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## West End Hummingbird Postscript

By Ann Listokin, West End Resident

Just after my September hummer article went to press, while watching our feeder with binoculars, I actually observed the hummingbird's tongue, swiftly and repeatedly dipping into the nectar, like a jackhammer. It then sat back and I watched horizontal ripples go down its throat as it swallowed. This continued many times. It neither sucks nor laps. But then, neither do we when you think of it. I'm told the bird's tongue, easily the length of its beak, has side ratchets that pick up the nectar; somewhat like a grain elevator. After all, robins, jays, finches, chickadees; do we see THEIR tongues? Never! Well, I didn't catch the tiny ratchets, but I saw enough to make my day very special. And to think- here we have a common bird with a rare quality-we can see it very close up and stationary. It sits quietly on the feeder; or hovers 8 inches from our face as we examine its eyes and glittering plumage. This intrepid behavior permits us to observe it in ways like no other bird. Now if we can only find its nest — Spring of 2011?? Our last hummingbird sighting was September 23rd.



**Don't Forget!**  
**Daylight Savings Time**  
November 7, 2010, at 2:00am –  
set your clocks back one hour.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November**  
Nov 9th -  
WEA General/Board Meeting  
7:00 pm  
YMCA, West End Room
- December**  
No Association meeting
- Dec 12th -  
West End Homes Tour!
- January**  
Jan 11th -  
WEA General/Board Meeting  
7:00 pm  
YMCA, West End Room

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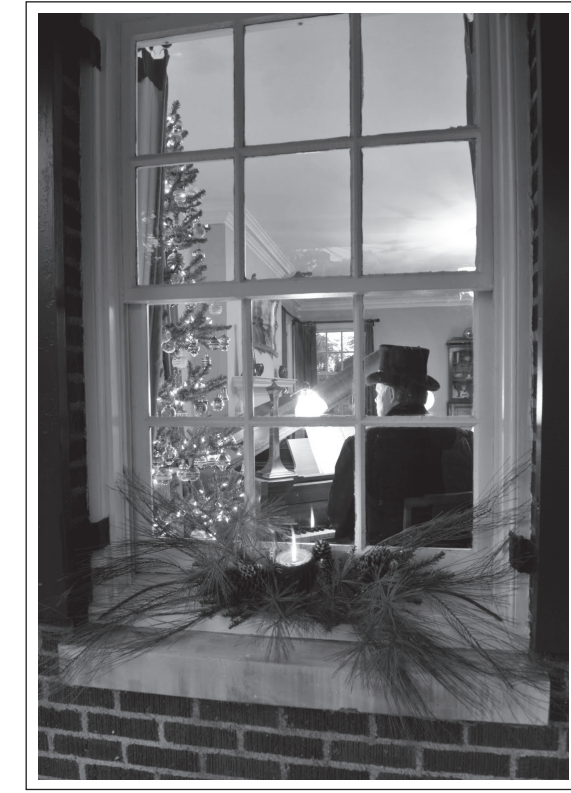


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## West End Homes Tour

813 West End Boulevard -  
*Home to A Thousand or More Ornaments!*

By Clare Fader, WEA Vice President

The 2010 Homes Tour is just around the corner (Sunday, December 12th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm). Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help. Please attend our November neighborhood meeting to find out how to get involved!!! Remember, this is the only exposure many people have to our neighborhood. That is why it is so important to make the event a success. With carriage rides, live music, babysitting provided by the YMCA, and a holiday bazaar on Burke Street, this years tour will not disappoint!

We are fortunate to have a wonderful group of homes on the tour. One home in particular promises to be decked out from tip to toe - \*813 West End Boulevard\*. The owners, Jeff Zillner and Bill Brewer, are already making (yes making!) Christmas trees and organizing their vast collection of ornaments. This home is not to be missed.

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Have you taken a fun photo in the West End lately? We'd love to include it in the West Ender. Please email it to Tracy Sainte Marie, thewestender@yahoo.com.  
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You can pay your dues three different ways.  
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2. Go to the Membership page, print form, fill out, enclose check and mail. (<http://www.historicwestend.org/membership.htm>)  
3. Pay dues online --> Renew quickly and securely online via PayPal. (<http://www.historicwestend.org/membership.htm>)

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The HRC holds its monthly meeting the first Wednesday of the month in the Public Meeting Room, Fifth Floor, Bryce A. Stuart Municipal Building (formerly City Hall South), 100 East First Street (SW corner of Church and First Streets). Preliminary Staff Reports and COAs may be accessed through the linked monthly agenda. For more information, please contact LeAnn Pegram at (336) 747-7054 or by e-mail at leannp@cityofws.org.

**November HRC Meeting**  
**Date:** Wed., Nov. 03, 2010  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m.  
**Place:** 5th Floor Public Meeting Room of the Stuart Municipal Building, 100 E. First Street.  
For more information:  
<http://www.cityofws.org/Home/Departments/Planning/HistoricResourcesCommission/>

**- Homes Tour cont'd**  
the tour, you also get to go to the post tour party. If you are able to give just a few hours of your time, please email Kim Dishner at kdishner@triad.rr.com. Also, if you would like a poster or postcards to help promote the event contact me, Clare Fader at clarefader@gmail.com. Tickets will be on sale shortly at Mozelle's, Re-tale, Cafe Prada, Elizabeth's Antique's and Old Winston Social Club.

**What's your Opinion?**  
We are planning on having speakers at the West End Association neighborhood meetings and we want to know what topics west end folks are interested in. Please respond and let us know... it can be renovation ideas, gardening, energy savings, historic home maintenance ideas... you let us know and we'll see what we can get lined up.  
Email Toni Phillips  
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**Is this your sidewalk?!**  
Just a reminder that there will be hundreds of people walking through our neighborhood on December 12th. That is why it is more important than ever to make sure your sidewalks are cleared off. Remember, homeowners are responsible for the sidewalks that border their property, whether they are in front of or behind their property. This years tour stretches from Spring Street to West Fourth Street so every section of the neighborhood can expect lots of foot traffic. In order to avoid any nasty falls on the big day, please CLEAR OFF YOUR SIDEWALKS!!!!

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