



A CLASSIC AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOOD

WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

MARCH 2008

March Meeting

Thursday night, March 20th 7 p.m.
At Assistance League of So. Co.
New to You Shop, 5 W. 6th Street

At our next meeting, we will discuss the Gateways Redevelopment plan and how that might affect the West End Neighborhood. We will also have a speaker from the S. R. Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee who will discuss the Bike Master plan and the impacts it may have on our neighborhood.

The West End Neighborhood Association has 2 meetings and one B.B.Q. A year. The meetings take an hour and a half and are an excellent chance for neighbors to meet and exchange information.

Take the time to meet your neighbors!

Calendar

West End Meetings for 2008

March 20th 7 p.m. Spring Meeting

July 19th Time tba Annual BBQ

November 20th 7 p.m. Fall Meeting

Microgallery at Ray Design:

Art Gallery show the 3rd Friday of every month! Next gallery opening March 21 at 6-9 p.m.

Local artist Chris Jehly ray-modern.com for more info

www.6thstreetplayhouse.com

March 7- March 30 Boston Marriage

March 21- Apr 12 Oleanna

Pug Sunday at DeTurk Roundbarn Park:

Every 3rd Sunday. mmsund@gmail.com

firstsaturdaycleanup.org

If you would like to volunteer to clean up the creek- please email Stan Gow and get on his email list. sgow@gct21.net

Clean up is on the first Saturday of every month.

West End Neighborhood Association
Westend@saber.net

President's Report

By Lea Barron-Thomas, WNA President

There are so many potential changes on the horizon.

The DeTurk Roundbarn's rehabilitation will start this year. The DeTurk Winery buildings will have an adapted reuse, the building will be saved but used for housing. The SMART site is still waiting for it's uncertain future. The sad ruins of the Cannery buildings also await their fate. Meanwhile, the 9th and 6th Street underpasses may open sooner (9th St.) or much later (6th St.). We also have a new restaurant, an art micro gallery and two historic W. 6th Street houses being restored.

West End residents and businesses are the ones who will be most affected by developments and improvements whether they are wonderful, mediocre or terrible. As stewards of this special neighborhood, we must stay informed and provide input to these proposed changes. That is one of the main reasons that the WNA exists.

Our next meeting will discuss two very current issues that will affect the West End: 1) The Gateway Redevelopment district which could provide urban amenities such as sidewalks and street lights. 2) The S. R. Bike and Pedestrian plan.

Come to the next WNA meeting so we can learn about these issues and work together to make them work for the West End.

Sincerely, Lea Barron-Thomas

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Non-emergency Police 528-5222

Neighborhood Watch Leaders

Decker St: Tracy Humphrey 570-0396

Boyce St: Chad Gallagher 570-1335

W. 8th St: Lea & Allen Barron-Thomas 477-8422

Hewitt St: Michael & Becky McGinnis 526-6868

Polk St: Tom Post 578-0345

W. 7th St: Will Jenny 292-1144

W. 6th St: John Mendes 575-0321

11th St: Fritz Wisor 573-3967

9th St: Sher Ennis 545-8677

Pierson St: Luke & Tiffany Kampmann 571-8987



CLASSIC NEIGHBORS ♦ An Interview with Arnold & Richard Ferrari

By Carol Haseltine-Ernst & Jacquie Smith

Arnold and Richard Ferrari graciously shared with us stories passed down to them about their house. These tales, along with their own West End adventures, are a window for us to see into the West End's rich past.

320 W. 8th Street began its life as a single level home. The original owners lifted their house in the early 1930s and opened "Pasero's Restaurant" in the newly created ground floor. The garage became the neighborhood bar, supplied by bootlegged liquor. Today, the bar's sink drain protrudes from the floor and cigarette stains can be seen on the walls. There was a main dining room and two additional private dining rooms. The large kitchen has a woodstove, storage and plenty of preparation space. Arnold stated, "My parents remembered having dinner at Pasero's before they bought the house." Pasero's Restaurant then moved to Adams St. and W. 7th- now a parking lot for Stark's Steakhouse. (Editor's note: You can see a picture of Pasero's Restaurant in Stark's. It's the first picture frame on the right as you enter the bar.)

Arnold and Richard are second generation Italians. Their maternal Grandparents met on the freighter carrying them to America. Rose, their mother, was born soon after in Kenwood, CA. Their father, John, born in 1903 in San Francisco, was one of four children. His family moved to Sebastopol after the 1906 earthquake.

