# *The* West Ender

By and for the West End Neighborhood

**HistoricWestEnd.org** May 2023


## Upcoming Events

**West End Association Meetings**
4th Tuesdays at 6:00PM
**Virtual** WEA Meetings .

**NEXT MEETING**

**23 May - VIRTUAL**

A Zoom link will be available posted on the WEA Listserv.

**Collection Schedules**
**Garbage & Yard Waste**
Weekly each Thursday.

**Curbside Recycling Collections**
Second Mondays. The West End is in the W-S *Red Week zone*.
**May 15 & 29**
https://www.cityofws.org/645/Rollout-Recycling-Collection

**West End Listserv**

Information for the neighbors of historic West End in Winston-Salem. Ask and answer questions about our neighborhood.

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## West End Corner Stone Moves to Greensboro!

*by Sam "Chip" Cook, former West End resident (1977-1988).*

My family (parents, Sam & Victoria Cook) resided at 1123 West 4th Street, between the **[Warren]Sparrow** family and **Fred Pettyjohn's** house.

The **Ben Wilson** article ("West End Memories: Alleyways") in the February edition of *The West Ender* newsletter brings back vivid memories. It has been 35+ years, but I remember the Wilson family fairly well. I spent many afternoons and weekends hanging out with Ben Wilson's younger brother, Elliott, among other neighborhood friends. Elliott was a little older than me, but he had the best GI Joe toys, as well as BB guns, Estes model rockets, and a very authentic Darth Vader mask that terrified me.

The alleyway was absolutely the epicenter of West End kid activity in the late 1970's and throughout the 1980's. One thing Ben did not mention, was "the Rock." The Rock, really the cornerstone, sat on the corner of the alleyway and joined Fred Pettyjohn's retaining wall to his front yard on Forsyth. I have attached a picture from circa 2014 before Mr. Pettyjohn's house was sold that demonstrates what it looked like in the 1980's. This became a gathering place for the kids in the area sometimes…"meet at the Rock after school." I spent hours playing with my toys on the Rock in my younger years. The Rock was a geographic icon for the kids I hung with in West End in the 1980's.

*"The Rock" from Forsyth St., Winston-Salem, has a new home in Greensboro.*

Of course, it was not placed in that location for entertainment or as a landmark, it was part of the retaining wall when the [Thomas-Stultz] house was built [ca. 1915]. Sometime after Mr. Pettyjohn passed, circa 2016, I was in Winston-Salem and drove through West End to see my old neighborhood. Driving down the old alleyway, the Rock had fallen over, and the retaining wall was falling apart after a hundred years or so. Coincidentally, the new owners of Fred Pettyjohn's home were walking in the front yard. I rolled down my car window, introduced myself, and pointed to "the Rock." The person I spoke with was Toni Phillips: "People keep hitting that rock, we need to move it or get rid of it."

Well, you know what happened next…I offered to take it! In August 2016, I moved "the Rock" from West End to the Sunset Hills Neighborhood where I live in Greensboro. It now sits in my front yard.

Ben Wilson's article also mentioned that the alleyways were shortcuts to intriguing "unseen" areas of the neighborhood. It was through the "club" under his brother, Elliott, that my family's home basement was realized as a haunted house experience. I can't remember what year, likely mid 1980's, but we turned my house's basement into a haunted house for visiting trick or treaters. The following Halloween, my family became interested and took it over, and we ran it for at least three Halloweens.

So many memories and childhood friends from that time. Some of the neighborhood friends I can remember: **Elliott Wilson; Will, Ben, and Ted Harper; Raphael and Jonah Rosen; Eric Avery; Zach Albertson; Heidi Bartel; Calman Lankton; Ann Humphreys (older brother, Greg); Ian and Franz Propst (older sister, Porsche)**…and I am sure some I am forgetting.

