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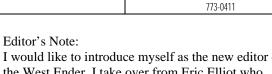




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I would like to introduce myself as the new editor of the West Ender. I take over from Eric Elliot who has done an admirable job of upgrading the newsletter design and getting important neighborhood information out to residents in a timely fashion. A tough act to follow! Please do not hesitate to pass me any suggestions you might have for future issues. - Andrea Thomas Tel: 723-9893, Email: Laowai99@aol.com

#### Join the West End ListServ!

Find information on West End real estate, neighborhood watch and social events Log on at the West End web page: http://www.actionsspeak.org/westend From there, scroll down the page to the section describing the ListServ and click on the links to sign in for the service.

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#### West End Association Membership Application

Join the West End Association and help create a friendly and beautiful neighborhood. Membership is \$15 for the year 2001. You will help support the newsletter, park and roadway enhancement, and monitoring of zoning and the Historic District Commission. Businesses will be advertised in each newsletter issue. JOIN TODAY! Send to: WEA, POB 10055, W-S, NC 27108

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# News from the June 5, 2001 West End Association Meeting

Treasury Audit: The minutes from our April WEA meeting reported that Treasurer Dan Falken and David Poythress would participate in the audit of funds raised in last year's fund drive. Becky Sparrow offered to participate in the audit as a CPA. Save the Houses: Plans are still underway to move the smallest of the four YMCA houses to a lot next door to the home of Billy Keith. YMCA: The YMCA's proposal to change Sunset Drive to one-way and add diagonal parking on one side of the street was to be addressed at the next HDC meeting. The assistant city manager Tom Griffin was said to have the authority to decide unilaterally on changing the street direction. Concern was expressed about the lack of notification given to the Association. Members questioned whether a study had been done to assess traffic levels and impact on surrounding streets. Another concern was the possible loss of the sidewalk on the YMCA side of the street. **Neighborhood Watch**: Co-president Ann Dougherty read a crime report for the area that included an assault near Carolina Street. It was indicated that theft is still a problem and residents were reminded to keep valuables out of vehicles and keep vehicles locked. – *submitted by Kathleen Ramich* 



# 4<sup>TH</sup> of July Celebrations! GRACE COURT - 11:30AM PRIZES! PARADE! PICNIC!

Don't miss the West End 4th of July Party! Festivities begin at 11:30AM on the 4th. Prizes will be awarded for bicycle or wagon decorations and costumes. Fourth Street will be closed off for a street parade. A band will be in full swing and hot dogs and hamburgers will be sizzling on the grill. Please join in the fun!

**Augsburg Lutheran Church** has approached the West End Association for a zoning change on what was the old Friends Church at the corner of Broad and 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Currently the property is not complying with a multi-family zoning. They would like to change the zoning to Pedestrian Business (PB). The West End Association voted to support PB with Specialized use. This requires a site plan and that the Church submit any future changes on property use to the Planning Board rather than allow changes of businesses on the property at the owner's discretion. The Association felt that the PB-S zoning was the best they could support considering the desire to keep the neighborhood zoned residential. This compromise would allow the current residential zoning to change to accommodate the current rental of the former church and offices to notfor-profits. There is a detailing shop and rental of the parking lot occurring within the property. Augsburg Lutheran is in the process of deciding whether they should change the current zoning and which zoning to apply for. If you have comments please contact George Bryan: Tel: 724-2706, Email: bryandoherty2@yahoo.com





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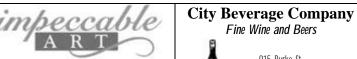
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# From our Co-Presidents:

Please join us in continuing the tradition of celebrating the Fourth of July as a neighborhood. A committee has been working hard to arrange a good time for children and adults. As we come together as a community on the Fourth it is good to remember the freedoms that we are celebrating and how these freedoms apply to all. Let's celebrate diversity, the struggle for equality, and the challenge to embrace "the tired, the poor and the homeless."

The next few weeks are important weeks culminating months of advocacy to maintain the residential nature of our community. The YMCA has applied for a zoning change to allow more business zoning and more parking within the block they own. A new site plan for Sunset Drive has been proposed by the City and the YMCA to make Sunset one way with diagonal parking. A neighbor will keep one of the YMCA owned houses residential by moving it down the block and the Y has proposed keeping the "Freeman" house as a business location. A larger administrative building is proposed by the Y to be built after the other houses are demolished.

There are precious few homes which "contribute to the historical nature" of the West End and have been catalogued. These four houses are among those "contributing". It is unfortunate that the YMCA has speculated on these homes with the hopes of changing the area to business zoning even as we struggle to maintain the delicate balance between the neighborhood we live in and one where people work and play. The hearings on both Sunset Drive and new zoning will occur on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be an important meeting of those concerned about the zoning proposal at 7PM on Tuesday, July 10th, at Grace Court Park. Please come and share ideas and strategy to help keep the residential balance in our neighborhood. Also, if you would like to speak for the West End at the zoning meetings on July 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>, please call us.

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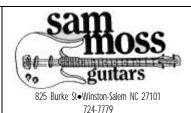
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#### NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY RESULTS - PART ONE

1. Activities which you have attended or participated in:

Tour of homes 11

Neighborhood Christmas Party 6

Monthly meetings at Brunson 11

Clock & sign purchases 7

"Save the Y Houses" Rally 7

Support downtown W-S Association 3 Delivering newsletters 4

Hold Special events (Winston's 150<sup>th</sup> Party, etc.) 6

Purchase individual home historic signs 3

Fourth of July party 3

Neighborhood block party 3

Social hours at local clubs 2

Work with police on area safety 5

Monitoring Historic District Commission meetings 3 Represent neighborhood on community organizations 2

Work w/City on Parks improvement 1

Things you like about the Association or think it does well

Newsletter 4

Tour of Homes 6

Monthly meetings 2

Grace Court improvements; neighborhood beautification (signs, clock, landscaping) 6

Increases community involvement; Mobilizing the neighborhood on issues 3

Preserving history: Monitoring historic district: Historic advocacy 4

WEA is "a force to be reckoned with" and an important player in downtown revitalization efforts Communication 1

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Dedicated group of citizens 1

Police involvement 2

Neighborhood Planning 1

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July 10<sup>th</sup>, 7PM, Grace Court, West End Association Meeting, (Important neighborhood zoning issues will be discussed! Please attend!) July 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:30PM, City Hall (cnr Church & 1<sup>st</sup>), 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sunset Dr Hearing July 12th, 2PM, City Hall, 5th Floor, YMCA Zoning Application Public Hearing



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