

West Ender

The 2004 Biennial

West End Holiday Homes Tour

Saturday, December 4th 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Just a few more days until the holidays take over the West End!! This tour is going to be spectacular as always and thank you to everyone participating. Below are a few things for the neighbors to keep in mind for the day of the tour.

By and for

Decorations: Start early this year! We have already seen a few houses donning their finest seasonal décor and hope to see even more. We have extra greenery for sale at a

Winter Weather: Remember last tour there had been a lot of snow and ice. If this is the case this year too...please join in and help clear any sidewalks and pedestrian areas the day of the tour. We want people to enjoy the stroll through the

Leaf and Yard Pick-up: The last pick-up will be Thursday Dec 2 and Friday Dec 3. Please plan for this. Leaf removal will help with appearances as well as making

Parking: We realize that off street parking is a luxury in our neighborhood, and in short

Volunteers: We have had many volunteers come out of the woodwork this year and we thank everyone. We will continue to take names and numbers until the day of the tour so please

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Make it a day in West End!!

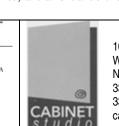
Please remember to invite your family and friends to take part in the tour, and to spend the day enjoying all the shopping, restaurants, art and cafés that we enjoy all the time!

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the West End Neighborhood





Around the West End!!!

Patsy Dye Antigues has left the West End and we want to say thanks to Patsy for all the wonderful furniture that many of us have in our homes. It was a bit sudden and I am still a bit traumatized by her leaving. Word is she had some medical problems and has taken her antiques to be nearer her children. Rumor is that the fellow selling antiques a ways up Reynolda Road may be moving in with his wares.

The Christian Science Church property at the corner of Brookstown and 5th Street is for sell. While there was an initial contract it doesn't seem that it was successful. They are still looking for a buyer. If you drive by you'll notice that the Church has the more modern reading room beside it. The Church is a historical structure and the reading room is a non-contributing structure. The Church was on our Homes Tour in the past. There is no off street parking which limits uses. Do you have an idea for this property? Let me know - it is a great structure that could provide exciting possibilities for the neighborhood. (We definitely don't want it demolished!)

Kilpatrick Stockton's property overlooking Grace Court is to be occupied by a dynamic new real estate firm. The new firm will be named Leonard. Ryden, Burr Real Estate. Gregg White who has been active in the West End market is one of the principals. These agents were formerly with Graham and Boles Properties. Welcome to the West End folks !

Welcome Neighbors!

If you know a new West Ender, please call Marilyn Poorbaugh at 725-3303 so she can prepare a welcome basket to be picked up at the association's monthly meeting.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Homes Tour! Thank you to all the home owners and St. Paul's who have been generous to prepare their homes and welcome us. I hope you will join us at the party following the Home Tour to celebrate our work and share with each other during the Holiday Season.

George Brvan

West End Association President

Next West End Association Meeting:

Tuesday, December 7th from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at the Tise House





Birds of the West End

It's fall and most of the summer birds have moved south. Hummingbirds, tanagers and orioles have gone to warmer climates. And the high fliers, the chimney swifts and the nighthawks, those we see soaring and flitting in the sunset air, have left too. A few towhees, also known as the che-wink, still linger, but not for long. Chickadees, robins, cardinals, wrens, woodpeckers, and others will remain to keep us company.

Also with us as a resident is an unusually large bird who frequents West End's tall trees and high perches, such as telephone poles. We were first aware of it one summer day years ago as we sat on our second floor balcony having morning coffee. In the branches of the black walnut we saw two massive talons gripping a limb; the rest of the body was hidden by leaves. The talons told us it was a hawk: then little by little we saw the white breast and dark lower underparts, and realized it was a red-tailed hawk; buteo jamaicensis. As we watched, it suddenly dove down to our busy bird feeder, then sped off. We couldn't tell for sure, but we think this time he missed. Since then, we have occasionally seen the hawk swoop in and catch a bird. This gives a rather more grim meaning to the word "bird feeder." When our area crows see the hawk, they will immediately congregate near it and set up a noisy fuss. In fact, if you hear crows cawing an alarm, go outside and check the trees or sky and you will likely catch a glimpse of this striking hawk. The body is about 24 inches long, with a four foot wingspan - very distinctive. Dark brown above, the breast is cream with some streaking, and the lower breast is dark and heavily streaked. The rufous-red tail is only visible from above, say from an airplane. The Methodist Children's Home is their home too, and our West end is part of their hunting area. They are year-round residents and definitely visible in our neighborhood. Just look way up to the tops of the telephone poles and tall trees, or check the skies now and then.

If you have any questions about our area birds, just give me a call.

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