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By and for the West End Neighborhood

August 2001



The new West End playgroup will be meeting every Thursday morning at 10AM at the Hanes Park playground. In case of rain, please call Shona Simpson. Also, if you are interested in joining the West End babysitting cooperative, please also contact Shona. Her telephone number is: 773-0309

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**The Central YMCA –an ever larger presence in our midst? Just say no!**

Despite the efforts of many West End residents, the Central YMCA has prevailed (thus far, that is....) with plans for expansion and the destruction of two historic homes. On July 12<sup>th</sup>, the City-County Planning Board approved the Y's plans to demolish the two houses and build a 4,700-square foot administrative building as well as add additional parking. A third house will be moved down the street and a fourth, according to the Y, will remain in place (the house closest to the Y's current building). As George Bryan reported, "there was a disappointing lack of discussion or questioning about the issues at the meeting and a prevalence of the Hanes Mall Boulevard mentality of Winston-Salem planning." Still, all may not be lost. Area aldermen have the final say in the issue. They are planning to meet and come to a decision on August 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are in favor of maintaining the residential nature of our neighborhood and not allowing a faceless behemoth to chip away at it, please, by all means let the aldermen know! West End Association co-presidents Ann Doherty and George Bryan have printed up special postcards with pictures of the houses on front. Please contact Ann and George if you would like some (their contact information is on the following page). Otherwise, please use whatever you have at your disposal to send a note to the aldermen with your opinion. They can be reached at the addresses below. And remember, time is of the essence!

- Vivian Burke, 3410 Cumberland Road, W-S, NC 27105
- Joycelyn Johnson, 1316 N. Dunleith Avenue, W-S, NC 27101
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- Stephen Whiton, 4968 Merrie Mill Lane, W-S, NC 27103





They were dancing in the street on July 4th! See p. 3 for more photos.

On a more positive note, July 11<sup>th</sup>, the West End was successful in blocking another attempt by the YMCA to turn Sunset Drive into an extended parking lot. The Historic District Commission voted unanimously against the City's and the Y's petition to change zoning on Sunset to one-way drive with additional parking spaces. Neighborhood representatives were out in force at the meeting and were articulate and assertive in bringing across neighborhood views. Three cheers!

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... and our neighborhood is threatened by the zoning request of the YMCA. There is a delicate balance between business and residential in the West End and over 34 people have lived in the homes the YMCA wants to demolish in favor of offices and parking lots. While our arguments were well thought out and historical, the Planning Board was not even interested in discussing the issues. Their decision was a clear “slap in the face” to the newly adopted Legacy Plan, which encourages residential development. The next step is that the aldermen and the West End Association need your support at the upcoming meeting the first week of August. We also need you to send postcards to the aldermen asking to keep the neighborhood zoning residential.

On the other hand our effort to stop the Sunset Parking Lot proposal met with great success with full support of the Historic District Commission! Thank you HDC for upholding our community!

We did learn to appreciate the planting strips beside the sidewalks! While Public Works called them “utility strips” the Historic Overlay calls them “planting strips.” In talking with neighbors after the meeting it was pointed out that many of the overhanging trees in the neighborhood used to be planted in these strips. Many sidewalks have cemented over these areas. As you walk around the neighborhood notice the strips. They add beauty and greenery to the community. It seems clear that we should add the re-establishment of planting strips to any new sidewalk improvement and perhaps should recommend a neighborhood effort to plant more in these strips.

The West End is beautiful and we should cherish this beauty as our part in promoting development in Winston-Salem. Again, if you are interested in helping in the crusade to maintain our neighborhood’s character, please contact us.

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**August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1-5PM, “Beyond Your Blanket” Picnic, Grace Court (Bring your own goodies, but no alcohol, please) Come meet fellow picnic-ers!**



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