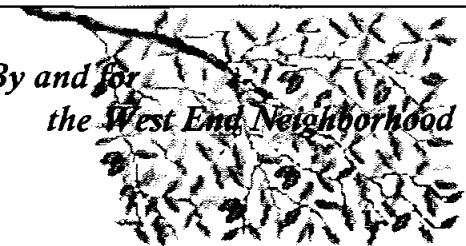


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the West End Neighborhood*



August 2004

## **Spotlight on the Thomas-Welch House**

### ***Getting Started***

One of the unique characteristics of our West End neighborhood is the collection of Bed and Breakfast inns on Summit Street. Dave and Marilyn Poorbaugh are the proud owners of the Thomas-Welch House Bed and Breakfast at 618 Summit. This two-story Colonial Revival home was built in 1923 by John R. Thomas, a coal and ice dealer who lived there until 1934. In 1940 the home was purchased by John G. Welch, (of the Royal Cake Company) whose heirs lived in the home until 1992. Between 1992 and 1997 the home was owned and operated as a bed and breakfast by the Pegram family, and then reverted back to strictly residential use between 1998 and 2002. Dave, Marilyn and their two dogs Joy and Pumpkin moved into the home in April 2002.

Marilyn's prior job with US Air afforded the couple opportunities to travel the States and Europe. "We like to stay in bed and breakfasts. That's how we travel. We knew this house had been a B&B before, so we thought we could rejuvenate it."

When Dave and Marilyn moved to the West End they were worried that transitioning from rural Pfafftown to the urban West End neighborhood might be too much. "We lived mostly in rural areas before, we even had a pond, so this was a totally different situation. We were wondering at first if we would like living in the city. But here (in the West End) you still have the greenery. It's amazing how peaceful and quiet it is. It was so much easier to make the transition than we thought."

Not that the transition was completely painless. The Poorbaughs spent time painting the entire house and adding a back deck. Then they had to deal with parking, one of the most frequent and frustrating issues for the West End. "We had to go through some hoops to get the parking for the business approved." The Poorbaughs went to the Board of Adjustments to get the approval they thought was needed for the parking. "They turned us down because we didn't have handicap parking. Then we found out later we didn't need it because our business is not handicap accessible anyway." After some legal maneuvering the parking was approved.

*See "Spotlight," Inside Right*



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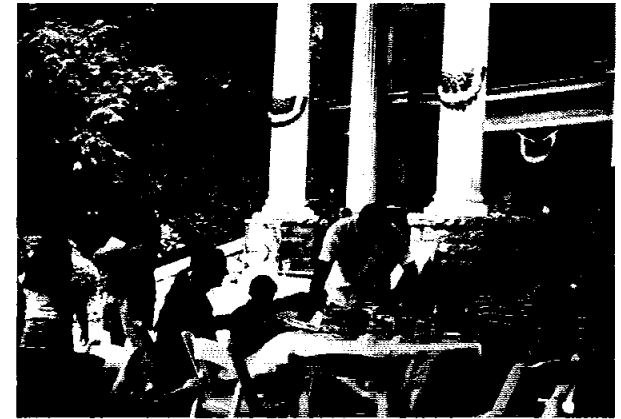


## Social Coordinator Needed!

One of the best things about the West End is our affinity for socializing. Not only do we have one of the most beautiful neighborhoods of the city, we are conveniently located within walking distance of each other. Typically the West End Association sponsors monthly socials hosted on a rotating basis by residents of the West End. These informal get-togethers provide wonderful opportunities to meet new neighbors and catch up with those who have been here for longer. For special occasions such as the Fourth of July celebration pictured below, the WEA uses larger venues such as the Cicero Tise House.

Currently the WEA needs a volunteer to line up the hosts for these monthly socials and to enlist volunteers for the larger social events.

If you would like to be the next social coordinator, or are interested in hosting a social, please email David Poythress at david@poythressdesigns.com



### Monthly Meetings!

Tuesday, August 3rd at the Tise House;  
952 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street (near Grace Court).

Board members meet at 6:00 p.m. and the Association meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

### Welcome Neighbors!

If you know of a new West End, please contact Marilyn Poorbaugh at 725-3303 so that the West End can welcome our new neighbors with a welcome basket. Note that you must provide your neighbor's name, address and phone number for a timely delivery.

### West End Neighborhood Association Membership Submission

Join the West End Association and help support a friendly and beautiful neighborhood.

Membership is \$15 per family or \$30 per business.

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**Design and Use**

The national register survey of the West End Historic District describes the Thomas-Welch House as “a two-story Flemish bond brick dwelling with a pedimented gable roof with modillioned cornice, pedimented dormers, a Roman Doric entrance porch with full entablature and ironwork balustraded deck, and a one-story sun room with matching details on the south side.”

The house has parquet floors in the den, living room, foyer and dining room that show very little wear. It’s unusual for a home of this size and age to have such beautiful parquet floors. Marilyn believes that the carpet which was in the home for so many years protected it from much wear and tear.

The three guest bedrooms are named Victoria's Garden, Queen Anne's Lace and Blue Poppy. All three have private baths and are beautifully decorated with antiques. Guests also have access to common areas such as the living and dining rooms, a sunroom, a pool table and a basement kitchen. As is the tradition in the B&B industry, the guests are provided with a full breakfast.

The period of stay for their guests varies widely. Some stay for one night, some for four nights, or longer. “We just had a young woman leave who stayed with us for six weeks. It was hard when she left...you know you get used to having someone around and then they’re gone.” The busiest seasons are around furniture market in April in October, while summer is much less busy. Guests have come from all over the U.S. and the world. “We’re just amazed at how many people have come from other countries. We’ve had guests from Peru, Japan, Australia, France and England.” Marilyn says that many find out about the Thomas-Welch House B&B through their website [www.bbonline.com/nc/thomaswelch](http://www.bbonline.com/nc/thomaswelch).

**Community**

Soon after moving in the West End Dave and Marilyn began attending West End Association meetings. They have found it a successful way to meet people in the neighborhood, and now Marilyn designs and delivers welcome baskets for newcomers in the West End. Dave and Marilyn have a seat on the board of directors as well.

“We love the West End. It's so convenient to things and the people are friendly.” The variety of uses mixed together in the West End neighborhood doesn’t seem to bother the Poorbaughs. The worst Marilyn can say is that parking is sometimes a bit tight.

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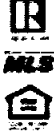

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**West End Portion of HRC Agenda for August 4, 2004 at 4:00 P.M.  
City Hall South Public Meeting Room, Room 530; 100 East First Street**

**Minor Work Approvals:**

Alex and Basima Agha, Applicants  
750 Summit Street  
Non-Contributing Building (Inventory #143)  
Dumpster Screening  
Case: #MW-WE025/04

Shona Simpson and Jonathan Burdette, Applicants  
1232 Glade Street  
Robert E. Follin House (Inventory #340)  
Enclosed Rear Porch  
Case: #MW-WE026/04

Heston and Savana Lamar, Applicants  
614 West End Boulevard  
Ferrell-Wright McKeithan House (Inventory # 274)  
Fence Removal and Installation in the Side/Rear Yards  
Case: MW-WE027/04

Tony and Anne Civitano, Applicants  
116 West End Boulevard  
Contributing House (Inventory #30)  
Fence Installation in the Side/Rear Yards  
Removal and Replacement of Front Stair  
Installation of Brick Walkway  
Case: MW-WE028/04

Kirby Lowe, Applicant  
870 West Fifth Avenue  
R.E. Dalton House (Inventory #105)  
Installation of Generator in the Southeast Rear Corner with Screening  
Case: MW-WE028/04

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