



The West Ender

By and for the West End Neighborhood

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West End Association Board Elections Feb. 27, 2018

by Mark Lively

The West End Association is one of the oldest nonprofit neighborhood associations in North Carolina. It was founded in 1969 to protect the neighborhood's future when a planned freeway was proposed to bisect Hanes Park. The hard work and perseverance of past board members over the past 49 years successfully restored the neighborhood to its former beauty, higher property values, and reputation as a desired place to live. Serving as a board member can insure that our neighborhood continues to thrive in the future.

A slate of candidates has been put together by the nominations committee for consideration at our meeting starting at 6PM on February 27. The floor will be open to additional nominations during the meeting if anyone else wishes to be considered. Board members must be members of the WEA and reside in or be property owners in the West End Historic District. Board members serve for two years and attend monthly board meetings. Each board member will serve on one of our standing committees that are responsible for WEA activities. Those committees include communications, neighborhood beautification, Holiday Homes Tour, Social Activities, Historic Resource Commission reviews, and more. Issues for 2018 will include continuation of the Hanes Park repair and renovation project, proposed relocation of Brunson Elementary School, pedestrian safety, restoring Spring Park, West End social events, and the 2018 Holiday Homes Tour.

No previous experience with the West End Association is required, only the willingness to work to keep our neighborhood a great place to live. Nominations for new board members can be made at the meeting on February 27 in the West End Room of the William G. White YMCA. The West End Room is located just inside the entrance to the YMCA office area near the intersection of West End Blvd. and Glade Street. Board members must be current members of the WEA. The commitment is for two years. Bylaws are available at <http://historicwestend.org/>.

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David Wallace
Sandy Irvin
David Mayberry
Christie Patterson

1993 West End Association Board

The WEA depends on dedicated volunteers from the neighborhood. MANY people have served on the board in the nearly 50 years since the establishment of the WEA. You may recognize many of the names here. Some still live in West End. Some are no longer with us. The current board continues the tradition.
-from the February 1993 West Ender.

UPCOMING EVENTS

West End Association Meetings

4th Tuesdays at 6:00PM
Next: Feb. 27, 2018
West End Room
William G. White YMCA
775 W End Blvd, Winston-Salem, NC

Historic Resources Commission Meetings

1st Wednesdays at 4:00 PM
Next: Mar. 7
Bryce A. Stuart Municipal Building Room 530
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Certificate of Appropriateness Applications

Submittal deadline no later than 5:00PM the 2nd Wednesday of the month before the next HRC meeting.

West End Collections

Garbage & Yard Waste
Thursdays, weekly
Recycling (Blue bins)
Every 2nd Monday:
Feb. 26, Mar. 9 & 23

Please do not store collection carts at the curb.

Place them at the curb no sooner than 6PM the day before collection and remove from the street by 8AM the next day. City code requirement.

Planning to Install Satellite TV?

Satellite dishes must NOT be visible from the street. Call the staff of the Historic Resources Commission for advice BEFORE work begins: (336) 747-7054.

December 9, 2018

2018 West End Holiday Homes Tour

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW

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The West End Historic Overlay District Designation is Significant

