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# **West End Communication Page:**

# The West End Association Web Site

We are actively working on making the West End Neighborhood Web site even better. Please visit www.historicwestend.org information about our neighborhood's history, maps, links and membership information. Do you have pictures that you have taken in the West End that you would like to share? Your photo may be featured on the Web site. Please email pictures to thewestender@yahoo.com

# 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. www.westendneighbors.blogspot.com

# West End Listserv 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, discuss hot topics with other West Enders and get other important news between monthly newsletters. Also receive an electronic copy of the monthly newsletter with active links. Please send an e-mail to thewestender@yahoo.com to be added to this group.

## Be a part of the solution

Have an Idea that will help make our neighborhood a better place to live, work or play? Email us with your ideas. New committees are forming soon.

# **New West Enders?**

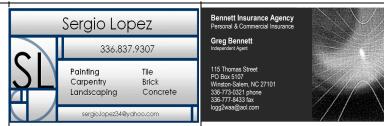
Are you new to the neighborhood or do you have a new neighbor? Let us know so we can welcome our new neighbors in our next newsletter.

# **Your Association at Work**

The West End Association is working to make the neighborhood a better place to live, work and play. Current projects that the WEA is working on:

- West End Easter Egg Hunt- March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008
- Choosing sculpture for Grace Court and other areas of the West End
- Planning for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the West End Home Tour- December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- Holding discussions about the concession stand in Hanes Park
- Planning Neighborhood Watch meetings and forming watch groups





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Upcoming WEA meetings:

- March 4<sup>th</sup>
- April 1st
- May 6th

Where: West End Room at the Central YMCA Time: 7:00- 8:45pm

The WEA Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. The Board Meetings are open to all WEA members and board meeting locations will be Emailed to all WEA members.

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# IN LOVING MEMORY OF HELENE TYSON

West Ender

Helene got involved in the neighborhood almost as soon as she and Mike moved in. They became board members and volunteered to work on many projects. They edited the newsletter, delivered newsletters, supported the neighborhood at council meetings, and so much more. Helene volunteered to chair the House Tour and pulled off one of most successful tours that West End has ever had.

Of course when Mike and Helene decided to get married, the neighborhood was included. The location was right in the heart of the West End at Grace Court Park. Helene and Mike had a beautiful and romantic wedding at the gazebo. The thing I remember most was how concerned Mike was that everything would go off just right, and to my recollection it was perfect.



the West End Neighborhood

By and for

March 2008

I had the pleasure and great fortune to know Helene. It seemed to break everyone's heart when we found out she had cancer. Everyone cheered when it looked like she had beaten it. Then after each reoccurrence, everyone was inspired by the valiant and tireless fight she waged. My wife and I were always amazed by her strength and were sure she was much stronger then either of us. Even while she was battling cancer, she continued to work to improve our neighborhood by working on the sound/vegetation buffer to help control the excessive noise that inundates part of the neighborhood from business 40.

One of the projects I remember Helene getting involved with early on was raising funds for the Historic District signs. She had the great foresight to ask Hanes Die and Finishing if they would make a contribution to our neighborhood signs. To our amazement the first of two very generous checks showed up in Helene's mailbox and our fundraising efforts were off and running. It didn't take long before we had matching contributions. The fundraising went so well we were able to purchase a clock for Grace Court, too. So as you drive around the West End and see the signs and the clock I hope you will remember Helene and her many contributions to our neighborhood.

Helene raised her family in the West End with her loving husband Mike and beautiful daughter, Eleanor. Helene was a champion for her family as well as for the entire West End Neighborhood. I know we will forever miss our wonderful neighbor and friend.

-David Elam, friend and neighbor



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# President's Message

Howdy Neighbors!

Since this is my first address to you as the new president of the WEA, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Ellis Boyle, and I have lived in the West End since very dedicated to the West End and the Association.

I am originally from Eastern North Carolina but when I went to school at Wake Forest in 2002, I found Winston-Salem to be such a wonderful place that I did not want to leave (of course the BBQ isn't as good, but that is for another column...). I love old houses and history in general, so I have been a huge fan of the West End, even before I lived here. The mix of history with the ease and access to the revitalizing Downtown area is exactly what I wanted. It is with great humility and a sincere desire to keep the West End great, and even improve it if possible, that I agreed to become the president of the WEA. I look forward to meeting you soon. Please let me know if you have any issues or concerns about the neighborhood that you feel the WEA can or should address.

Finally, I would like to close by asking you to please pay your \$15 membership dues for 2008 if you did not do so at the February meeting. We have a very short list of names of residents who have paid this year. I know it can be confusing to remember if you paid and for what year you paid, but we have a current list now that shows who has paid. Essentially, if you didn't pay in February, you probably owe your dues for 2008. Thanks for your support!

Ellis Boyle, WEA President

# Some agenda items for the WEA Meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>

- Tim Grant of the City's Parks and Recreation department and Art Paschal, principal of
- Cathy Stanley will present possible sculptures to be added to Grace Court

# WEA Leadership changes hands in the West End

September 2006. I understand this makes me a newcomer in the neighborhood, but I am

We have some wonderful new board members who look forward to serving our neighborhood. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to one of our newly elected board members and long-time advocate for the West End. Helene Tyson worked tirelessly to help obtain funding for green space along the border with Business 40 and this was just the latest bit of a distinguished record of service that she had given to the West End. She will be remembered for her contributions as we put together a proposal for an appropriate memorial in her honor. Our sincere condolences go out to her family.

- RJ Reynold High school will present a plan and answer questions about a permanent concession stand at the baseball field in Hanes Park.
- Volunteer sign ups for committees

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# **Upcoming Events:**

# Easter Egg Hunt in Grace Court: 1:00 - 3:00pm

Please join us for on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> for a West End Tradition. For the last several decades, the West End has been host to an Easter Egg Hunt in Grace court since the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Join us for a West End family tradition which will include an egg hunt, refreshments, and games.



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# Reminder

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00am on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Remember to "spring forward" and move your clocks ahead one hour before you go to be on Saturday night. This is also the time of year to check the batteries in your smoke alarms.

# The West End Association Needs Volunteers/Committee Members:

Share your interests with others in the neighborhood by volunteering to be on one (or more) of the West End Association's Committees:

- 2008 Holiday Home Tour- Homes for the tour and steering committee members
- Neighborhood Safety Committee- Block Captains and neighbors willing to participate
- Traffic Committee- Neighbors interested in discussing speeding/traffic issues
- Volunteers Needed: Substitute delivery persons to deliver the West End Newsletter
- Volunteers needed for the West End Easter Egg Hunt.

If you are interested in forming other neighborhood groups that benefit the neighborhood, please feel free to discuss your ideas at any of the monthly neighborhood meetings, held the first Tuesday of each month, or post your ideas on the West End Listsery (details about joining the Listserv is in the Communications section, on the back page).

# We are interested in your Opinion

We want to know what you think about the proposed Business 40 closing. NCDOT proposes to improve a 1.08mile section of Business 40 through downtown Winston-Salem from just west of 4th Street to just east of Church Street. The improvements will include rehabilitating pavement, replacing bridges and reconstructing several interchanges. Construction is scheduled to begin after 2013.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the surveys, which will help the department determine how the project should proceed. Specifically, the department is studying whether Business 40 should be closed completely for up to two years or whether it should be partially closed for up to six years while construction is under way. The surveys will also help the department plan detour and alternate routes during construction.

There is also a survey on their Website where you can give your voice being a resident who lives near Business 40. Visit their Web site at www.business40nc.com and complete the residential survey so that your voice can be heard.



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