

The West Ender

By and for
the West End Neighborhood

May 2003

Vintage Homes Program Emphasizes City Assets

In his speech last October to Winston-Salem's business and civic leaders, scholar Richard Florida noted the importance of our city's historic homes in efforts to revitalize the local economy. Florida, a PhD from Carnegie Mellon University whose studies look at the important role "creative" people played in reviving economies in metropolitan areas such as San Francisco, Seattle, and Boston, said "authenticity" is "what creative people want" when they look for housing, noting Winston-Salem's wealth of historic dwellings would be an asset in efforts to attract biotechnology firms and other 21st century industries.

The new "Vintage Homes" marketing program from Coldwell Banker Realtors attempts to showcase these important assets in the local real estate market. To be eligible for the program, homes must be at least 60 years old. Eligible houses are identified as "Vintage Homes" in the *Winston-Salem Journal's* "Homeplace" Sunday real estate insert and receive specialized advertising in other publications such as the *Homes & Land* real estate catalog and *Domicile Magazine*.

The program started last fall and has already been beneficial in marketing homes in the city's historic Southside areas. Coldwell Banker listings at 110 E. Sprague Street and 1633 Waughtown Street went under contract within the first 30 days, thanks, in part, to the program. "By recognizing historic homes, we hope the program will bring some long-needed attention to historic neighborhoods in the Southside," said Patti Sturdy, a Coldwell Banker Realtor who helped develop the program. "The Vintage Homes program helps recognize Southside's intrinsic value and its wealth of great historic homes."

The program was created at the instigation of Coldwell Banker's Carol Faley, a longtime West Salem resident who is involved in several community organizations. All of the realtors involved in the program—Andrew Waters, Teresa O'Brien, and Sarah Olson—reside in vintage homes and hope the program can help bring recognition and renewal to some of the city's neglected historic neighborhoods.

-- Courtesy of Andrew Waters and the Winston-Salem Neighborhood Alliance

MAY WEST END EVENTS

Sunday, May 4, 3-5PM, Winston-Salem Neighborhood Alliance Spring Social, Millennium Center, 101 West Fifth Street, Fellowship, refreshment, and news about the rebuilding together program in Winston-Salem.

Tues, May 6, 7PM, West End Assoc Meeting, Tise House, 952 W. 4th St, (near Grace Court)
All West End residents welcome! Come meet your neighbors and discuss the future of the neighborhood!

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WEST END TAP ROOM

A Word from our Co-presidents:

Lovely spring is here! Thank goodness our piles of limbs have finally been moved so we can park on the street and walk on the sidewalks! Several streets have recently been paved and some paved that we rather were not paved like the wonderful hill on Forsyth Street where the cobblestones were revealed after the asphalt was ground down.

We hope you have been taking advantage of walking to all the events occurring downtown - films, Rock the Block, Gallery Hops, and the normal good restaurants (have you tried the new Brazilian?). Locally we have been enjoying the new pizza restaurant, antique shops and our parks. The Beagle Pub & Grille opened May 1st at 750 Summit St (site of the former frozen yogurt shop) after months of preparation. The owner says that the first few days they will be testing out menu ideas. We did notice they had Newcastle on tap. Monday through Friday they will be open from 11AM to 2AM, Saturday and Sunday from noon to 2AM. Let's welcome them to the neighborhood and enjoy our expanding dining opportunities.

The new dog park is open in Washington Park! We took our corgi Stuart to the opening. He was absolutely on his best behavior as he was overwhelmed by the diversity of dogs. Thanks to all West Enders who helped with the effort and to our Councilwoman - Wanda Merschel.

Thank you to those of you that returned your West End Strategic Plan Surveys! Your input is what drives the West End. We are in particular need of those of you who have energy to improve the neighborhood. If you didn't have an opportunity to fill out the Survey give us a call or email and we will drop one by.

For those of you that have not joined the West End Association - remember the cost is only \$15 a year. Members that have shared their email addresses have recently received information on the prices that home are selling for and the market cost of apartments. We have also been discussing by email the whining noise bothering neighbors at night. Join the West End Association and stay up-to-date on recent happenings, real estate, and any crime watch news.

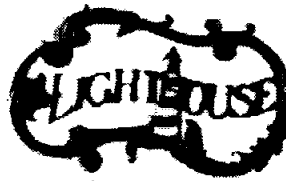
Your Co-Presidents George Bryan and Ann Doherty, 724-2706; bryandoherty2@yahoo.com

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Highlights from the April 1 meeting of the West End Association

