

# WEST END NEWS

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Spring 2002

## President's Message

by Brenda Hayward

It's hard to believe we are coming up on our Annual Membership Meeting. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16 and will include much of interest to West Enders. In addition to the election of officers and directors, members will vote on proposed revisions to our Bylaws. The changes are summarized in this issue of the *West End News* on page 7. The full text is available for your review at the Dorchester Public Library or the WECA web site: [www.cambridgemd.org](http://www.cambridgemd.org). Please take the time to review the Bylaws and the proposed slate of directors, so you can vote intelligently at the annual meeting. An informed membership is important to the success of our organization. I urge all WECA members to attend the annual meeting and participate by casting their ballots. Only WECA members in good standing who attend the meeting may vote.

Our Nominating Committee has developed the following proposed Board of Directors for 2002-2003:

### OFFICERS:

President – Brenda Hayward  
Vice President – Jane Devlin  
Secretary (Recording) – Herm Kramer  
Treasurer – Donna Casarotti

### STANDING COMMITTEES:

Community Pride – Andy Madera  
Historic Tours – Jackie Vickers  
Membership – Doug Kyle  
Neighborhood Data & Oversight – Carroll Dail  
Newsletter – Brenda Hayward  
Publicity – Marge Hull  
Special Projects – (open)  
Web Site – Doug Kyle  
Welcoming Committee – Jane Devlin

Ballots will be available at the meeting, and nominations may be made from the floor.

In addition to four officers, WECA will have nine standing committees, whose chairpersons are members of the Board. We have one non-elective office, the immediate past president, currently Edgar Williams. This provides for a possible 14 member Board. However, as you can see, some members are wearing more than one hat, and we have one open committee chair position. If not filled at the Annual

Meeting, this position will be filled by the Board as the need arises during the year. Obviously, WECA can use more committee members and co-chairs to help implement our projects and meet the challenges ahead. If you can spare some time, please offer your help. There will be committee sign up sheets available at the April meeting. Or contact any WECA Board member and express your interest.

Following the business meeting, which will include presentation of the Annual Report of the Association, we will have an informative program featuring Armond Hayward, chair of the Historic Preservation Commission, and Jim Michael, director of Planning and Zoning. They will discuss the types of projects requiring construction permits from the Department of Public Works and/or HPC approvals, and the procedures involved. See the article on page 4 for more information about the speakers and their topic.

As you may have noticed, several properties in the Historic District are now displaying attractive bronze Historic Markers. These can be ordered through WECA. Please see the article on page 3 for more information. We will highlight this project at the Annual Meeting and have a sample plaque for you to see.

It promises to be a full and interesting evening. Please join us.

### WEST END CITIZENS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, April 16, 2002

7:00 p.m.

Dorchester Public Library Meeting Room

### AGENDA

Business Meeting: Approval of March 19 Minutes  
Annual Report to Membership  
Bylaws Revisions  
Election of Directors for 2002-2003

Speakers: Armond Hayward, chair, Historic Preservation  
Commission

Jim Michael, director, Planning & Zoning

Presentation: Historic District Property Markers

Social & Refreshments

*Open to the Public*

## Property Transfers

by Carroll Dail

December 19, 2001 through March 11, 2002

CORBMAN, Gordon A. 215 Somerset Avenue .....	\$55,000
JACKSON, Kim A. & JOHNSON, Jeffrey L. 803 Church Street .....	\$30,000
FLETCHER, Sheena 428 Leonard's Lane .....	\$56,900
Neighborhood Housing Renewal Co., Inc. 417 Linden Avenue .....	\$30,000
ROGERS, Andrew 417 Linden Avenue .....	\$60,000
KUEHNE, Charles D. & Margaret A. 307 Glenburn Avenue .....	\$125,000
KOZLUCA, Ozlem 300 West End Avenue .....	\$27,000
Option One Mortgage Corp. 407 Willis Street .....	\$45,407
BURNS, Antonia C. 103 Talbot Avenue .....	\$128,000
SAUM, John A., Sr. & Helen E. A. 3 Choptank Avenue .....	\$235,000
RAMSEY, Roger R. 313 Belvedere Avenue .....	\$122,500

