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Notable Birds of the West End:

In our West End neighborhood forty-odd species of birds are commonly heard and seen. This number seems surprising until we think of the categories: finches, thrushes, woodpeckers, birds of the high tree canopies, various blackbirds and swallows. I have loved and gotten to know these birds since we bought our house here in 1965, and I would like to tell you a little about them. First, the Carolina wren, "thyrothorus ludovicianus," one of the most charming songsters, lives here year-round. The clear ringing tones of its many songs are like no other bird. In common with all wrens, it has a lovely musical voice. One three part callis "sugar-BEET, sugar-BEET," or if you prefer, "trick-or-TREAT, trick-or-TREAT, trick-or-TREAT." It has other calls and notes, all characterized by a striking, ringing clarity of tone. It is colored a warm chestnut brown, with a prominent white eye-stripe and a white throat. The chest is a golden tan. In common with all wrens, it often cocks its speckled brown tail over its back. The body is a stubby 5 3/4 inches long. The Carolina wren raises 2 or 3 broods a year, and will nest in the most unusual places: old tires, mailboxes, air conditioners, car bumpers, and even old hats. Our other neighborhood wren "troglodytes aedon," commonly known as the house wren, or jenny wren, has similar nesting habits. Though a mere 4 1/2 inches, this little wren is fearless, and will boldly scold anything or anyone who encroaches. We have all heard these fierce, irritated scolding notes at one time or another. As a contrast, the song is a jubilant burst rising up, then dropping in a musical cascade. The song is different from the Carolina wren in that we don't hear single notes; rather, bubbling cascades. Mousy gray-brown in color, we are more likely to hear the house wren before seeing it, then to observe its energetic flitting, and see the diagnostic cocking-up of its stubby tail. Both wrens enjoy eating insects, and both remain here year-round. Dear friends: you can probably tell the above descriptions are written by a musician.



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The West Ender

By and for the West End Neighborhood

November 2003

Who put the "fest" in ARTSfest....?!

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to all of our neighbors here and throughout town who devoted your time, energy and imagination to create ARTSfest and make it your own. Although we can't name everyone here, we hope you know that each of your contributions was unique and invaluable. Special mention goes to committee members Linda Kirby, Carole Wells and Lynette Matthews-Murphy, children's activity manager Missie Vaughan, volunteer coordinators Bud and Barbara Goldsmith, music coordinator Nora Garver, party coordinator Dora Sparrow, emcee and sound engineer George Bryan and critical-events facilitator Wanda Merschel. Our gratitude goes out to our sponsors and advertisers. All of you made it happen!

Cathy Stanley & Kathleen Ramic
ARTSfest Committee Co-Chairs



Winston-Salem Community Appearance Awards

Kudos to Sam Ogburn Jr. for winning an award for his renovations of the duplexes at 1105-1107 and 1109-1111 West End Blvd. The West End Association nominated Ogburn, Jr. based upon the dramatic improvements he made in bringing these two structures into line with the predominant character of the neighborhood.

Guest speaker for the 2003 Community Appearance Awards, Rick Roti, delivered an informative presentation on the benefits of the urban tree canopy. Roti is a lawyer and Chairman of the Tree Commission for Mecklenburg County. Recently he participated in writing Charlotte's first residential tree ordinance.

Trees provide a number of benefits to homeowners and communities including reductions of stormwater run-off, pollution, energy use, ozone production and habitat degradation. Trees also assist in re-charging groundwater and increasing property values. Roti presented dramatic evidence concerning the impact of tree canopy. As urban tree canopy is reduced, the loss of its cooling effects results in heat islands. Between 1972 and 1993 the summers in Atlanta became 12 degrees hotter due to a comparable percentage decrease in the tree canopy.

While the West End is particularly blessed with a beautiful tree canopy, it is threatened when aging trees are not replaced, and by urban development pressures that exacerbate disease and pests. A canopy analysis would be a good starting point if we wish to prevent huge losses in the future.

