

The West Ender

By and for
the West End Neighborhood



September 2003

The West End Real Estate Environment

We all know the West End is a great neighborhood and are proud to call it home. Downtown revitalization, the announced Unity Place development, and a growing interest in older homes have kindled a burgeoning curiosity about where we live. People are realizing the fortunate location and inimitable character of the West End are without equal in Winston-Salem. I have had numerous conversations with sellers, buyers, and real estate agents about the demand for West End homes and what buyers are looking for in a West End home.

Currently, the greatest demand is for tastefully renovated, ready -to-move-into homes with yard space and off-street parking. We have seen larger homes sell close to and over \$400,000 on some streets over the past year. The property's location within the West End neighborhood is a specific factor in market price. Quality of renovation can overcome some location concerns as they relate to price. Large open kitchens with solid surface countertops such as granite add greatly to older homes appeal. Price is ultimately dependent on the property in question. A fine example is the ~2900 sq ft Colonial Revival at 1105 Glade Street which sold in 41 days for \$370,000.

There is some significant interest in total renovation projects. This type of home does not become available often and, if priced realistically, generates a good amount of buyer interest. There are not many of these homes available due to 20+ years of neighborhood revitalization efforts. The ~3500 sq ft home at 1408 Clover Street is the latest selling for \$227,000 in 36 days. The buyers are planning a new kitchen, baths, porch renovation, exterior & interior painting, HVAC, plumbing & electrical updates to start restoring this home to its former stature.

Many of you know about the state tax credits that can be received when doing pre-approved renovations. You should consider these for renovation projects that will add desirability and value to your home. Michelle McCullough of the Historic Resources Commission is a great resource for information regarding the processes you will need to go through for your renovation projects. Be sure to call her at 747-7063 before starting.

By improving your small corner of the West End you will add to the value of your home and the overall appeal of our neighborhood!

Greg White, Realtor, Graham & Boles Properties, Tel: 794-8887 and West End resident: 622 Summit St.

SEPTEMBER WEST END EVENTS

Tuesday, Sept. 2, 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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A Word from our Co-president:

West Enders,

As noise was a high score in your priorities I have been out monitoring the situation with the Bars on Burke St on a number of occasions. (A good afternoon nap makes it all possible!). While the development on Burke Street is very exciting – good retail options during the day then strong socialization at night- the bar and their parking lots are located right next to residents living on Fourth Street. One bar has an outside area that, if occupied about ½ full, is very noisy despite a fence. Several of the bars and restaurants use parking lots adjacent to the residences and patrons leaving at 2 AM or later in the morning make noise revving their motorcycles or yelling. Beer bottles from patrons and trash litters the streets and alleys. Many police reports are made each week on the behavior of late night patrons or because of noise.

Neighbors on Fourth Street have met with the City officials to see if there is a solution. I have met with the Burke Street Business Association, the City Officials, and the owners of many of the late night establishments. Increased police attention to the area, trash cans and clean up by the establishments would definitely help the situation. It is going to take more than that to lessen the noise as about 600 people exodus the bars and establishments at 2 AM. It may take privately hired security, new ways to lessen noise in the parking lots and better privacy fences. There ought to be a way that residents and night time establishments can co-exist.

I have been out in the bars and on Burke Street and the Alley several nights and frequently have talked with owners during the day in past month. We have a problem. Residents need to be able to expect that patrons respect the noise ordinances. We want to know that the area is safe. We will continue to work with the Burke St. Business Association and owners to find solutions. I encourage others to join me in the monitoring of the situation and help find solutions.

George Bryan Co-President West End Association, 724-2706; bryandoherty2@yahoo.com

Excerpts from the Minutes of the August 5th Meeting of the West End Association

Stormwater Presentation: Roseann L'Esperance, Storm Water Dept, City of W-S. She asked what happens to storm water that go into storm drains? Answer: It goes into Hanes Park.

Her remarks included the following points:

- What's the #1 environmental concern of Americans? Quality of drinking water.
- How often is water tested for purity? Never.
- One quart of oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of water.
- **Storm water runoff—main threat to our drinking water.**
- Water is finite source. Water we drink is same water that dinosaurs drank.

