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# The West Ender

By and for the West End Neighborhood

SEPTEMBER 2006

## WEST END CRIME REPORT

Recently we have seen an increase in property crimes in the West End community. Many of these incidents have been directly linked to individuals who are entering unlocked vehicles and who are removing unsecured property from the yards and garages of residents. The Winston-Salem Police Department encourages everyone to secure your property and lock your vehicles. We also encourage you to contact the Police Department during emergencies at 911 and for non-emergencies at (336)773-7700 to report suspicious activity and persons. Your Police Department is working in your neighborhood to combat this crime and needs your assistance. More detailed information will be distributed through your neighborhood group.

Please remember, the Board meetings are open to West End members and are held the third Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. 1224 Glade Street. – Rick Pender, *Secretary WEA*

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The West End Association in September will meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm at  
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 952 West Fourth Street  
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## WEA MEETINGS RESUME

On Tuesday, September 5, the West End Association will end its summer break and meet at 7 in the Cicero Tise House. Please try to make time to attend this important meeting. We will be discussing tree removal policies and other issues related to our neighborhood trees. To find out more, see this month's President's Message.

### 2006 CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Please consider helping with one of the many projects and committees needed for the home tour this year.

- We still need:
- HOMES! (volunteer your home for the tour)
  - music coordinator
  - house captains
  - committee chairs
  - ... and many more positions

Contact: Home tour chair, Stephanie Abdon (email [abdons@wfu.edu](mailto:abdons@wfu.edu))

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**President's Message**

**Sometimes You Can't see the Trees for the Forest...**

**Last month the Historic Resources Commission (HRC)** was to have considered a city staff proposal to remove a swath of the West End's urban forest on Glade Street as it winds its canopied way up the long uphill bend near Kilpatrick Stockton's property. Specifically on the docket was a request to remove four Bartlett Pear trees from the right side of the road where they have dwelt for quite some time. Furthermore, it was learned that the master plan was to replace *all* those trees along all of Glade with more "historically accurate" trees. Turns out the city arborist is recommending Golden Rain trees (indigenous to China, not good old USA - but that's another battle to be joined only if the first one is lost). I was able to nip this proposition in the bud (sorry, couldn't resist) by getting the city staff to postpone the request's consideration until this month's HRC meeting, which will occur Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. My hope was that the postponement would allow our West End residents to turn out at our WEA meeting to learn the whys and where-for's of these removals and to provide some input into the city's master plan for the treescape in our neighborhood. Therefore, September's meeting, which will be the day before the request lands on the HRC once again, will feature Winston-Salem's Director of Vegetation, James Mitchell, who will be there to explain the city's rationale for the this micro-deforestation of Glade Street. Perhaps it is not your street, perhaps you never enjoyed a shaded stroll to the YMCA, or the YMCA, shielded from the sun by these lovely trees, so perhaps you don't really care one way or the other. But how about the tree that you view with pleasure from your front porch, might it be next to see the axe? As you can see, I'm against chopping down healthy, harmless trees, but in the interest of full disclosure, I have to admit one of the trees targeted for the chainsaw stands in front of my house. And I enjoy it immensely. I'm hardly neutral personally. However, as President of the WEA, what I'd like to see is community involvement, discussion, and a voice in the strategy for the entire greenspace picture for the West End. Toward that end, I urge you to attend September's WEA meeting. Listen and be heard. And Tree Huggers of the West End Unite! (whoops slipped back into my homeowner's role there)

Steve Joiner,  
WEA President



*Cyclists making the turn at the 29<sup>th</sup> Hanes Park Classic . . .*

**WEST END HISTORIC OVERLAY DISTRICT DESIGN REVIEW GUIDELINES NOW AVAILABLE**

The revised West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Guidelines is hot off the presses! The year 2003 marked the ten-year anniversary of the West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Guidelines. The HRC (Historic Resources Commission) determined that it was time to revise and update the Guidelines based on precedents set in the past decade, plus the integration of new knowledge.

In July 2003, a Subcommittee was formed to review and update the Guidelines. Over the course of two years, the Subcommittee met and worked with the intention of clarifying and updating subject matter, clearly illustrating appropriate and inappropriate work, and providing general information, while introducing new categories to assist property owners and the Commission. This revised document was approved in May 2006 with an effective date of September 1, 2006. Therefore, the first COA cases that will be heard using the revised guidelines will be those submitted for the October 4, 2006 meeting. A copy is being mailed to each property owner within the District. If you do not receive a copy or if you have any questions, contact Michelle McCullough or LeAnn Pegram at 727-2087.

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