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April West End Meeting Brings in the Green...

Our West End members met at 7:00 p.m. on April 4th at the Tise Mansion for an informative and fruitful meeting. Attendees were the beneficiaries of free basil plants provided by Cindy Hinshaw, a grower of organic produce at Sanders Ridge Organic Farm in nearby Booneville. Cindy has been in organic gardening for twenty-six years and is certified by the USDA as an organic grower.

As of May 1, 2006, she will be selling direct to farm visitors and through delivery to members of the Sanders Ridge Food Guild. Members of the guild can have fresh vegetables and flowers delivered weekly to a central West End location. Their growing season begins May 1st and she will be delivering weekly produce to West End guild members over the next 22 to 30 weeks. If you would like to know more about the food guild or are interested in becoming a member, call Cindy at 336-324-6246.

Steve Boyd, a strategy team member of CHANGE, gave the West End an opportunity to hear action items established for their 2006 agenda. CHANGE is an organization in Winston Salem that seeks to provide a space for residents of Forsyth County to participate in our democracy and public life. West End is a dues paying member and wanted to better understand how CHANGE is working for the citizens of Winston-Salem. Seven items were identified as priority action items for 2006: Youth and Education, Health Care, Jobs and Living Wage, Community/Urban Redevelopment/Environmental Issues, Public Transportation, Affordable Housing and Senior Citizens. The West End pushed forward its quality of life concerns pertaining to the excessive noise created by the traffic on Business 40. Many feel that property values are negatively impacted by the traffic noise in and around the southern boundary of West End.

> - Rick Pender Secretary



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Mixing it Up in May!

The last board of directors meeting of your WEA was the proverbial mixed bag of issues and ideas, old business and new, and quite a lot of the second-time-around topics so many neighborhood groups encounter. You know, those nagging issues that never seem to go away or reoccur with all too familiar regularity. It's the essence of the community governance process (not to be mistaken for how sausage is made – that's like making legislation) Here's what the mix looks like: Your elected leadership tackles the concerns abroad in the community at the times, makes headway here and there and hits headwinds or gets sidetracked sometimes just as often. So, the agenda moves forward a little at a time, sometimes imperceptibly, but it does move. That comes with the volunteer territory. The board is a mix of long time residents and newcomers, diehard Westenders and those only recently converted. We've got some still in their first West End home, then we have others who are "serial renovators" well into their third or fourth project. There's a variety of expertise and experience and more continuity than you think. The thing we all have the least of is time – but we've each chosen to devote some of it to the West End. That talent mix changes from time to time as new members come on board and their fresh viewpoints and willingness to jump right into the thick of things is always a joy to behold.

Last month's board meeting was an outdoor one on my veranda, for after all, it was Spring and lovely weather before the mosquitoes have even thought about showing up. And mixed with the sound of neighborhood traffic, the chirping birds and a cacophonous chorus of yard equipment form Kilpatrick Stockton's army of lawnsmen we talked of the issues. And questions always arise: Who's got a house in mind for the home tour? Where do we stand in membership? Anyone want to host a social? But amidst the banal and the routine come the thornier matters: Let's get the police in to talk to everyone about a crime watch program. Ok, which house are we going to ask the City to work with us on saving from a derelict owner? Yes, we are dealing with these and a host of others – for you and your neighbors. Come to the May WEA meeting, it may be the last one before we take the summer off, or maybe not - that's still another thing we must decide. Mix with your neighbors maybe you'll have something to add to the mix.

> - Steve Joiner WEA President

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hunt for eggs, hold sack races and

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