- **Report on Alley Issue on Jarvis Street** – It was reported that the City Council voted unanimously on the consent agenda to uphold the HRC decision and deny a request by West End residents to close the alley adjacent to their home. It was noted that the issue of alleys has brought many calls from West End residents concerned about the status of alleys on their own properties.
- **Police Report:** A resident reported that she had rocking chairs stolen from her porch, which she found being sold in a consignment store in the Reynolda Road/West End Blvd. area. She said that she has heard numerous reports of similar incidents and shared her concern that some consignment shop owners do not screen the purchases of items sold to them under questionable circumstances. There was much discussion regarding how homeowners can prevent thefts (photographing furniture, chaining to porches, labeling, etc) as well as ideas on how the police and shop owners can prevent these incidents. One suggestion was that the police establish a “hot list” of stolen items that could be circulated to shop owners. Ann Doherty reminded everyone of the importance of informing police of all incidents. She suggested the board formulate a strategy for dealing with the problem and report back to the members.
- There was much discussion regarding a request to install vinyl siding put before the HRC. The property in question is a contributing structure. Precedence has been set in that area by HRC allowing vinyl siding because vinyl (instead of asbestos) will bring the structure more in keeping with look of area siding. One resident felt that the WEA should stick to the HDO guidelines, which do not support vinyl siding. Another noted that while the WEA should support the design and review guidelines, those same guidelines don't disallow vinyl siding. Some attendees were very concerned that the costs involved with installing wood siding and maintaining it should be taken into consideration; that these costs will ultimately keep more residents from moving into the West End area. Some noted that all property owners are made aware of the HDO and its guidelines before purchasing property. Others felt that the HRC needed to be more equitable when approving or disapproving COAs.
 -- Minutes submitted by Lee Ann Manning, for the full minutes, visit: thewestend.tripod.com (no www)

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CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS

West End Historic Overlay District

Teresa E. O'Brien, Applicant, 1254 West Fourth Street, Herring-Sparks House, Construction of two brick driving strips, 18" wide and 30' long, Continued from April 2, 2003

Christian Fountain Church, Applicant, 502 North Broad St, Friends Meeting House, New Exterior Signage

Local Historic Landmark Properties

Historic Restoration, Applicant, 310 W. 4th St/312-314 West 4th St, Comprehensive Rehab. of Building

NEW BUSINESS

Briefing on Minor Work Approvals

West End Historic Overlay District

Toni Phillips, 1218-A West First St, Fence Installation, (side and rear yard)

Robert Jewell, 1021 West End Blvd, Storm Door, Front Entry Light and Front Railing Replacement

David Christenbury, 1416 Brookstown Avenue, Tree Removal






Mackenzie Properties LLC, 407 & 409 Summit Street, Hand Railings Installation

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Fence in Hanes Park

Update on the Fence on Jarvis Street

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**Notable Trees of the West End:
The Bald Cypress**

A few months ago I was called about an unusual, bright green, needled tree. The caller was curious because the tree turned brown and dropped its needles in the fall.

When I discovered its location at 915 Carolina Avenue, I realized I was familiar with this particular tree. It is a Bald Cypress, (*taxodium distichum*), one of the few coniferous trees that are deciduous, and therefore, unlike most of its coniferous cousins, it loses its needles in the fall. Although I had noticed it before, I didn't realize that there were two equally impressive examples in the backyard.



The Bald Cypress can grow about 70 feet tall in fifty years. In the swamps where the soil is unstable it develops "knees" that help it stabilize. You will not see these knees in the Piedmont. The bark is reddish brown and the tree has a pyramidal shape when young, but a flattopped, open and irregular shape as it matures. After the needles drop in the fall, the Bald Cypress appears lifeless, but comes back to life in the spring with feathery, fluorescent green needles.


These trees grow naturally in wet areas of the coastal plain from Virginia down into Texas, but have been successfully planted much farther north and upland as these specimen testify. Bald Cypress trees have been known to live 1400 years or more, making them the oldest living things on the east coast. But because of the strength and durability of its wood, most of the great Bald Cypress were logged. However, there are still some found in inaccessible swamps. The wood is so valuable that some people will harvest old logs that have sunk in the mud of a swamp or riverbank, and will command prices as high as \$10,000 for one log. This tree is worth planting, if for nothing else, for its beauty. I don't know of any others in West End, but there are some huge examples in God's Acre at Old Salem. Perhaps we as a neighborhood should plant some in Hanes Park, an ideal setting for the Bald Cypress.

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.

WEST END CRIME WATCH

Items continue to disappear off West End porches, particularly porch furniture. Please do not leave valuables or irreplaceable items outside your home. Consider putting ID on your porch furniture and securing it to the porch. If you should be robbed, please contact the police immediately. You may also want to check the consignment shops on West End Blvd near Hanes Park IMMEDIATELY, as two West End victims of theft have recently been able to reclaim their porch furniture from the shops before they were resold (one as a customer was writing a check for her rockers!).

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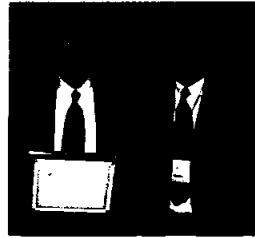


The Select News

Seasonal Lawncare Information for the Informed Nature's Select Client
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Lawn Care

Nature's Select Establishes Turfgrass Scholarship



PJ Lenihan & Bill Hildebolt

Nature's Select established and funded The PJ Lenihan Turfgrass Scholarship at N.C. State University. \$2000 will be awarded to one student each year based on academic achievement and financial need.