NOVEMBER WEST END EVENTS

Tuesday, November 4 at 7:00 PM: West End Association Meeting, Tise House, 952 W. 4th Street (near Grace Court).
Friday, November 14 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM: West End Neighborhood Social, George Bryan & Ann Doherty, 813 West End Blvd.
All West End residents are welcome at these events! Come meet your neighbors and discuss the neighborhood!

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A Word From Your Co-Presidents:
 The ARTSFest brought a refreshing new spirit to our community by allowing the West End to host the region in our lovely Grace Court! A big thank you to Kathleen Ramich and Cathy Stanley. As West Enders volunteered at the event they were able to share the special character of the area with friends and visitors. This was a wonderful addition to the showcase of our Historical Homes tour every other year. It also brought back the tradition of an annual event at Grace Court, which we had enjoyed in the past. The wonderful spirit of community continues even as we and other neighborhoods have been plagued by a rash of petty break-ins. Let me encourage you to take all precautions of locking car doors, house doors, not leaving valuables where they can be seen and lighting entrances to your home. Your Association Board and your Council representative, Wanda Merschel, have been very active in dealing with this issue. The police have made three arrests, any one of which they suspect may have been partially responsible for the break-ins. Our community uses email to notify of crime situations. This worked well this past week as a neighbor was reading a Crime Watch email and chased someone from his door! Let me encourage you to join this system by calling us or emailing us with your email address. A community must communicate and share the care.

See you out raking leaves,
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West Enders enjoyed October's social at the home of David & Nancy Poythress. The Poythress family hosted neighbors just prior to commencing major renovations. We look forward to seeing the results in the future. Thanks David & Nancy!
 The next social will be Friday, November 14th at the home of our co-presidents, George Bryan & Ann Doherty: 813 West End Blvd., 6 – 8 PM. Come chat and relax with your neighbors.



Welcome Neighbors!
 Marilyn Poorbaugh is putting together gift baskets for recent arrivals to the West End. If you have a new neighbor, please contact Marilyn at 725-3303. Please note that Marilyn must have your neighbor's name, address and phone number to coordinate a timely delivery.

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**Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission
 Partial Agenda for November 5, 2003, 4:00 P.M.
 Public Meeting Room 530, City Hall South, 100 East First Street**

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS

- Julie Edelson and Roy Hantgan, Applicants
 910 Carolina Avenue
 Millaway House (Inventory #252)
Enlarge Rear Dormer
- Donald C. Jones, Applicants
 715 Summit Street
 William H. McGehee House (Inventory #131)
**Modification/Expansion to Rear Façade,
 Construction of New Garage, and Re-roof with New Material**
- Fred Vlasis, Applicant
 871 West Fourth Street
 The Filling Station (Inventory #152)
Installation of New Signage (Continued from August 6, 2003)
- Joseph L. Anderson, Applicant
 222 North Sunset Drive
 Non-Contributing House (Inventory #402)
Construction of Parking in Rear of Property

MINOR WORK APPROVALS

- Eduardo Gonzales, Applicant
 1029 West End Boulevard
 William C. Huband House (Inventory #524)
**Alterations of Walkway from Front Entrance to Driveway,
 Landscaping in Front and Rear,
 Installation of New Walkway from the Side to Rear Yard, and;
 Installation of Wooden Deck in the Rear Yard**
- Paul and Karen Strack, Applicants
 640 North Spring Street
 Kennerly-Shelton House (Inventory #55)
Remove and Replace Concrete Walkway with Brick Walkway
- Claudia Von Grunebaum, Applicant
 260 West End Boulevard
 Thomas-Leduc House (Inventory #88)
Removal of Tree in Rear Yard
- Carl M. Viglianco, Applicant
 226-228 North Sunset Drive
 Non-Contributing Duplex (#401)
Installation of Wood Shutters on Front Elevation

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