



The West Ender

By and For the West End Neighborhood

October 2009



Upcoming Events

October

Oct 13 - WEA Meeting

Oct 15 - Third Thursday Social...

On the third Thursday of each month, West Enders have the opportunity to meet with neighbors at Caffe Prada. Drop in between 6-9 for some great food, coffee, gelato, or a glass of wine.

Oct 30 - Halloween

November

Nov 1 - Chicken Stew!

Nov 2 - Time Change!



I love Fall - with its ever changing beauty...

I love to see the leaves changing colors and gently falling any place they want. And to walk in them with the familiar sounds of crunch, crunch... and kick a few... just because I can.

I also love to be chilly from the dip in temperatures, while feeling the warmth of the sun. It makes me want to curl up in an overstuffed chair and read one of my favorite Mitford Series books...

I love pumpkins, harvest, adorable little kids dressed up like ugly things, apple cider, mums of every kind and color, football games, candy corn, Thanksgiving and snow.



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Please join your neighbors for a "Chicken Stew" at the Children's Home on Sunday, Nov 1, from 5 - 7 p.m. We will be making a traditional chicken stew in a cast iron pot over a wood fire. Neighbors are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to the event.

Camel City Carriage will be giving free rides around the Home's property, as well as a hay ride and petting zoo with the sweet animals on the farm.



See North Carolina - Great Fall Trips!

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October 1-31, 2009





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Crime Alert

We have two distinct and serious issues. There have been multiple burglaries in Ardmore and West Salem. At least two have occurred in spite of the presence of large dogs. One entry was through a kicked in side door and the other was through a discreet cut in a screen by an open window.

A vagrant/con man has been targeting women and seniors. He offers to mow the lawn, is paid and then departs. He has also demanded rides and money. He has returned at least on one occasion late at night screaming and banging on a door.

Please report all suspicious activity to the police immediately! If anyone saw any suspicious activity on Fenimore, Hawthorne or Kenwood, please call the police.

Do not open your doors to strangers and keep all doors and windows locked.

Never give money or rides to strangers. We don't like to sound uncaring, but if you say, "Go away and don't come back" and post "No trespassing signs," it seems to give the police the verbiage they need to deal with an aggressive pan-handler. We have excellent charities in the area that can give valuable assistance to those in need. The change you give to Shalom at Green St. Methodist, Crisis Control etc. can promote permanent change.

Thank you,
 Lonnie Clark
 ANA President

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West End Listserv is a Yahoo Group

To be added to this group, please send an e-mail to thewestender@yahoo.com.

Neighborhood Watch

Let's keep our neighborhood free of crime. Please email thewestender@yahoo.com if you are willing to be a block captain for your block.

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Curiosity Leads to Inspiration from the Past

My family and I live in a house on Jersey Avenue that was completed nearly a year ago. Another house stood on this lot until it was destroyed by fire in the early 1970s. I recently had the good fortune of meeting a woman who lived in the former house as a child. Sally Kelley's family rented the house at what was then 841 Jersey Ave (609 Jersey Avenue today) between the years of 1937 and 1949.

Mrs. Kelley described a white, two-story frame house with a front porch that ran the length of the house. The kitchen and living room occupied the main level, and three bedrooms and the only bathroom were upstairs. Coal for the steam-powered radiators was delivered to the unfinished basement which was used otherwise for storage and laundry. Beside the house was a garage for the family's one car, and behind the house, Mrs. Kelly's father grew a large garden.

Because Jersey Avenue was one of the largest level spots around, children gathered to play kick the can and roller bat on the street in front of the house. The streets were also safe for roller skating and riding bikes. Older children walked downtown to music lessons, the five and dime, and several movie theaters. Most children walked to school.

The local grocery, the Basketeria (now West End Opera House), delivered groceries to neighborhood homes, and the Summit Street Pharmacy (now Mock Orange Bikes) provided

both medicine for the sick and a soda shop for food and fun. Mrs. Kelley's family went to Hanes Park on special occasions, but on an everyday basis there was little need for this larger open space as the more immediate surrounds provided for common play areas and social gathering spots.

I would love to know more about the families who lived in the house over the years as well as the fire that destroyed it. If you have further information, please contact me at jwharton@triad.rr.com.

Commentary:

The West End of that yesterday had some of what many of us dream can be again. Mrs. Kelley's story brings to light several ways we could look to the past for inspiration. In her day, neighborhood businesses and institutions met most of the everyday needs of her family, and downtown Winston-Salem was an easy and safe walk away for almost anything else.

With the recent addition of several new shops, restaurants, and other services, we are headed back in this direction. To keep things moving forward, we should all try to patronize nearby businesses as much as possible. We should also encourage the city to slow traffic through our neighborhood and to install safer pedestrian crossings. Not only would children and their parents be freer to enjoy and connect to the neighborhood at large, but patronizing our local businesses would be that much easier and enjoyable.

Jan Wharton



Birthdays and Anniversaries!



In celebration of our 40th WEA Birthday, we are accepting requests for Birthday and Anniversary Wishes to be printed in the WEA Newsletter! If you would like to honor someone's birthday or anniversary, contact Bonnie Howell at bon-how33@yahoo.com or write to WEA, PO Box 21054, WS, NC 27120-1054. Include your name, person(s) you are celebrating, and the date by the 20th of the month. We won't use the year for adult birthdays! Contact us today! It's free!

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