

The West Ender

By and for
the West End Neighborhood

Doing the Right Thing

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Two groups recognize Journal carrier for stopping a crime in progress

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Anyone who has ever suffered the frustration of having his car broken into should track down David Brady, shake his hand and say "Thank you." Brady is a carrier for the Winston-Salem Journal. But he's also become a bit of a hero to some local residents.

About 4:30 on the morning of Jan. 9, Brady was delivering the Journal along his regular West End neighborhood route, as he has for the past 10 years. When he rounded the corner from Summit Street to Jersey Avenue heading toward Brookstown Avenue, he noticed three young men close to a parked truck. They ducked out of the way when they saw him approaching.

Slowly passing the truck, Brady noticed broken glass on the ground. As he put his car in reverse and started backing up to investigate, two of the men ran past his car and jumped in another truck that had pulled up and then sped off.

Once he reached the vandalized truck, Brady rolled down his window, and began looking for the missing man. Thinking that his voice might scare the man out of hiding, Brady mustered up his courage and yelled, "Now would be a good time to run."

What happened next was completely unexpected.

The missing man leaped out of the truck through the broken window and hit the ground running. "I then reached for my phone and called the police," Brady said. "The [getaway] truck circled around the block and picked him up and went back to Pilot View Street, and I followed them."

The dispatcher told Brady to stay on the line while she sent a patrol car.

Speeding up Brookstown to Fourth Street, then down Fourth to Broad Street, the burglars repeatedly ignored stop signs and sped through stoplights.

Once the truck crossed Business 40 on Broad, it swerved onto the on ramp and began heading east.

The dispatcher told Brady that a police car was set to enter the chase at the Marshall Street intersection. Sure enough, as he passed under Marshall Street, Brady said he could hear a police siren, then saw the patrol car speeding down the Marshall Street on ramp behind him.

Approaching Highway 52, the truck took the on ramp for 52, then continued south. Brady and the police followed until the truck took the Vargrave Street exit.

The truck slowed down and stopped on the left side of the exit ramp. The police quickly closed in, secured the area and



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Local historian Eric Elliott is gathering pictures from the one hundred year history of Winston-Salem's West End neighborhood for a book to be published this fall by Arcadia Press: "*The Images of America Series. Winston-Salem's Historic West End.*"

The book will feature up to 180 of the best pictures he can assemble on the area, and he needs your help in collecting them. He is looking for images of West End institutions, homes, businesses, and individuals of note; and of parks and public places, front porch and family gatherings, schools, churches, parades, events, and transportation of yore. These pictures might be of your family, or previous homeowners, or even street scenes. Eric will need the original pictures for scanning, but will return them.

Call Eric at 724-4913 or email him at echidna@triad.rr.com

Deadline for submission is June 6th.

Need to Know About...

Historic overlay district guidelines?
Historic preservation tax credits?

Visit the West End Association's website at www.thewestend.tripod.com for helpful info & links.

Make a Note...

West End Association monthly meeting: Tuesday, June 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the Tise House; 952 West 4th Street (near Grace Court). All are welcome!

Welcome Neighbors!

If you know of a new West Ender, 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

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West End Portion of HRC Agenda for June 2, 2004 at 4:00 P.M.
City Hall South Public Meeting Room, Room 530; 100 East First Street

Certificate of Appropriateness Applications

Heather MacKenzie, Applicant
407 Summit Street
Dixon House (Inventory #102)
Stucco Application to the Existing Wood Timber Retaining Wall
Case: #W013/04

John P. Thompson II, Applicant
124 West End Boulevard
H.D. Poindexter Cottage (Inventory #31)
Construction of Storage Building in the Rear of the Property
Case: #W014/04

Minor Work Approvals

Ben Holder (for Coy Roy), Applicant
1124 West End Boulevard
Miller-Hancock House (Inventory #533)
Tree Removal
Case: #MW-WE019/04

Andrew and Paige Lester-Niles, Applicants
152 West End Boulevard
B.V. MacKenzie House (Inventory #36)
Replace Foundation Access Door, Replace//Repair Porch Piers, Close-up Masonry Openings at Foundation Level, and Repair Concrete Sidewalk in Rear.
Case: #MW-WE020/04

Catherine Hendren, Applicant
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
520 Summit Street
St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Inventory #111)
Revisions to the Landscape Master Plan
Case: #MW-WE021/04

Victoria Roemer, Applicant
821 West End Boulevard
The Bess Gray Plumly House (Inventory #381)
Tree Removal
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Common Sense Security Tips

- Have all mail and newspaper delivery stopped if away from your home more than two days.
- Have lamps inside your home set on timers to come on at various times.
- If you have a garage door with windows in it and the door has a power opener, remove the red cord that hangs down when the garage door is closed. The cord releases the door from the power opener in case power is lost. This is also the easiest way to gain entry into the house, which is done by breaking the window and pulling the cord.
- If you leave home in the morning and do not plan to return until after dark, do not leave the porch light on all day. There is no better way to advertise that you are not home.
- Do not park and RV or camper at your home. If the camper or RV is gone, so are you.

These tips courtesy of Tom Petersen with Secure One, Inc. (ADT): 336-312-6268

Brady, from front page

Brady never even had to get out of his car.

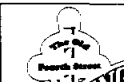
The man who had jumped out of the vandalized truck had cut his hand on the broken window and was still bleeding when the police cuffed him and put him in a patrol car. "We caught him red-handed — literally!" Brady joked.

Two of the five men were convicted, and the other three were released. For his part in the apprehension, Brady was recognized by CrimeStoppers and the West End Neighborhood Association.

"When I got the letter from the West End Association, I couldn't even read it all the way through. It brought tears to my eyes. It was nice that the West End tenants recognized the position I put myself in. But I don't consider myself a hero or anything — I was just doing the right thing."

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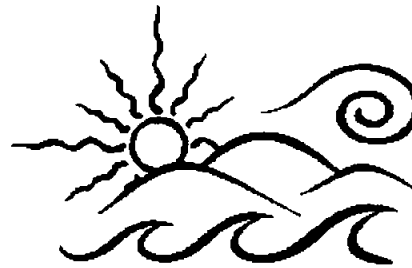
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Contact me for a free market analysis.

Let me help you with your next purchase or the sale of your historic or vintage home.

Kim Hinkel