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October 2007

Arborist Set To Speak at the Next WEA Meeting

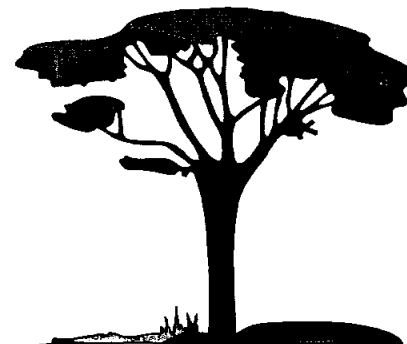


The next WEA meeting will take place in the West End Community Room at the Central YMCA on Tuesday, October 2 at 7 pm. **(Note the change in location.)** The WEA Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at 1224 Glade Street. These meetings are open to all WEA members.

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Phil Ray, Certified Arborist for Duke Energy will be speaking about the trimming of trees for the power lines at the October WEA Meeting. He will tell us about the schedule and how it is determined which street will be next on the pruning circuit. Phil is tree lover who wants to talk about trees most appropriate in an urban setting such as the West End. His motto is: education, not confrontation. He expects to be asked some hard questions, especially by those of us who have had a tree bordering our property severely "trimmed". Please come hear what he has to say and voice your concerns about preserving our neighborhood greenspace.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

All Things Artful: ArtsFest & Arborists

With ArtsFest almost upon us, or perhaps just behind us, (depending on when you get your newsletter—yes, I know the delivery has been spotty this summer; we're working on it), I think it is quite fitting that we'll soon have a new artful member in the neighborhood's old Dorminy Studio location—namely the combined Hawthorne Gallery/Idlewood cohabitation. This artistic collaboration allows the neighborhood to preserve a handsome and historic residence with virtually no external visual impact that might mar an otherwise lovely façade. The Historical Resource Commission recently approved the repurposing of the business with the appropriately compliant zoning changes. The WEA board of directors supported this as good for the West End and the greater Winston Salem community. The collaborators hope to be up and running just in time for the October Gallery Hop, thus effectively drifting the Arts District deep into West End territory. Along with the cinematic arts represented by the River Run Film Festival offices and the presence of Out of Our Minds Animation (now there's a catchy name!), it seems that our very own West End may have to think about its own miniature version of a gallery hop. And in a related matter, *nature's* art—our tree canopy, that is—will be discussed by an arborist from Duke Energy at this month's WEA meeting on October 2nd. Hope to see you there and at ArtsFest!

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The Steering Committee was our lifeline. Special thanks to David and Veronica Bennett, Susan Morris, Lee Ann Manning, Jim Tedder, Jackie Pittman, Bill Gramley, Susan Campbell, Jack Smith and Janet LaRowe. For our new look this year, we thank Holly Barkin for our logo design; David Elam for our website; the designers at Diversified Advertising Services for their design for our posters, postcards, and t-shirts; AlphaGraphics for bringing those designs to life; Screen Scene for the precision that recreated those images on our art t-shirts; and Cityline for our printed advertising. Congratulations go out to our cover artists this year, Susannah Ravenswing and Joseph Anderson. Special thanks to all our artists; the beauty of their creations enriches all of us. Thank you as well to our jurors for choosing a wonderful array of artists. This event would not have run as smoothly without the backbone of the event, our volunteers. Without them, we would not have had such a fine festival to enjoy. We'd also like to thank the Recreation and Parks Department for its help, and Toneq McCullough for making sure our streets were back together in time. Our media support this year was phenomenal. Special thanks go to *North Carolina Signature Magazine, The Winston-Salem Journal, Community Arts Cafe Magazine, Latitude, Winston-Salem Monthly, Smitty's Notes, Go Triad and Yes Weekly.* Thank you Jim and Cathy Tedder for producing such a wonderful lineup of musicians: the Triad Scottish Fiddlers & Friends, Martha Bassett, Tyra Somers & The Spellbinders, Jerry Blevins, HW Arnn, Sharon Lee Grace & The Reggie Buie Trio, and Mary Olive Smith. And finally let's give a big thank you to all our sponsors: *North Carolina Signature Magazine, The Winston-Salem Journal, The Community Arts Cafe, 88.5 WFDD, Latitude, Diversified Advertising Services, Leonard Ryden Burr Real Estate, Hawthorne Gallery, Inc., Sign-A-Rama, West End Association, West End Village, AlphaGraphics, Zevly House, GMAC Insurance, Bretco Electric Company, inc., A Gifted Hand, Imagine Flowers, The Snob Shop, Styron Floor Covering, Screen Scene, The Kitchen Center of Winston-Salem, International Minute Press, the Rence Callahan Firm, and the Hair Den.* Door Prizes were given by the following businesses: G.Carlyle Salon, The Pink Mink, The "B" String, The Snob Shop, Imagine Flowers. Be sure to check out the following restaurants who were a part of ARTSfest this year: The 4th Street Filling Station, Zevly House, Simplyummy, Winston's



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WEST END CENTRAL WATCH REMINDER

As a neighborhood, we would like to remind everyone to keep the doors of their homes, cars, and garages locked at all times. There have been two break-ins in the past few months where a criminal has entered a West End house through an unlocked door, grabbed a purse that was near the door, and run away without getting caught. **The residents of these two houses were home when the invasion took place each time!**

Also, please do not leave any items in a car that are clearly visible. A criminal broke one West End neighbor's car window and stole an empty bag. While it may not seem to make sense that a criminal would want to steal an empty bag, the criminal does not know that it is empty until AFTER he breaks in and grabs the item. The police have told us that the type of criminals who are committing these crimes are desperate and will go to great lengths for anything that looks like it might have some loose change in it or would be something they could sell or trade at a pawn shop for a little change.

