



# The West Ender

By and for the West End Neighborhood

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### West End Association Meetings

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 6:00PM

Virtual WEA Meetings .

### NEXT MEETING

27 June - 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.

June 26 & July 10 & 24

<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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June 2023

## PJ Lenihan (4/11/1949 to 5/11/2023)

By Brenda Penney and Dave Jones

When PJ Lenihan married Brenda Penney in 2004, she had lived in the West End since 1974. He loved the neighborhood and, in return, the neighborhood loved him. A neighbor described PJ as: son, brother, husband, father, mechanic, eagle scout, wahoo, motorcycle racer, car enthusiast, entrepreneur, mentor, grandfather, friend. One of the first projects he took on was persuading the city to donate some cherry trees to be planted on both sides of the 500 block of Jersey Avenue. All it took was signatures from neighbors promising to help the young trees survive by watering them during the first year. Today the trees nearly meet overhead and entice people to walk on this block in April when the shimmering pink petals seem magical. The trees provide shade on the street all summer.

PJ and Bill Gibson became notorious for their escapades whilst cleaning the creek in Hanes Park as volunteers for Keep Winston-Salem beautiful. He threw himself into working with the group of neighbors who were committed to landscaping the neglected traffic islands in the neighborhood.

The 2016 West End Holiday Homes Tour was looking for volunteers to provide shuttles so PJ gathered his car friends to create a quirky assortment of American and British cars; there was a London taxi, vintage American behemoths and LBCs (Little British Cars), mostly MGs and Triumphs. It was pointed out that a more roomy vehicle was needed so a van or two were added.

He was born in Virginia and studied history at UVA but chose a career where he could be out-of-doors. He helped beautify Winston-Salem for 30 years in the turf grass business, but then he and Brenda designed an English garden in the back of their house with the barest minimum of grass, just enough to remind a lawn vet of why he retired. PJ led a fulfilling and exciting life - motorcycling, scuba diving, whitewater rafting and enthusiastically driving MGs from coast to coast. His 3 sons and his 5 grandchildren live on the west coast and he was able to spend time with them, both in person and with frequent video chats. Somehow he got the endearing name of Silly Grandpa which was later shortened to Silly. He loved to play the clown for them. He was a caring, warm, witty, generous and loyal friend and had unconditional love for his family. During the four years of his illness, he was supported and celebrated for his unfailing zest for life and his ability to stay optimistic. Many, many generous and caring West End neighbors, some of whom had first met PJ tinkering underneath his cars in his driveway, rallied to his side. **PJ died peacefully at home on Thursday, May 11, 2023, and has donated his body to Wake Forest University School of Medicine.**





## Summit Street Inns Ribbon Cutting May 30



Winston-Salem dignitaries cut the ribbon with Lou Baldwin and Eric Alspaugh (5th and 6th from the left).

Photo by M. Lively

The dramatic restorations of the 1887 Queen Anne style Ludlow House and its next door neighbor, the 1892 two-story brick Sheppard House, are now complete after more than four years of effort. The two houses are now available for guests as Summit Street Inns. The inns are operated by Winston-Salem Historic Inns LLC along with The Shaffner Inn and Founders Restaurant on Marshall St. and owned by Eric Alspaugh, Lou Baldwin, and Cory Pignone. Eric was the project manager and designer of the Summit St. Inns restoration. The official ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the grand opening of Summit St. Inns was held on May 30. Winston-Salem Mayor Allen Joines,

Winston-Salem Council member Jeff MacIntosh, and Dana Lu Bryson, Chairperson of Forsyth County Tourism Development, each spoke about the benefits this project brings to the West End neighborhood and to the city. Rev. Nicholas VanHorn from St. Paul's Episcopal Church blessed the new venture. West End neighbors and friends have anticipated the renovation of these long distressed properties for years and look forward to the success of these unique new facilities. [See also the 14 June 2023 issue of The Winston-Salem Journal, "Summit Street Inns debut in downtown Winston-Salem."]



**Tuesday, July 4**  
**Hanes Park**  
**11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.**

### PLEASE JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FUN!

- Fried chicken and pork shoulder will be provided.
- Sides and desserts to share are welcome!
- Pie contest. Bake your favorite pie and bring to share. Prize for the winner!
- Children's parade at 1 p.m. Bring scooters, bikes and strollers to decorate.
- Face painting!



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## Spring Fling at Joymongers Barrel Hall in the West End

Approximately 40 neighbors headed to Joymongers Barrel Hall on Saturday, May 13 to enjoy the Spring Social, where they enjoyed great food, excellent beer, and even better company. A big thank you to the West End Association for sponsoring the event, Joymongers for hosting us as well as Burke Street Pizza and The Board Babe for the excellent food!



*Sophia Chandler pulls the winning raffle ticket as Victoria looks on with excitement!*



*West End Association Board members, Mark LaBrecque, Victoria Person-Goral, Peter Kramer, and Justine Mitchell*

**Congratulations** to our raffle winner Phillip Skipper.

We hope you enjoy the \$150 gift card to The Board Babe! [1008 Poplar St SW, Winston-Salem, [theboardbabe.net](http://theboardbabe.net)]

*Photos by Victoria Person-Goral*

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