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## Neighborhood News and Notes:

#### New Residents

Welcome to the Browning Family! The Brownings moved from Atlanta to 800 West End Boulevard over the summer. William is Vice-president and Manager of International Structured Trade Finance at BB&T. Ansley, who reports she is heavily "in the midst of household renovation", is a Garden Designer. Liz, 11, is in the 5th grade at Brunson. Tanner, 9, is in the 4th grade at Brunson. The Brownings are looking forward to meeting more West Enders!

#### New Arrivals

Elspeth Sophie Burdette ("Ellie"), born April 20 to Shona Simpson & Jonathan Burdette, a sister for 2-year-old Fiona, 1232 Glade St.

John Walter Kelley III ("Walter"), born May 6<sup>th</sup> to Ashley & John Kelley, 1016 West End Blvd.

Elizabeth Anne Zimmerman, born April 1 to Amanda & David Zimmerman, a sister for 2-year-old Colin, 1406 Jarvis St.

#### Kiddie Affairs

The West End playgroup continues to meet every Thursday morning at 9:30AM at the Hanes Park playground. In case of rain, please call Shona Simpson. If you are interested in joining the newly formed Ardmore-West End babysitting cooperative, please also contact Shona. Her telephone number is: 773-0309

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Find information on West End real estate, neighborhood watch and social events Log on at the West End web page:

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### A Neighborhood Victory!

The atmosphere was electric at the Alderman's meeting at City Hall on August  $20^{th}$  – and not just because Mayor Jack Cavanagh earned a rebuke for addressing personal issues at the outset. It was the second time that West Enders had gathered in the chambers to protest the YMCA's zoning petition (the first time, two weeks earlier, an Alderman unceremoniously postponed the issue for future consideration). This time the West End crowd was some 60-strong. Even young residents were there in force, with green "Celebrate West End" stickers pasted on their cheeks. As it turned out, the kids had to stay up well past bedtime. Our item, though first on the formal agenda, did not come up for consideration until 10PM. But for those who sat through three hours of city affairs, it turned out to be well worth the wait.

West End Association President George Bryan gave an impassioned defense of the three remaining historical houses on the YMCA site, stressing that the character of our neighborhood, built over 100 years and carefully maintained by current residents, would be irrevocably threatened if more of the residential area was carved away for business purposes. Bill Wise, a long-time resident of the West End, drew applause from his neighbors when he reminded Aldermen in his speech that the YMCA did have the option of moving their planned offices to many alternative sites, while it was patently impossible to "move the the West End". On the other hand, West Enders gasped and booed when Alderman Vernon Robinson dared ask, "What has the West End done to sacrifice for the greater good of Winston-Salem?" Mayor Cavanagh responded for us when he asked back "Do you really need an answer to that question?"

The West Enders in attendance cheered and clapped when the board of Aldermen voted 7 to 1 to deny the YMCA's zoning request. Though the final fate of the three houses still standing on the YMCA site remained unclear after the decision (while the residential zoning remains for the time being, the Y still has the right to raze the houses), it was a tremendous victory for the neighborhood. Special thanks is due to Ann Doherty and George Bryan for their spirited leadership as co-presidents. So many neighbors (and friends from beyond the West End) spent time and energy to contribute to the cause. At the very least, we delivered a powerful message that concerned and committed citizens can go a long way in defending the fragile integrity of a historic neighborhood. Celebrate the West End indeed!







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## September 2001

Message from a historic YMCA house: " I add a friendly face to

neighborhood, thanks for standing up for me!" Editors Note: You will notice two new sections in this month's West Ender, "Portrait of a House" and "Neighborhood News and Notes". When space and content allow, I hope to continue profiling neighborhood houses and keeping us abreast of neighborhood news. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to have your house profiled or if you have news to contribute. Thank you! Andrea Thomas. Tel: 723-9893. Email: Laowai99@aol.com



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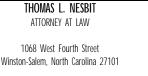
A lot of energy over the past couple of months has been directed towards the negotiations over the houses near the YMCA. Most of us are very happy with the recent 7-1 vote by the Alderman in favor of the West End's proposition to overturn the YMCA's bid for rezoning, as well as the Historic District Commission's unanimous denial of turning Sunset Drive into a parking lot. There are many West Enders who put tireless hours into this effort, including Lisa and David Elam, Eric Elliot, Kathleen Ramich, and Ellen Yarborough. Others were supportive by writing letters, making phone calls, or attending one of the rallies or hearings. We especially want to thank our Alderman, Wanda Merschel for her negotiations and work with the Aldermen. A big thank you to all who contributed to make this effort a success.

Now that the YMCA houses are a somewhat less pressing issue, we don't want to lose sight of other important goals of the association. It is time to refocus on issues such as continuing to build West End Association membership, maintaining a strong neighborhood watch, tree care, updating the long range development plan, developing a neighborhood logo and brochure to include in welcoming baskets and to give to realtors, and socializing regularly as neighbors. At our next meeting on Tuesday, September 4th at Grace Court Park, we will refocus our priorities. We hope to see you at Grace Court for business and the following Friday at Jim and Missy Vaughan's for a social and celebration.

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# September West End Dates – Please Note!

Sept 4<sup>th</sup>, 7PM, Grace Court, West End Assoc. Meeting Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, 6-8PM, Neighborhood Social, hosted by Jim & Missy Vaughan, 814 West End Blvd, children welcome



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# **Portrait of a House**





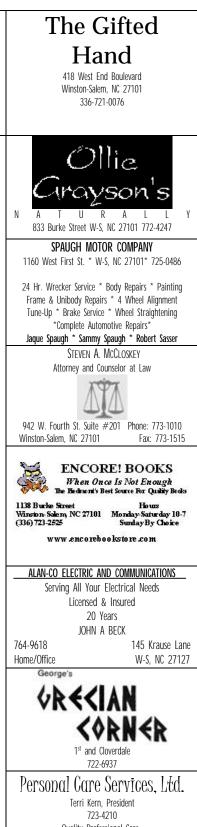
In October 1995, Kevin and Kristina Ebbink moved into 1412 Clover Street. The house, built in 1915 by John B. Bost (and now known officially as the "John Bost House") had been continually in the hands of the Bost family until the Ebbinks bought it from John's granddaughter, Ellen Sandridge. Kevin & Kristina moved to Winston from California. Kevin is a senior planning advisor for Bankers Life & Casualty. Kristina, formerly the managing director of the Little Theatre, now keeps busy caring for 3-yearold Annalisa. The Ebbinks feel fortunate that the house had always been a Bost family home. The Bosts took excellent care of the house for 80 years before passing it on.





Photos Top lft: The Ebbinks. Top rt: 1412 Clover St today. Bottom lft: John B. Bost by the house in 1935 with his daughter-in-law and granddaughter. Bottom rt: Granddaughter Mary Frances Bost Wester by the house, 1932





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