Things we can all do to make difference:

- 1) Never dump anything down storm drain. Milk robs stream of oxygen—dairy pollution kills fish. Identify storm drains in neighborhood. Adopt them. Keep them clear. Peters Creek goes into Salem Creek, then Muddy Creek, then Yadkin River.
- 2) Organize community cleanup. Last year, small group of W-S volunteers around city pulled out 51,000 pounds of litter.
- 3) Limit fertilizer use. Especially before big rain. If there's too much rain and too much fertilizer, ends up in storm drain. Fertilizer contains nitrogen and phosphorous, can't ever get all phosphorous out of drinking water. So don't put so much in. Leads to oxygen depletion and fish kills. If you spill fertilizer, don't hose down, sweep up, either back onto lawn or into bag.
- 4) Limit pesticide use.
- 5) Take car to commercial car wash. At least there, that wastewater goes into wastewater system, goes to sewage treatment to be recycled back into local waterways. If you have to wash car, wash it on grass.



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**Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission
Partial agenda for September 3, 2003, 4:00 P.M.
Council Chamber, 5th Floor, City Hall South, 100 East First Street**

Certificate of Appropriateness Applications

- A. West End Historic Overlay District
1. Angela Wilson, Applicant
860 West Fourth Street, Contributing Commercial Building (Inventory #146)
Installation of New Signage
 2. Sam Ogburn, Jr., Applicant, 120 Crafton Street, Non-Contributing Apartments (#583)
Renovations and Alterations of Exterior to create Bungalow Aesthetic

West End Historic Overlay District Minor Work Approvals

Kristin and Darren Lauten, Applicant, 923 West End Boulevard, James House (#390)
Replacing Brick Wall with Stone, Removing Two Rear Windows

Ansley Browning, Applicant, 800 West End Boulevard, Glenn Angelo Walker House (#374)
Removal of Tulip Poplar Tree

Kevin Ebbink, Applicant, 1412 Clover Street, Bost House (#334)
Installation of Wooden Privacy Fence Replacing Chain Link Fence (After-the-Fact)

Frank Delvalle, Applicant, 148 West End Boulevard, J.F. Jefferies House (#35)
Tree Removal

Mora Grogan, Applicant, 500 West End Boulevard, Samuel Sosnik House (#267)
Alterations to the Existing Front Porch, Installation of New Carriage Style Garage Doors

*NEXT MEETING: October 1, 2003
For more information please contact Michelle McCullough at 747-7063 or MICHELLEM@cityofws.org*

CAROLINA MUSIC WAYS WEB SITE

Carolina Music Ways Music Heritage Resource Group has recently launched www.carolinamusicways.org. The site is a useful resource for folks planning excursions to our area's fall's festivals. The site, loaded with attractive graphics and photos, has in-depth information on over 800 annual, monthly, and weekly events. Events are in Forsyth, Stokes, Davie, and Davidson counties and include jazz, bluegrass, blues, gospel, old-time stringband, and Moravian music. Check out the site's "Genres" section for audio clips of local artists, and the "History" section for information on the musical heritage of our region from the Colonial Period to 1960.

PLEASE DISPOSE OF PET WASTE PROPERLY!

The concern has been raised that our lovely West End neighborhood is being despoiled by pet waste on sidewalks, lawns and all around Hanes Park. PLEASE clean up after your pets!



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**Notable Wildlife in the West End:
Birds**

This month instead of writing about trees I thought, "Why not branch out to other aspects of the West End's natural world?"



There are many other trees to feature, but it's the birds that have fascinated me lately. Although I'm not an expert, I have noticed a great variety of bird life in our neighborhood. A couple of months ago a Wren set up house in my basement. We enjoyed watching it hop around in search of insects. Then one day its babies left the nest and practiced flying outside the basement door. They haven't been back inside since, but I think I've seen those same birds in the yard.

