they allow traffic to use it once reopened? Where does the association propose to obtain the funds needed to maintain the alleys in use in the area?

We have spent a great deal of time and money to restore a derelict property. We enjoy living in our house and in this neighborhood. We will continue to fight for our position concerning this fence and alleyway usage. And if any Gaelic-impaired persons wish a translation either literally or symbolically, please give us a ring at 773-1934.

Bob and Sandra King, 1510 Jarvis Street

Editor's note: The West End Association has confirmed its position on keeping access to the back of property through the historically deeded alleyways twice in the last four months. The West End Association appreciates that these alleys are part of the traditional pathways protected by our Historical Overlay. The alleys were offered in deed to the City of Winston-Salem by the Ludlow Corporation. Each property owner received the legal right to use of the alleys upon purchase of their property. These alleys have an important role in off street parking, trash collection, maintaining the back of homes and properties, fire and emergency access and many other uses. The Association's position was confirmed by the City Attorney's recorded opinion to the Historic Resource Commission. The City Attorney reiterated that every property owner contiguous to these traditional alleys has the right to open access. The HRC confirmed this position following the Attorney's opinion and has requested that the fence in this case on Jarvis St. be removed so that adjacent property owners can have access to their properties.

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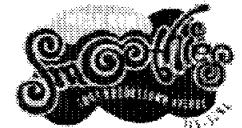
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