SMITH, Lori R. 513 Glenburn Avenue, Unit 106C .....	\$81,800
Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development 418 Oakley Street .....	\$52,625
MUFFOLETTO, Daniel S. 513 Glenburn Avenue, Unit 101A .....	\$75,000
LITTLETON, William H. & Ann R. ROBINSON, Thomas C. & Diane M. 308 Gay Street .....	\$78,000
TOTH, Tibor G., Jr. & Holly L. 201 Choptank Avenue .....	\$75,000
HUBBARD, Leonard R. 418 Oakley Street .....	\$31,000
VIPER, LLC 403 High Street .....	\$170,000
HARTMAN, Carol L. 102 Choptank Avenue .....	\$86,500
HOBBS, Lola M. 432 Leonard's Lane .....	\$55,000
GONZALEZ, Valentin 435 Oakley Street .....	\$59,000
MALONEY, Edward B., Jr. 1112 Locust Street .....	\$90,000
VAETH, Mary Yates (1/2 interest) 304 Academy Street, Unit 202 .....	\$110,000

## Welcomers of West End

by Jane Devlin

As our gardens start to burst into the glories of spring, WOVE committee members will be extending a warm welcome to the new property owners who have chosen the West End of Cambridge to be their home.

Through the supportive efforts of committee members Marge Hull, Marti Weiler, Barbara Williams, Donna Harms, Jean Wright and Carol Kramer, we have created a steady inventory which will continue to ensure a successful welcome program.

Carroll Dail, WECA's Neighborhood Data & Oversight Chairman, has supplied the storage/



work space, and an ongoing list of new property owners.

Joan Travers of Simmons Center Market decorates and shrink-wraps the baskets.

Through the efforts of our much appreciated bakers, each basket is delivered with a packet of homemade cookies.

The baskets include a wealth of information pertaining to city, county, social services and businesses. Gift and discount certificates from local businesses are an added treat.

Since the reorganization of the Committee in September 2000, more than 60 property owners have been greeted. WOVE looks forward to spreading hospitality throughout the West End of Cambridge.

## Historic House Markers

by Jane Devlin

The West End Citizens Association has an exciting new project underway! We have developed an historic plaque which is being offered for sale to identify historic properties in the West End. The markers can designate the actual or approximate year of construction along with the words "Historic District".

The display of an historic marker will identify your property as part of the Cambridge Historic District and will provide uniformity of identification of the historic properties throughout the West End. It will also demonstrate community pride in our beautiful historic buildings and the unique architecture to be found in both the commercial and residential areas of the Historic District. If you are a proud property owner of an historic building, please consider joining in this marker program.

The marker is a cast bronze oval plaque which is sturdy, weather-resistant, of quality construction and with an attractive and elegant design that is compatible with the architectural styles of the Historic District. The size of the plaque is 11 inches wide x 8 inches high. The markers have a life expectancy of approximately 20 years, with little maintenance required except for a clear coat of lacquer every few years. Complete mounting instructions will be provided. When ordering, specify front or rear mounting. Plaques for front mounting include 2 pre-drilled holes and brass screws. Rear mounting requires 1/4-inch studs and adhesive (not supplied). Recommendations for placement will also be provided, to encourage uniformity.

A sample plaque will be available at upcoming WECA meetings (see "Coming Events"). Come and take a look. If you are interested in ordering now, please complete the information below and mail to WECA, P. O. Box 13, Cambridge, MD 21613, or call Jane Devlin at 410-221-6082. Orders will be grouped to expedite production and reduce shipping costs, enabling WECA to offer these plaques at the best possible price. Cost of each plaque is \$165, with 25% due upon layout approval and balance upon delivery.



*The Paula Reed study: Cambridge Historic District, Wards I and III, was the final project report for the National Register nomination. The approximately 700 properties included in the Reed study now form the Cambridge Historic District. The Reed study lists an estimated or actual date for most houses in the Historic District. This document may be helpful to you in dating your property. The Reed study is available at the public library and the Department of Public Works.*

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### HISTORIC MARKER ORDER FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Order Now

Contact me for future order

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Copy for Plaque: Circa \_\_\_\_\_ (approximate year)

OR Est. \_\_\_\_\_ (exact year)

Mounting Requirements:  Front  Rear

Delivery will take approximately 5 weeks. Price is \$165. 25% deposit required on approval of layout.

