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#### The West End Blog (W.E.B.)

Interested in what is going on in the neighborhood between newsletters? Sign onto the West End Blog where you can find neighborhood links, neighborhood watch updates, recommendations of services, and special events. Interact with other West Enders by leaving your comments.

#### West End Listsery is now a Yahoo Group:

Join the West End Listserv to receive neighborhood crime alerts as they are reported, weekly events in and around the West End, Neighborhood Socials, and other important news between monthly newsletters.

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By and for the West End Neighborhood

January 2008



As we say goodbye to 2007 and welcome 2008, I can't help thinking about the original West Enders and how they may have celebrated the coming of the New Year, 1908.

Did anyone travel to New York City to see the inaugural ball drop in New York City's Times Square? Did they stay closer to home and attend grand parties hosted by the Hanes and Reynolds families? Did they take one of the nation's first electric street cars to visit family and friends in town? Did they buy provisions for their New Year's meal at Joyner's West End Grocery at the corner of Burke and Fourth streets? Did they toast one another with a "Fine Carbonic Drink," Bennett's Cola?

In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the West End neighborhood became not only a neighborhood of winding streets and beautiful homes, but also housed many of the influential residents of the day. Today, the historic homes remain and the residents are just as influential to the neighborhood and city.

## **Learning from History**

As so many of us were disappointed that we could not light our luminaries on Christmas Eve due to the statewide burn ban, we must remember all of the West End structures that we lost to fire, such as the Davis School military academy and Hotel Zinzendorf. We can be thankful that local fire officials care about us.

We will hope for an end to drought conditions and we will illuminate the West End for the Holiday Home Tour and on Christmas Eve in 2008.



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Because of the New

Year's Day holiday, the

next WEA meeting will

take place in the West

End Community Room

at the Central YMCA on

Tuesday, January 8 at

7 pm. The WEA Board

Tuesday of each month

at 7 pm at 1224 Glade Street. These meetings

are open to all WEA

members.

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### It's Your Association - Time to Lend a Hand!

Term limits?, yes, we have them in the WEA, and I think they are a pretty good thing; otherwise I might hang around another six years...

But I can't stay on as President, or even on the board, because I've done my requisite three terms, but I'm not going anyplace anytime soon (my license plate reads: "WESTENDR" in case you didn't know). There will be new blood coming onto the board soon and we'll probably have between 50-100% turnover in the table officers due to the aforementioned term limits, folks leaving the West End (yes, it happens to the best of us), and what not. Fortunately, several active volunteers have thrown their hats into the ring to run for vacant seats on the board, and I can tell you they're all good folks, concerned citizens, activists and can-do people. In other words, just what we need to keep things going.

They'll have to hit the ground running too, because it's already time to gear up for the December 2008 Holiday Home Tour, a Herculean effort that requires scores, if not hundreds, of volunteers and at least two or three stalwart souls willing to straw boss a project that needs at least 11 months of planning.

As I look back over the last three years or so as President I see at least one good Holiday Home Tour pulled off, a couple of great ARTSfests and some truly great citizen advocacy surrounding the West End Village and Brookstown Stadium projects (And that one still has a long way to go!). We've won some battles, and we've lost some, as a certain missing Bradford Pear tree in front of my house constantly reminds me. We're getting a better handle on dealing with petty crime in the neighborhood through more citizen action and that is truly a wonder to behold. We've recruited some really good younger people to the board this past year and that alone should help the board be a bit less boomer-centric as the average age goes down Still and all, it's been stimulating and gratifying. I just wanted to remind you all that these upcoming and new board members are your neighbors who are building their futures here in the West End, raising families and raising awareness of issues near and dear to all of us who abide here. Give them a hand if you can, it's your neighborhood too. That starts by coming to the February WEA Annual meeting to vote them into office. I'll be there to hand over my gavel.

Steven Joiner, WEA President



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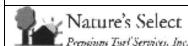
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Elections will be held in February for West End Board members and officers. If you

are interested in becoming a member of the board or an officer, please attend the

January West End Neighborhood Association meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> to learn more

about member and officer responsibilities. The board is especially in need of officers:

president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. E-mail thewestender@yahoo.com

1. If you are not already a member, join the West End Association (\$15 ear)

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