West End is generally a safe neighborhood, but there are some bad elements that pass through, and we need to do what we can to discourage them from seeing us as easy targets. This situation entails accepting a certain amount of responsibility on our part to maintain our vigilance. If you choose not to report suspicious activity to the police, the suspicious person will just keep going down the block until he finds a target of opportunity. Although you may not be comfortable with this, reporting any and all suspicious activity to the police will lead to an increase in everyone's safety by sending the criminals the message that the West End is not an easy target.



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**PROPOSAL FOR
VISUAL AND SOUND BUFFER
BETWEEN WEST END AND BUSINESS 40**

MEETING TUESDAY OCTOBER 2ND

PLACE: WEST END COMMUNITY ROOM -CENTRAL YMCA

TIME: 7PM

Please attend this next West End Association Meeting and share in the discussion on the proposal to enhance and protect our neighborhood.

Areas of West End are adversely affected by increased traffic on Business 40 and hospital development in that area. A group of West End residents has initiated discussions with the city and state DOT regarding the creation of a Vegetation Buffer between the West End neighborhood and Business 40, as well as a future greenway connecting the West End and Ardmore neighborhoods to the ballpark development area.

This initiative will require the involvement and support of our neighborhood as well as the city and state. We would like to present what we have learned in the process and the status of the current proposal, and get approval for this to become an initiative for the West End Neighborhood Association as well as for residents in the immediate area.

Thank you!

Please direct any questions to:

Helene Tyson: hctyson@yahoo.com

The Neighbors of West End

I love so many things about the West End neighborhood: Houses that have names, porches with wicker and rocking chairs, beautiful architecture, a park with a gazebo, ARTSfest (hint, hint), fabulous restaurants and locally owned shops. Of course, the heart and soul of the West End neighborhood is the same as it was a hundred years ago, the people who live and work here.

Our craftsman-style house is one of the few in the West End whose name does not have a hyphen because the original homeowners, the Stantons, lived in the house for thirty-two years. I fell in love with the house because of the beautiful woodwork, wrap-around porch, and the “flow” the house.

My husband, Joe, and I moved to the West End in 2006. We left a home in Ardmore for a house with a wrap around porch and floors that slant and creak. We both grew up in Winston-Salem but like so many others, we left in our early twenties to live in other towns, in other states, and for Joe, other countries. We returned to Winston-Salem in 2000 and fell in love with our home town all over again. With its downtown revitalization and southern hospitality, we decided that Winston was where we wanted to live, work, and play. We love spending time with our West End neighbors and look forward to meeting new ones at future West End events.

West Ender, Susan Morris

Would you like to share your West End bio? Please e-mail thewestender@yahoo.com and put “West End Bio” in the subject line.

Doing Good in your Neighborhood

There are several opportunities to volunteer in the West End community. If you are interested, please e-mail thewestender@yahoo.com and put the underlined opportunity in the subject line. You will be contacted with about dates and meetings and e-mails. Here are just a few of the opportunities available.

- Distribute the West Ender once a month or pair up with a neighbor and alternate months.
- Be part of a Neighborhood Watch for your area of the West End. Groups are forming in all areas of the West End.
- Neighborhood Clean-up – Help keep the West End Beautiful by helping clean areas that need some attention.
- West End Garden Club – If you have a green thumb or just like playing in the

West End List Serve

Are you interested in getting information about the West End via E-mail? Would you like to hear about events happening in or around our neighborhood? Please send an e-mail to thewestender@yahoo.com and join our list serve. Please put "List Serve" in the subject area.

West End Blog (W.E.B.)

Visit the West End Blog, an interactive site where you can learn about what is going on in the West End between newsletters. Learn about neighbors, get Neighborhood Watch reports, and learn about meetings and other events.

<http://westendneighbors.blogspot.com>

Being a West Ender

Once upon a time, a person's name was his complete identification and address. It could comprise his given name, profession, father or mother's name, a personal trait, and even the name of his village. That was because where one lived defined a person as much as anything else. The place of origin often turned into a generic term for some personal characteristic.

The English language is replete with such expressions where the name of a place has become associated with a particular quality, such as bohemian (unconventional) from Bohemia in the Czech Republic. There are hundreds of toponyms -- words derived from the names of places. Whether you work or live in the Historic West End, you are a West Ender.

Get to Know Your Neighbors: Upcoming West End Social Events

October 27th: Wine Tasting at City Beverage

City Beverage on Burke Street will host a special Wine Tasting for West End Neighbors. A variety of beer and wine will be available for tasting. 12:00pm to 4:00pm

Try some wonderful beverages and buy a bottle or more for tailgating (WFU vs. UNC) or your next dinner party all while supporting a neighborhood business.

To sign up for City Beverage's E-mail List, which includes upcoming events, sales, and news, please send an email to citybeverage@bellsouth.net from the email address you wish to subscribe.

November 3rd: Bicycle Clinic and Ride at Mock Orange

You don't have to be training for the Tour de France to ride a bike. The West End is a