## West End Revitalization Kudos

by Armond Hayward, II

In each issue of *West End News*, WECA will be highlighting a West End property that has undergone a significant restoration.



This house at 116 Glenburn has been returned to a pristine state under the care of John and Marylane Elmes, who purchased it less than a year ago. Those who remember the house as it was “before” can truly appreciate the transformation.

Repairing the rotted porch and installing replacement windows matching the original one over one style are just a couple of the major facets of this project.

Interestingly, although the addition of shutters was planned as a final detail, when the Elmes' came before the Historic Preservation Commission, they learned that the house did not have shutters originally and this additional expense was able to be eliminated.

The basic style of this house is an American Foursquare, which is also called the Prairie Box. One of the few indigenous American architectural styles, it was developed by a group of Chicago architects known as the Prairie School, of which Frank Lloyd Wright was the acknowledged master.



The Prairie style was popular from 1900 to the 1920's. It is identified by its low pitched hipped roof with widely overhanging eaves. Prairie style houses were generally two or three stories, with one story wings or porches, often with massive, square porch supports. Eaves, cornices and facade detailing emphasized horizontal lines. Vernacular versions often featured central hipped dormers, full-width single story front porches and double hung sash windows. The front entrance may be centered or off-center, as in the Elmes' house.

The side view of the house shown below illustrates the gabled roof typical of the vernacular subtype of this eclectic style.

The Elmes' have certainly done a great job of restoration, with the result that not only their property, but the entire neighborhood has been enhanced.

## Annual Membership Meeting

by Marge Hull

On Tuesday evening, APRIL 16, the WEST END CITIZENS ASSOCIATION will hold their ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 7:00 P.M. in the downstairs meeting room of the Dorchester County Public Library.

The election of Officers and Directors for the 2002 - 2003 Board of Directors will be held. Bylaw revisions have been approved by the Board of Directors and will be submitted to the membership for their approval. The document is available for review on WECA's web site: [www.cambridgemd.org](http://www.cambridgemd.org), and at the Dorchester County Public Library.

Speakers for the evening will be Jim Michael, director of the Cambridge Department of Planning and Zoning, and Armond Hayward, chairman of the Cambridge Historic Preservation Commission. Owners of historic properties who want to renovate and builders of new construction within the Historic District must receive permits and approval from these two public entities. Michael and Hayward will discuss the process for obtaining these from both agencies, as well as what types of renovations and new construction need these approvals.

West End Citizens Association members, property owners and residents of the West End of Cambridge as well as all Historic District property owners are encouraged to attend. The meeting is open to the public. Samples of the new bronze historic markers available to historic district property owners will be on view and can be ordered at the April meeting.

*The Spring Yard Sale is just one of the many events sponsored by WECA to benefit you and improve our community. (See page 5.)*

## **Commissioner's Corner**

### **by Larry Bohlen — First Ward Commissioner**

Spring is in the air and a new burst of growth is about to happen. I think that's true with nature and our fair city. New projects are about to be undertaken and older ones finished up.

The marina improvements are nearly complete; the mild weather helped the work proceed at an excellent pace. The City Council agreed to add three T-head piers to the scope of the project while the work was ongoing; although this was an additional cost it made sense to do it now with the rest of the project. This will improve our transient dock space and will be able to accommodate larger boats. As part of this work, new period lighting will be installed along the walkway on the marina side of the park. It's the hope that the lighting project for Water Street and finishing the lighting at Long Wharf will be completed this year, making the park and adjacent area as attractive and inviting as possible to residents and visitors alike.

Meanwhile, on Glasgow Street we are moving ahead with curb and sidewalk projects that have been needed for a long time. Many other projects are being planned or started. There is a good proposal for the Academy School property on School and Mill Streets, which includes townhouse development and the preservation and adaptive reuse of the old school. There is also a proposal for the Arundel property on Cambridge Creek, which is a combination of mixed use, residential and commercial with a waterside promenade to connect the Trenton St. corridor to Cedar St. Commissioner Weldon and I have stressed the need for any new developments on the Creek to incorporate these elements and the need for mixed use, to make sure that the creek area is a benefit to the whole community not just a few condo owners.

