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# The West Ender

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*By and for  
the West End Neighborhood*



September 2004

## WEST END HISTORIC OVERLAY DISTRICT

### REMINDER

Thinking of an addition to your home?

Getting to home repair jobs you have put off until warmer (and/or dryer) weather?

Considering landscaping your yard? Taking down a tree?

Before you act, please call the Historic Resources Commission!

Any "Major Work" project, a project that changes the appearance of a building or a landscape in a substantial nature, requires a Certificate of Approval (COA) from the Historic Resources Commission (HRC).

Some activities will be considered "Minor Work" and may be approved by HRC staff; other more substantial jobs must go to the full Commission for a hearing.

*No COA is required for "routine maintenance" when no change is made to the appearance of the structure or grounds. But when in doubt, give us a call and we can determine the level of review needed.*

The West End Historic Overlay District boundaries were adopted in 1993, along with a set of Design Review Guidelines. The purpose of the Historic Overlay District is to protect the unique character of the neighborhood and its built environment and landscape features. These are the Guidelines that the HRC staff and Commission use when making their determinations. Copies are available through HRC staff.

The HRC meets once a month on the first Wednesday. Applications must be received 21 days before the hearing date. Staff can guide you regarding the information that must be submitted on the application.

For questions please call Michelle McCullough at 747-7063.

Help us maintain and enhance the character of the West End.  
PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS.

*This article was contributed by the Historic Resources Commission staff. The HRC is the regulatory body commissioned by local government to grant approvals for COAs. To maintain the historic character and to improve the property values of our*

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**WEST END TAP ROOM**

**West End garden club beginning new season**

The West End Garden Club kicks off a new season on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Garden club members will be cleaning up the grounds at Zevely House from 8 - 11 am. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Be sure to dress for the work and to bring your gardening tools. The rain date is September 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 7:30 in the evening.

Wiley and Chris Yarborough started this co-ed club in the 1980s for gardening and socializing. The group's primary project is planting bulbs at Grace Court Park. Members gather on the third Thursday of every month from September - May to hear guest speakers on gardening topics while enjoying refreshments with neighbors. The first speaking event of this season will be September 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 8:30 at Zevely House. Annual club fees are only \$20. If you are interested in joining please come to Zevely House for the kick-off event.

**Are you waiting for a house plaque?**

If so, the West End Association sends its apologies for the delay. David Poythress reported at the last meeting that the business engraving the individual names on the plaques had not been reliable, and the person casting the plaques does not want to oversee that part of the process moving forward. So currently David is working with a business here in town to orchestrate the entire job. Keep an eye out for more progress reports in the future.

**Mark the date: Historic Tax Credit Workshop on October 5<sup>th</sup>**

The State Historic Preservation Office will be presenting an historic tax credit workshop at the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the West End Association. The workshop will begin at 6:00 pm and last until approximately 8:30 pm. The Ardmore Neighborhood will be joining us for this workshop. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

**Monthly Meetings**

Tuesday, September 7th 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. *There will be a visitor at this Tuesday's Association meeting to discuss a possible skateboard park in the West End or downtown areas.*

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**West End Portion of HRC Agenda for September 1, 2004 at 4:00 P.M.  
City Hall South Public Meeting Room, Room 530; 100 East First Street**

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS**

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Tony Hartsoe, Applicant  
1068 West Fourth Street  
Crawford-Sullivan House (Inventory #352)  
*Sign Installation*

Edward and Jean Irvin, Applicants  
644 Spring Street  
Thomas J. Wilson House (Inventory # 56)  
*Siding Replacement (After-the-Fact) and Fence Installation*

**MINOR WORK APPROVALS**

Robert Galloway Ruffin Jr.  
523 Summit Street  
Pepper McClung House (Inventory #109)  
*Window Installation*

City of Winston-Salem, Applicant  
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*Tree Removal*

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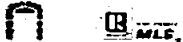
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**Birds in the West End**

Now we are at summer's end and the beginning of fall. Nesting is over, and the babies are out, grown and flying. The big migrations are just around the corner. Very soon the brilliant little warblers will leave the northern forests and pass through on their way to warmer southern climates. No longer the sparkling creatures of the spring mating season, we will hardly notice them as they come through, busily eating to fuel energy for their long flights to Central and South America. There will be a lot of small grayish-olive birds with muted ashen streaks. Even skilled birders find it hard to distinguish warbler species amongst the dull plumages of these migrant warblers. Spotting them in the fall, it is hard to believe how brilliantly colorful they will be next spring. No other group of birds in America changes so drastically each year. I would like to mention a special bird in our neighborhood. It is ubiquitous, yet almost invisible. The red-eyed vireo (vireo olivaceous) is distinguished from the five other vireos in our area by its red eyes. Don't worry; you are unlikely to spot this common bird, let alone its red eyes. As Peterson's Field Guide to the Eastern Birds says: "The red iris is not obvious at any distance." But its song is very distinctive. Three or four melodious chirrups then a deliberate pause; three more then a pause; three more and a pause, and so on. This has been known to continue as much as 40 times a minute. It's a monotonous and familiar summer song in the treetops. The red-eyed vireo itself is a smallish, dull olive bird with beige underparts. Should you follow its song and actually spot it way up in the trees with your binoculars, you can recognize it by the black and white eye stripes and the somewhat thick bill. Here is a surprise fact about this vireo. Ornithologists believe it is the most common of all our birds in America. Yes!! There are more red-eyed vireos than robins or chickadees or crows. We rarely spot them, yet always hear them. Next column I will describe another unusual bird; unusual because this resident bird should not be found in the West End at all.

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