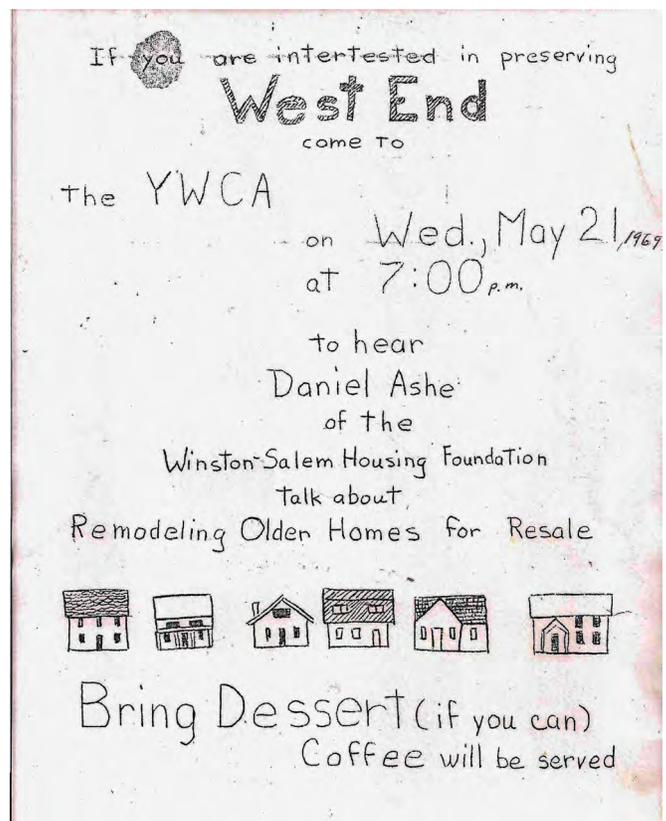
The West End neighborhood became a residential district in the late 19th century by accident. The district was initially designed as a resort and residential community in 1890 by Colonel Jacob Lott Ludlow, Winston's first City Engineer. The grand Zinzendorf Hotel situated on the hillside overlooking the West End was to be the focal point of the resort. The hotel opened in May 1892 but burned to the ground on Thanksgiving Day after only seven months in operation. The hotel was never rebuilt and plans to create the resort went up in the flames. Instead, the community became a middle and upper class "streetcar suburb" neighborhood that we preserve today within the boundaries of the West End Historic Overlay District. Through the dedicated efforts of many residents, the West End Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1986 because of its importance to the architectural and historical heritage of Winston-Salem. The Board of Aldermen approved the local historic district status on February 1, 1993 to go into effect on July 1, 1993.

Winston-Salem and Forsyth County value the historical heritage of the community and seek to preserve it through oversight provided by the Historic Resources Commission (HRC). The authority of the HRC to review significant changes within the West End Historic Overlay District protects the neighborhood without creating a museum-quality district such as those in Old Salem and Bethabara.

Since the appearance of the neighborhood is important to its historic character, exterior changes must be appropriate not only to the property but to the District as a whole. The West End Historic District Design Review Guidelines, published by the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission in 2006, assist property owners with planning changes to their properties. The Guidelines also assist the HRC and its staff in determining the appropriateness of any proposed changes. The best way to prepare for a project is to read and understand this important document and to become familiar with the HRC procedures. Every property owner in the West End should keep a current copy of the Guidelines handy for easy reference when changes are being considered. The helpful members of the HRC staff are always available to

consult with owners in advance of possible renovations. The future of the West End neighborhood is bright. After a long period of slow decline following the Second World War, West End was saved by the efforts of those residents who saw the value in seeking historic designation. The creation of the Historic Overlay District in 1993 provided the City and County with the authority to protect the unique character of the neighborhood. Today, 20 years later, the positive impact of this designation can be seen throughout our vibrant, historic residential neighborhood.

>Reprinted from January 2013 *The West Ender*, by Mark Lively



Invitation to a May 21, 1969 meeting in West End. Neighborhood preservation efforts began more than 50 years ago, long before the official designation as a Historical Overlay District became official on July 1, 1993 when Wanda Merschel, wife of current board member John Merschel, was president of the West End Association.



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West End Neighborhood News



Hanes Park Repair and Renovations

The Hanes Park Repair and Renovation Plan – Phase I was approved by the Historic Resources Commission on March 1, 2017. As Ash Miller, EVP of MLA, reports the “project is currently under permitting with the City Inspections and bidding. The city hopes to open the bids sometime during the week of February 19 and the bid review process will determine the next steps and timeline. Meanwhile Miller Landscape Architects is in the process of obtaining all the permits required for construction. If all goes well with the bids, we should still be on schedule to begin work sometime this spring.”

Grace Court Wall Replacement

Work is proceeding on the Grace Court Park project. A new granite curb has been installed along the driveway that connects 4th and 5th



Streets using new granite curbing obtained in Mt. Airy. Additional work will include new landscaping planted along the curb to provide a green barrier between the park and the office buildings on the other side.

Spring Park Erosion Control

Keith Huff, Winston-Salem Director of Stormwater/Erosion Control, and his staff continue city efforts to repair the erosion damage between Sixth Street and Spring Park in the 200 and 300 blocks of West End Blvd. As reported in the January *West Ender*, the City is making progress. The City has now received payment from the apartment complex for their portion of the work and city attorneys are working to record the agreement with the apartments and easements needed to begin work. Work should begin soon.

Grace Court Park

Feb 2018. Westward view of new Granite curbing that has been installed along the driveway between Grace Court and the William B. Taylor House (ca. 1900). The brick stairway entrance has also been repaired. Landscaping will be installed on park side starting soon.

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