We have been working with the Association for the Revitalization of Cambridge (ARC) on several things for the downtown area. Improvements at Long Wharf, the pedestrian mall on Race St. and most exciting working toward the designation of an Arts and Entertainment district on Race St. to stimulate all types of commercial and tourist related activities in our downtown and promote the arts. In conjunction with all of these endeavors work is nearly completed on the Heritage Tourism Plan, which when approved will open many new opportunities for related improvements throughout the City.

Finally, the City will soon be conducting the spring clean-up, so let's get the neighborhoods looking good for the warmer months. Along those lines we have recently purchased a new street sweeper, a state of the art piece of equipment, and DPW has started a new street sweep schedule. The First Ward schedule is Monday mornings until about 11:00 a.m. Look for the sweeper and if possible move vehicles to improve the efficiency and quality of the job.

Let's all keep working on improving our hometown. If you have any questions or concerns please give me a call at 410-221-0098.

### **by Lee Weldon — Third Ward Commissioner**

There is nothing more wonderful than Cambridge in the spring. The river takes on a rich blue, gardens all over town start to awaken, and the possibilities of another warm season start to turn into realities.

A big project that I have been involved in will be coming to full bloom shortly. A core group of community volunteers has been working with Natalie Chabot, our county Director of Tourism, to prepare a management plan for a Certified Heritage Area. This is a major economic development initiative from the state Department of Housing and Community Development that will help us better understand the many resources we have to offer tourists.

The main goal is to create opportunities throughout the community to expand businesses and cultivate attractions that serve the needs of our visitors.

Certification will open the door to special funding sources, low interest loans for businesses, tax incentives and grants to really spark the engine of our growing tourism economy.

The deadline for submitting a draft of the Heritage Tourism Management Plan to the public for review and comment is April 15.

The city has a vital interest in the success of this application, and the support of the West End will be important. If you have any questions about the program, feel free to give me a call at 410-228-0030.

## **Spring Yard Sale**

### **by Donna Casarotti**

The West End of Cambridge will be teeming with bargains on Saturday, June 8, when WECA once again sponsors its semi-annual community yard sale from 7:00 a.m. until... Rain date is Saturday, June 15. The Spring Yard Sale is a service to all West End residents. There is no charge for participating. Having many yard sales located within one neighborhood on the same day makes shopping very attractive to buyers. That means a more successful sale for everyone.

With spring cleaning time upon us, now's a great time to clear out those closets, attics, basements or sheds, and put those unwanted but still perfectly usable items aside to turn into extra cash!

And, it's easy with WECA's support. WECA's advertising of the event will draw people to explore the entire West End looking for bargains. If you register in advance, WECA will provide you with a sign and include your location in our advertising. In case of rain, WECA will re-advertise the sale.

Mark your calendar now and plan ahead for a great Spring Yard Sale! Watch for more details as the date draws closer. For more information, call 410-901-9390 or fax 410-901-9392.

# \$POTLIGHT BUSINESSES

by Jane Devlin

In each issue of the *West End News*, we are highlighting local businesses located in the West End or owned/operated by West Enders. We encourage everyone to patronize and support our local business entrepreneurs.

## ANDERSON CHIROPRACTIC

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Ed Anderson has recently moved into the West End and has just opened his new chiropractic office in Cambridge.

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A great starting point for your Sunday adventure is the Brunch special. Waffles, egg dishes and Jane’s trademark scones are always sure to please.

Why not let The Cator House cater your next event? A banquet room is available for bridal showers, rehearsal dinners, wedding receptions, office gatherings or other special occasions.

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Dinner: Mon.– Sat.  
4 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
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## WECA MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL FORM

**April 1, 2002 — March 31, 2003**

*Please complete the information below and return with your membership payment:  
\$6.00 per year for individual; \$12 per year for household of more than one person.*

Type of Membership:

- Individual  
 Household

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail to West End Citizens Association, P. O. Box 13, Cambridge, MD 21613*

## Proposed Bylaws Revisions

by **Brenda Hayward**

The Board of Directors has reviewed the current Bylaws and is recommending a number of revisions for approval by the membership at the April 2002 Annual Meeting. The Board believes these revisions are needed to better position WECA to function as a strong, effective voice for the West End community.