The scholarship is named after our Vice President, PJ Lenihan in recognition of his long-term service with the Turfgrass Council of NC. PJ was a past president and one of the founding fathers.

We are proud to honor PJ in this manner for his hard work and dedication to Nature's Select and the turfgrass industry.

Your Technician Has Been Learning More About Your Lawn

In order to better serve our clients, we periodically send our technicians to conferences to learn up-to-date turfgrass technology. They attended seminars and workshops at the Turfgrass Conference last month on topics such as:

- Plant Physiology

SPRING AERATION

It's that time of the year again! Spring is upon us and it is time to aerate your lawn. We are recommending a spring aeration for the following reasons:

- Better grass roots grow for healthier, hardier plants
- Micro-organisms and earthworms thrive
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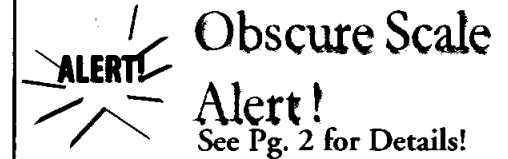


IT'S NOT TOO LATE! NOW IS THE TIME TO STOP WEEDS!

Preemergent weed controls applied in May helps to reduce infestations of crabgrass and broad leaf weeds for the next 90 days.

May and June are also the time to work on problems caused by brown patch fungus disease and Japanese Beetles.

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SCALE ALERT!

What is Obscure Scale?

Obscure scale is an insect that resides on your Oak trees and is difficult to detect. The scale insects feed on the sap of the tree and their puncture wounds cause continual loss of sap. The scale's waxy cover is grayish in color and blends in with the natural color of Oak bark. This waxy coating protects them from insecticide spray. Where large populations are present, the scale covers in thick layers over the bark and can interfere with photosynthesis and respiratory functions.

Symptoms

Signs of heavy scale infestations are dieback of twigs and small branches that can be seen starting in early to mid-summer. In the winter, after most of the leaves have fallen, dead branches with leaves still attached can be observed.



How can Nature's Select Help?

The most effective control is to inject the trunk of the tree with an insecticide, which is distributed throughout the tree by the sap. The insect is killed when the insect ingests the sap. This is the most environmentally friendly way of taking care of the problem because there are no spray drifts. Depending on the health of the tree, making sure that the tree has adequate nutrients and healthy soil conditions for new root growth will greatly improve the recovery process.

CLIFF'S NOTES

This section is dedicated to helpful hints for trees and shrubs by Cliff Hartsoe, our Senior Plant Care Specialist. Check here for alerts and ideas concerning your trees and shrubs.

WINTER INJURY:

Broadleaf evergreens are susceptible to winter injury.

These plants should receive protection from wind and sunshine during the winter. Nature's Select provides this protection by applying dormant oil. Winter scorch can develop

FREEZING & THAWING

Extended periods of bright sunlight causes the stems of Boxwoods and Evergreens to crack open resulting in excessive moisture loss. Direct sunlight on the trunks and branches can cause freezing and thawing of the plant parts resulting in drying and

Tips For Growing An Herb Garden

When growing herbs, follow these tips:

- Plant herbs in average garden soil with organic matter to improve texture and drainage.
- Plant in an area that receives at least 6 hours of direct sun daily
- Avoid ground where water stands or runs during heavy rain
- Compensate for poor drainage with raised beds amended with compost
- Apply balanced fertilizers sparingly to leafy, fast-growing herbs. Heavy fertilizer will decrease concentration of essential oils in lush green growth

*Information was gathered from the School of Horticulture at NC State's website. For more detailed information, visit www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/hort.html

COMMUNITY

Reynolda Gardens Calendar of Events

March 25th, 12:30pm

Introduction to Beekeeping

An overview of the history of beekeeping, the science of how bees make honey, the value of bees to society and how to begin beekeeping. Weather permitting, a glass-enclosed frame of live ! will be on display.

Brad Niven and Jim Barnes: Beekeepers

April 1st, 12:30pm

Organic Methods of Pest Management in the Home Garden and Greenhouse

An overview of the latest information on how to achieve a pest-free environment for your inside and outside plantings, without upsetting your local ecosystem. This is part one of an integrated pest management program

Keith Baldwin, extension specialist for horticulture, NC A&T

April 8th, 5:30pm

Best Tomatoes to Grow

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John Kiger, RGWFU assistant director

April 15th, 5:30pm

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or a classic like

Beef Tenderloin

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or something to impress

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and something for everyone

Southwest Sampler

Fajita spiced beef brochettes, Smoked Chicken and corn cornucopias, salsa fresca, guacamole, red and green peppers.