***EDITOR'S Note: If you would like to share an interesting story about theWest End neighborhood, past or present, please contact us: TheWestEnder@yahoo.com***

# West End Easter Egg Hunt 2023 - A Hopping Success!

The annual West End Easter egg hunt, sponsored by the West End Association, took place on Easter Sunday at Hanes Park. More than 100 West Enders gathered to enjoy treats, three Easter egg hunts (little kids, big kids and adults) and a visit from the Easter Bunny himself! Thanks to our many neighbors who came to Joymongers and stuffed 1,000 Easter eggs a few days before. And a special thank you to Andrea Eastman-Mullins for her continued hard work and leadership of this event, David Swift for gathering donated gift cards from our local restaurants and shops that were highly sought after in the adult Easter egg hunt and Jessica Chandler for providing assistance throughout. *Photo credits: Andrea Eastman-Mullins, David Swift and Victoria Person-Goral.*

*Event organizers David Swift, Andrea Eastman-Mullins and Jessica Chandler pose with the Easter bunny*

*Neighbors gather at Joymongers Barrel Hall for Easter egg stuffing*

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# April 25 WEA Board Meeting Minutes (edited by M. Lively)

**Attendance**: Peter Kramer, George Bryan, Hunter McKay, Mark LaBrecque, Carmen Kiper, Lynne Linnett, Victoria Goral, Jessica Chandler, Justin Mitchell

Two board positions remain open: President and one Director.

**Spring Social**: Jessica reporting. WEA will sponsor a Spring Social to meet and greet neighbors and to recognize our many volunteers. Board and volunteer opportunities will be presented to guests at the social. The event will be held May 13th from 3:30 – 5:30 at Joymongers Barrel Hall – pizza, drink ticket, charcuterie, and raffle prize. The gift certificates for Board Babes will be raffled for guests. The goal of Social is to attract new people to the West End Association and give them opportunities to volunteer.

**WEA List Serv**. WEA needs to migrate our Google list-serve account to one that belongs to the WEA and can be transferred as leadership changes. Currently the account is owned by past president Breonte Guy.

**Membership**: George was recognized to report. He reported that the household memberships had exceeded our goal of 100 with 105 members. The Business Membership list is being reviewed and current members have been encouraged to renew. There are only 32 advertising spaces available in the current format of the newsletter. Twenty one current members have already renewed and there is a waiting list of new members who will be invited to join to if any current members choose not to renew. George reminded the Board that Business memberships support publication of the newsletter.

**Dog Waste Bag Stations Approved**. Two years ago, Breonte and Matt initiated a project to place dog waste bags around the neighborhood. George reported these dispensing stations cost about $472 each before shipping and tax. We are constrained in the project by the fact the City will not commit to pick up litter in trash containers on the stations. They would have to be placed near a public trash can. George proposed starting with two sites in Hanes Park with a decal on each saying they are supported by the West End. He plans to form a committee of at least 2 other people to work with City about placement and HRC regarding appropriateness. He proposed a budget of $1,200. Justine seconded and the vote was approved unanimously. [neighbors interested in volunteering should contact George (bryandoherty2@yahoo.com). Volunteers will help in identifying sites in Hanes Park, approval by City and HRC, evaluation, bag replacements, and expansion of this piloted project

**Replacement West End Sign**. George went on to report on the West End sign near the St Paul's cemetery which was damaged during their recent construction. They paid the West End for a new sign. George has contacted David Elam about replacing the sign.

**Neighborhood Watch**: Mark mentioned the Neighborhood Night Out – the board agreed NOT to apply to host.

Mark reported two from the Watch Page. 1- a homeless person found sleeping on a neighbor's porch. 2- pocket book found after it was taken from a car locally. Mark said he will be following up on cameras and reporting back to Board. [The Board previously approved $200 for low cost cameras to give to West End residents who would agree to share video of crimes with our police department.]

**Financials :** Peter reported revenue and expenses for this year. Peter moved some funds to Money Market leaving sufficient cash in checking estimated to meet expenses this year. He will be looking at CD opportunities at same bank.

**HRC**: George posted on FaceBook that most of the HRC activity concerns West End applications. Only one person on the current HRC is a West End resident.