The complete text of the revised Bylaws, with the changes highlighted, is available for review at the Dorchester County Public Library and on the WECA web site: [www.cambridgemd.org](http://www.cambridgemd.org).

Following is a summary of the key changes being proposed:

### Article II. Purposes and Objectives

- include enforcement of guidelines for the Cambridge Historic District as one of the purposes and objectives of the Association.

### Article III. Membership

- add Benefactor as a membership classification. Individual Benefactor members may be designated by majority vote of the Board but shall have no voting rights.

### Article IV. Management

- change number of Directors from 9 to no more than 15 elected members and allow the immediate past president voting rights.
- change amount of notice required for special meetings of the Board from 5 days to at least 24 hours.
- eliminate term limits for Directors. Change from annual election of all Board members to staggered three-year terms, so that no more than one-third of the Board members' terms expire in a given year.
- allow Board members to grant proxies only to their committee co-chair or vice-chair.

### Article V. Officers

- add that the President shall be responsible for compiling an annual report to be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting.
- add to the Vice President's duties oversight of the annual audit of the Association's funds.
- add to the Secretary's duties responsibility for proper notification of all Association meetings.
- add to Treasurer's duties providing written monthly and annual financial statements to the Board.

### Article VIII. Committees

- eliminate restriction on number of standing committees
- establish the following new standing committees: Newsletter, Web Site, Historic Tours, and Welcoming Committee.
- provide that the Vice President shall chair the Nominating Committee.

## Membership Drive Is Underway

by **Doug Kyle**

The WECA membership year is April 1 – March 31, so renewals are due now. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2002-2003, please mail in your check now or bring your payment to the Annual Meeting on April 16. Only paid-up members of WECA can vote at the meeting. Dues are only \$6.00 per year for an individual; \$12.00 for a household of more than one person. For your convenience, fill in the order form on page 6 or just write "membership" on your check. WECA is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, so your membership is tax deductible.

If you are not already a member, please consider joining and lending your support to WECA. The more members we have, the stronger our voice in the community and the greater our impact in bringing about change for the betterment of our neighborhood and city.

The West End Citizens Association is a Neighborhood Action Group formed in 1992. The purposes and objectives of the Association are: (1) to foster and enhance the quality of community life for all residents of the West End through the conduct or support of community events and social activities, and (2) to protect and enhance the value of properties located in the West End by supporting strict enforcement of building and zoning codes, development of a long-term neighborhood revitalization plan, and by supporting the enforcement of guidelines for the Cambridge Historic District. To accomplish these objectives, WECA sponsors a variety of activities, fund raisers, community events, and projects.

WECA issues a quarterly newsletter and holds regular monthly meetings to keep members informed. Several times a year, we present programs of general interest to the community. We have developed and are expanding our web site and establishing links with other organizations and businesses. We have ongoing projects such as our Historic West End Tours, Welcome Baskets for new residents, Historic Markers, our Christmas decorating contest and luminary display, and our semi-annual community yard sales. Plus there are many exciting new projects and plans in the works.

WECA is **your** neighborhood organization and needs **your** support!



West End Citizens Association  
 P. O. Box 13  
 Cambridge, MD 21613

## DCAT

*"The Voice of the People"*

**Dorchester County Association of Taxpayers**  
**7:00 PM — 2nd Wednesday each Month**  
**Dorchester Public Library Meeting Room**  
**Dues \$10.00**

**John R. Neild, Sr. — President**  
**John S. Neild, Jr. — Secretary**  
**Portia Johnson-Ennels — Treasurer**

## Coming Events

Tuesday, April 16 — WECA Annual Membership Meeting  
 Election of Officers and Proposed Bylaws Revisions  
 Guest Speakers: Armond Hayward and Jim Michael  
 7:00 p.m. at Dorchester Public Library

Tuesday, May 21 — Regular Board Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. at Dorchester Public Library

Saturday, June 8 — Spring Yard Sale  
 7:00 a.m. until...

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