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**Notable Trees of the West End:
The Southern Magnolia**



The Southern, (or Evergreen), Magnolia is a tree with which most people are familiar. As a child I always thought Magnolias were good climbing trees and that the seed pods made excellent mock grenades for playing WAR. It is one of several species of Magnolia that are native to our state, and although not native to our immediate area, it has naturalized. The other native species are primarily deciduous. This tree sits between St. Paul's church and its former offices. If you haven't noticed it before, you'd better look now because it will soon be cut down along with most of the other large trees on the property. This tree has seen better days, however the Willow Oaks in the back are in their prime and will be sorely missed. Some members of the church grounds committee have assured me that these trees will be replaced with large and diverse plantings. It will be many years before we can admire them and enjoy their benefits, but I am confident the grounds committee will do a good job. The Magnolia looks best with its lower limbs intact. This particular tree doesn't have its lower limbs, but this has allowed the church congregation to enjoy lemonade under its shade for years. Because of their large spread, most owners find they have to cut the lower limbs to allow access to their homes, lawns, etc. Then they find that the Magnolia sheds throughout the year, a frustration that causes many to despise it. Unless you have a large property where it can reach its full potential I would suggest planting a dwarf variety such as Little Gem. It has the same fragrant white flowers and dark broadleaf, evergreen foliage as its larger cousin. However, it is smaller in all respects. Little Gem grows to about 20 feet high, as opposed to 70 feet, and doesn't seem to spread nearly as far.

If you know of a notable tree that you think should be featured or would like more information, please contact Kevin Lindsey at 722-2881.

West End Association Membership Application

Join the West End Association and help create a friendly and beautiful neighborhood. Membership is as low as \$15 for families in 2002. You will help support the newsletter, park and roadway enhancements, and monitoring of zoning and the Historic District Commission. You can join the West End email list (<http://thewestend.tripod.com>) to receive information on houses for sale and their prices, notes from your Alderman, crime statistics, invitations to monthly gatherings, and much more! **Annual Dues for 2002 are due NOW. Send to: WEA, POB 10055, W-S, NC 27108**

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Highlights from the August 6th meeting of the West End Association:

- A representative from the Winston-Salem Symphony introduced the new "Saturday Nights Live" pops series that will begin this fall and run through May. Family tickets are available, and tickets will include discounts to area restaurants and businesses.
- Tom Griffin, Mel Sadler and John Lucas of the City of Winston-Salem and Aldermen Wanda Merschel and Dan Besse talked about the fire on Chatham Rd. that released chemicals into Peters Creek. They discussed the ongoing investigation into the exact source of the chemicals found in the creek, the clean-up of the creek, and how such disasters could be averted or handled in the future.
- Report from South Central Area Plan Committee: Amy Lindsey reported that most West End Association suggestions and concerns have been incorporated into the final plan to be presented to the Board of Aldermen.
- In preparation for the construction at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, David Poythress reported that he, area residents, and church officials have been meeting regarding issues such as closing alleys around the church. They are currently trying to find a plan that will meet the needs of all concerned.
- Jim Brady of Morning Dew Coffee talked with the association about his planned expansion into old Aurora Beauty College and parking issues involved with that move.

--Minutes submitted by Lee Ann Manning

(For a full copy of the minutes, please visit thewestend.tripod.com, or call Andrea Thomas, 723-9893)

UPCOMING WEST END EVENTS

**SEPTEMBER 3rd - WEST END ASSOCIATION MEETING
7PM, Tice House, 4th St (near Grace Court)**

**SEPTEMBER 6th - WEST END SOCIAL
6-8PM, Myra Doernberg's home, 818 Carolina Ave.**




West End Co-president George Bryan (center) at a press conference last month addressing pollution in Peters Creek

West Enders, don't forget to vote in the primary election on September 10th!




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A Letter From our Co-Presidents:

West Enders,
School is started and the neighborhood energy level is recovering from the high heat of summer! A lot is going on! Our creek, Peter's Creek, which runs through Hanes Park, was seriously contaminated by run-off from the chemical fire on Chatham Road. The latest information from the County is that the Creek is recovering and will recover fully. We are checking weekly for signs of life and will let you know. It is best not to become complacent, however. There is background contamination in the Creek on a regular basis that is of concern. We have requested State records on what allowable discharge is entering the Creek upstream. Our goal is to be sure the Creek is safe for casual contact by pets and children.

We have sent out an email about "On the Same Page," a grass roots effort to bring the community together through reading and discussion groups. The book this year will be *To Kill A Mockingbird*. I am sure many of you have read it. This effort, however, will provide a time to discuss the book with a variety of people and has potential for all of us to learn much and appreciate our neighbors more. Please contact West End coordinator Ann McLeod (761-1131) if you are interested. We hope some of the existing book clubs in the neighborhood will entertain the idea of reading this book. There will be a variety of speakers during the month of September who will increase our appreciation of the book.

Have you seen the new paint job on the house on Spring St. near 6th? We encourage you to go and take a look. Can you believe that following the chemical fire, a boarding house on Chatham Road burnt within the week! There seem to be a mix of mild and strong opinions about the new 3-way stop on 5th street. We're withholding our judgment until it proves accidents are prevented. Thank you to those who helped me (George) pull weeds at the traffic island on West End and Broad - it had become very shaggy. (Thank you to Morning Dew for the free coffee for our efforts). Are there any more areas we need to pull? Anyone interested in polishing the brass plates at Hanes Park and the Arrowhead? Give us a call (724-2706).

Please keep an eye out for the school children coming and going in our neighborhood!

George Bryan and Ann Doherty, Co-presidents of the West End Association

September 11th at St. Paul's
St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Summit St will be holding a Service of Music and Remembrance on Sept. 11th at 7PM. A chamber orchestra and choir will perform the Faure Requiem. St. Paul's welcomes the public to attend its services. For information, please check the St. Paul's website: www.stpauls-ws.org, or call 723-4391.

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Calling all West End Residents! The 2002 Historic West End Holiday Homes Tour Needs Your Help!

We're excited about this year's homes tour, to be held Sunday, December 8, 2002. Many of your gracious West End neighbors are opening their homes to share the beauty of the historic houses that makes the West End unique.

Now is your chance to be part of the excitement. Below are a few of the volunteer opportunities for the homes tour. Please look over this list and let us know as soon as possible how you'd like to help. Don't hesitate; this is a popular event, and everyone loves to help! Please put it on your calendar today, and give us a call or e-mail.

House Captain: Coordinates all the volunteers assigned to individual homes; works with home owners and tour co-chairs planning details of that home's tour; supervises house volunteers during tour.

House Volunteers : Are stationed in various areas of the individual homes to direct guests through the house and answer questions. Usually work a 2-hour shift.

General Volunteers : There are many other ways volunteers can help - before, during, and after the homes tour! If you'd prefer not to work in a house, but would like to help, please let us know. If you have a preference for the kind of help you can give, let us know that too (for example distributing posters in town or serving refreshments at the ticket sales area).

Many thanks for your help with this favorite event. We're looking forward to a successful 2002 tour!

Lee Ann Manning, Tour Co-Chair
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BOO!

Enter the 1st West End Ghost Story Contest!

We all know ghosts and spirits share our neighborhood. In less than 400 words, please tell us about those you've encountered! The best story will run in the October issue of the West End newsletter. Submissions should be sent to Andrea Thomas at Laowai99@aol.com or 909 West End Blvd.

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