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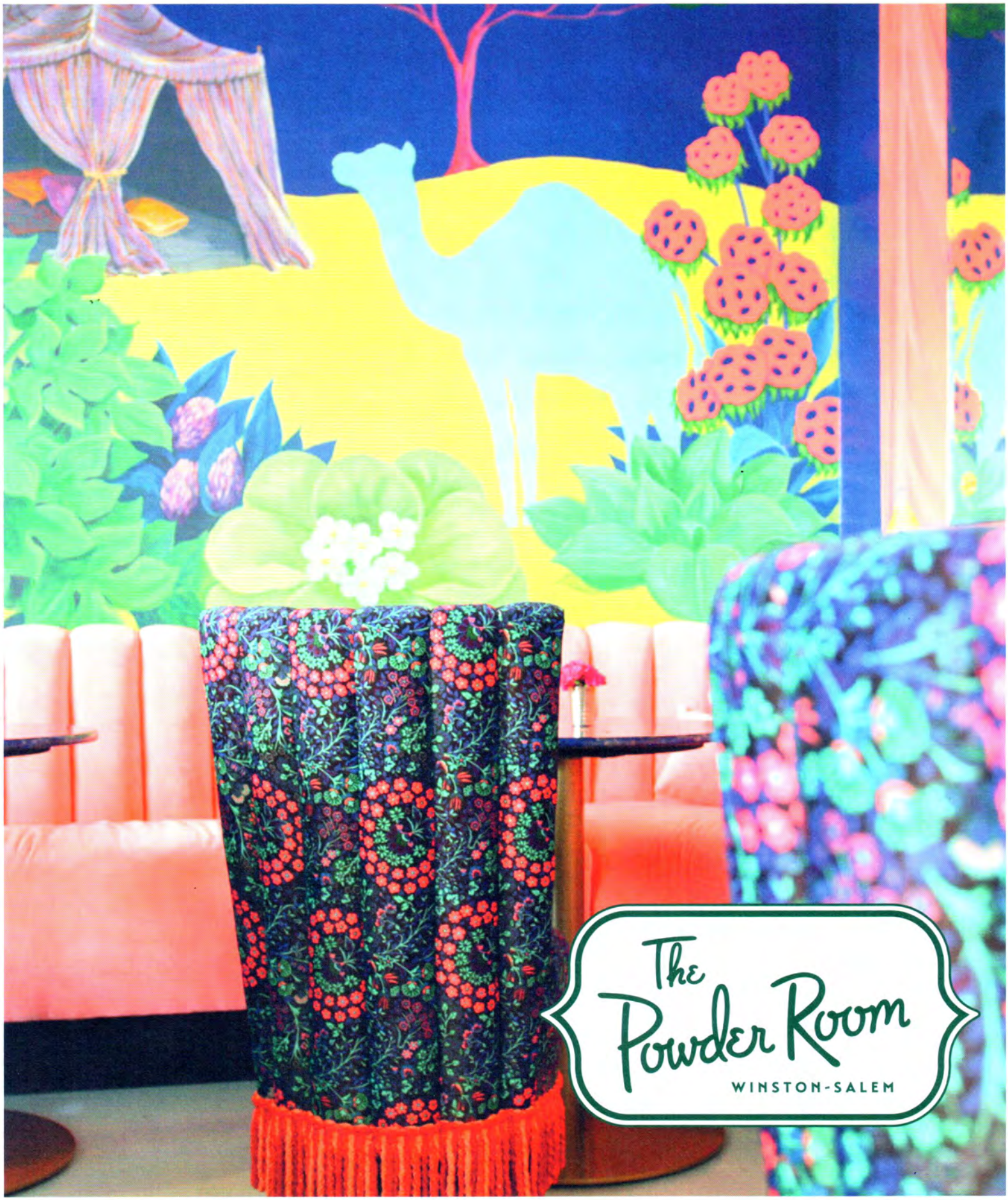


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