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The West Ender
By and for the West End Neighborhood

January 2002



*Rudolph says, "Pay your 2002 dues today!
Keep the West End as bright as my nose!"*

Photo is of actual reindeer sighted in West End singing Christmas carols last month. Yes, Mr. Ripley...believe it, or not!!

WEST END ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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JANUARY is membership renewal month!

What has your membership done this past year? Advocacy against the demolition of historical homes; socials each month; a new partnership with the Tise House; upkeep of Grace Court; a monthly newsletter; pushing law enforcement to solve the earlier break-ins; planning representation around Broad St. improvements, protecting Hanes Park, and the South Central Planning Area; coordination with Burke-First business district; work on re-writing the rules around bars and residences; and much, much more!

Next year will be one of planning and development. Each membership is important in showing city leaders how involved neighbors are in their community. A long range plan that is approved by the City needs to be in place, continuation of Broad Street improvements, dealing with the merged Historic District Commission, the annual house tour, planting trees in the neighborhood, park improvement, and of course more socials so you can meet your neighbors! **JOIN NOW** - See page four for a membership application. \$15 a year for households, \$75 for businesses. *Ann Doherty and George Bryan, West End Co-Presidents*



West Ender New Year's Resolutions:
(as shared by Lisa Elam)

1. Try not to spend every weekend at Home Depot or Lowe's.
2. Finish painting the trim in the guest bedroom/kitchen/living room/bathroom/dining room.
3. Always get a "COA" when needed (I promised Santa I'd be good this year).
4. Attend every West End meeting and party.
5. Volunteer for all West End projects (hmmm, I don't know if I can be that good, but I'll try...).

KIDS! "CELEBRATE THE SNOW" PHOTO CONTEST!
The West End kid(s) sending in the best picture of themselves enjoying the snow this month will have their picture in next month's newsletter, plus get a \$10 Toys R Us Gift Certificate. Send entries to Eric Elliott at 1219 Forsyth St. Deadline Jan 29, 5 pm. Contest sponsored by Mr. Elliott, who is always looking for happy faces to publish.

Happy New Year!

West End Association Membership Application

Join the West End Association and help create a friendly and beautiful neighborhood. Membership is as low as \$15 for families in 2002. You will help support the newsletter, park and roadway enhancements, and monitoring of zoning and the Historic District Commission. You can join the West End email list (<http://www.actionsspeak.org/westend>) to receive information on houses for sale and their prices, notes from your Alderman, crime statistics, invitations to monthly gatherings, and much more! **Annual Dues for 2002 are due NOW. Send to: WEA, POB 10055, W-S, NC 27108**

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() New Member () Renewal **Enclose \$15 for Family Membership; \$75 for Business Membership**

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The View of the Hanes Park field west of the YMCA where changes are proposed.

WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK

Reynolds High would like to put a temporary fence in the outfield of the ballfield closest to the YMCA. The fence would transect the field 200 ft. from home plate to make their field and would thereby limit other activities such as soccer, Frisbee or other open field sports between March to May. Let us know how you feel about this.

Also, Brunson Elementary School has erected a fence behind the school for security. According to property owners on Sunset Drive, this fence is on the property owners' side of what is a traditional West End Alley. We are meeting with the school system on this issue as the property owners have signed a petition to have the fence removed. Brunson is also receiving feedback on many trees marked for cutting. According to the School System, all the pines are marked for removal, and the oaks for trimming. Please let us know so we can forward your comments. They were looking for feedback over Christmas! Contact Ann and George at Bryandoherty2@yahoo.com; or at 724-2706.

JANUARY WEST END EVENTS – YOU'RE INVITED!
Monthly Meeting, Jan. 8 at Tise House – 7:00-9:00PM
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – CALL TODAY

Would you like to help guide the West End Association? Nominate yourself or a neighbor to serve on our West End Board of Directors. Elections will be held at our Annual Meeting next month. Also, this year is the year of our House Tour. We still need an organizer (thanks again to the Pittmans for a great 2000 Tour!), plus houses to show, and tour volunteers. New this year, volunteers will be needed to organize for Arbor Day. Trees are an important part of the West End and we would like to highlight the "best" trees on Arbor Day with prizes. This is in an overall plan to encourage care of these treasures.

So these VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES are yet to be filled - 1) Board Members [two-year terms]; 2) House Tour Organizer; 3) offer my house for House Tour; 4) organize Arbor Day; 5) have a Monthly Social at my house; 6) deliver monthly newsletters; 7) provide architectural ideas; 8) provide landscaping ideas; plus 9) any other ideas you have! For details call George Bryan or Ann Doherty at 724-2706, or contact by email at bryandoherty2@yahoo.com.

STILL WANTED: 110 Years of Pictures of West End

Eric Elliott is copying and collecting old pictures of our neighborhood for a presentation and booklet he is putting together on a hundred years of life in the West End. So if any of you long-time residents have any pictures or stories or clippings or writings about our neighborhood from more than thirty-five years ago, let him know. Also, if you have renovated an old home and have your before and after pictures, Eric is also interested in the photos. The more we can share about the value of our place, the fewer battles we'll have to fight to preserve it. Contact Eric at 727-9857 or echidna@triad.rr.com

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