Recently I came home and noticed some movement among the yellow Coreopsis flowers in the front yard. I was startled when about 15 Gold Finches flew away into the safety of the nearby trees. For the next couple of weeks I would sit quietly on my porch watching them forage for seeds in the spent flower heads. They also seem to be fond of the Black Thistle seeds in my neighbor's bird feeder across the street. I've seen not only Gold Finches, but also Purple Finches, Blue Jays, brown Wood Thrushes, red Cardinals, gray Mockingbirds and of course the orange-breasted Robins.

Earlier this summer I spotted a pair of Yellow-Crowned Night Herons in Peter's Creek between Brunson and Hanes Park. I am told these secretive birds rarely nest this far inland, but there were several nesting sites spotted around town this year. Then there are the hummingbirds. A sure bet to attract them to your yard is to plant Cardinal flowers, a native wildflower whose deep red coloring resembles a Cardinal priest's robe, as does the male Cardinal's plumage. Birds are attracted to habitats that include diverse plantings of trees, shrubs and flowers, in addition to water and good nesting sites. It is very entertaining to watch these delicate creatures in their journeys for sustenance and shelter. While there is more that could be done to improve bird habitat, it is comforting that they are able to find refuge in our neighborhood. - Kevin Lindsey, 722-2881


UPDATE: West End ARTSfest

VOLUNTEERS are still needed! Please call Bud or Barbara Goldsmith at 725-4711 if you can help out for part of the day on September 27th.

PARKING will be allowed at Kilpatrick Stockton, Modern Chevrolet lots on Green Street, & Wachovia (both locations). If you are close enough to walk (or car pool), that will help out a lot.

T-SHIRTS will be available at the September West End Association meeting. To reserve your size ahead of time, give us a call at 723-9207 or email: kramich@att.net. We currently have all adult sizes available from Small to XXXL, but some sizes are going fast.) Shirts are Comfort T's, 100% cotton (pre-shrunk) and only \$10.00!

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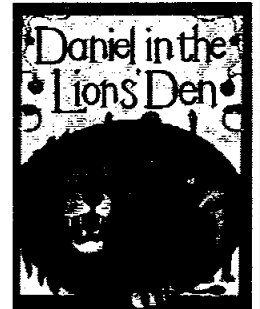


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Sunday, September 7, 10:10am
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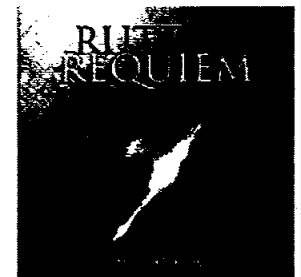
A musical play about Daniel in the lions' den presented by 14 members of the Youth Choirs. Many familiar faces have had a hand in producing this lively and delightful Bible story of faith. Look for Jersey Avenue resident Music Director Barbara Beattie, St. Paul's Music Director; West End Boulevard resident Cate Hendren, and other Brunson students past and present — Walker Flythe, Alex Hilleary, Matt Hebert, Kyle Montgomery, and Mary Louise Shore. We are excited that Marley Willard, founder of the ACT program at the Winston-Salem Little Theatre, has returned to Winston-Salem after 15 years away, and is directing the show. Kids and adults will love it!



Thursday, September 11, 7:30pm
"Requiem"

A service of music and remembrance

Featuring John Rutter's "Requiem" sung by The Adult Choir with chamber orchestra, and from Gabriel Fauré's Requiem "Pie Jesu" sung by The Junior Boys' and Girls' Choirs. For this beautiful and poignant service, please come early for good seating.



Wednesday, September 17, 8:00pm
"Evensong Honoring Hildegard of Bingen"

Music sung by The Women of the Choir.

St. Paul's joins Christian churches all over the world in special services commemorating the life of brilliant, influential, 11th century German abbess, Hildegard of Bingen. Described by one parishioner as "the most moving and beautiful service I've ever attended anywhere," the worship includes a chanted liturgy, songs and poetry of Hildegard, and a homily inspired by her life and faith. The Reverend Fred Horton is the Officiant. Hildegard scholar and West End resident, Stephanie Lovett, is the Homilist. September 17, Hildegard's feast day, is the only time of year that the church is adorned, and the sidescreen in the medieval fashion, with



West End ARTSfest

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