Rose and John met and married in 1934. In April 1936, the Ferraris with two month old son Arnold, purchased the home from the Pasero family. Three years later Richard arrived. The boys remember sharing the front upstairs bedroom

during the winter and living in the cool and dark downstairs with their parents in the heat of the summer. Downstairs was also used to store wine, clean and prepare the wild hogs they hunted and as a party space for neighborhood gatherings.

As the Ferrari brothers' story progressed, it became evident that this neighborhood was as much a part of their development as was their home life. The boys describe their West End as "living in the country", surrounded by open space and room to play. There were no fences; in fact, their mother could stand on the back porch of their W. 8th St. Home and holler to DeMeo Park on Hewett for her two rambunctious boys to come home. In the open space between Hudspeth (now N. Dutton) and Fulton Road, they would hunt quail and duck.

They also shared vivid memories of Giuseppe Ferrari, their grandfather, spending day after day at the "Bocce Barn" on W. 7th Street. The barn was described as a dirt-floor shanty that remained standing thanks only to the wood scraps used to prop up the western wall. According to Arnold, "They would drink wine as they played and by afternoon they would be swearing in Italian and if they missed their shot, they would throw their balls against the wall in frustration."

John Ferrari passed away in 1980 and Rose lived at 320 W. 8th St. Until 2005 when she could no longer remain alone. It is with a heavy heart that Arnold and Richard have sold their childhood home. These two West Enders let us know that they feel a great sense of relief and joy to hear that our neighborhood is finding new life and that the community they lived in and loved is flourishing once again. They would love to be invited back to be a part of the new memories we are all creating as a revitalized West End.

Thanks Arnold and Richard and come back any time!



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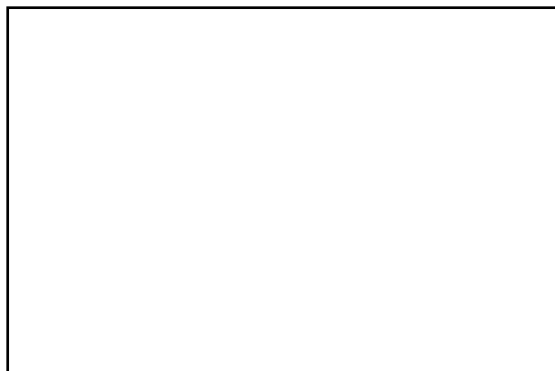
Starks Steakhouse finally opened and many West End neighbors came out to celebrate the new neighborhood restaurant.



Carol Dean and
Terri Stark



West End Women:
KJ, Jacquie, Rachel & Melissa



Lea & Allen, Nick & Sarah, Kernan, Sheila, Ty,
Carol, Marge and Guy sample Stark's cuisine.

Art in the West End

By Lea Barron-Thomas

The West End is home to many artists and I am happy about the expansion of their creative influence. Of course, we have the 6th Street Theater which has 2 theaters and the Dance Center both located on W. 6th Street but did you know that we also have a Micro- Gallery? Ray Design at 616 Wilson Street now features different artists and there's a gallery show the third Friday of every month (see calendar.)

The 6th Street Theater has been adorned by art from local artist Daniel Graham. "Woman with Birds" is hanging on the West side of the outside of the theater building and looks especially lovely in the late afternoon sun. Daniel, who has a studio at 25 A Maxwell Court, has lived many places in the world and now calls the West End "home". You can read about his fascinating background at www.danielgraham.com

Look for more exciting developments in the West End Art and Theater District.

DeTurk Roundbarn: City Council approves contract then community meetings will be held to gather input for the design. Construction begins in the fall and completed by the end of 2009. At that point, the fully completed DeTurk Roundbarn will be ready to serve it's community.

Bocce: Summer bocce at DeMeo Park is a favorite West End tradition. Before we start the season, the weekend of April 19th-20th has been "penciled" in for bocce court cleanup. Bocce season officially starts on May 2nd, weather permitting. We will email more info later but if you would like to be on the exclusive email list- please send a note to jacquelinedl@earthlink.net

Chops: After 10 years of service, Tom Tolliver (Executive Director) will be leaving DeMeo Teen Club. Tom took an active part in our community. He could frequently be found at Railroad Square events and also attended many meetings about proposed projects in our neighborhood. The West End would like to thank Tom for all his efforts and wish him the best of luck.

9th Street underpass: Will open March 15 to 30th.

6th Street underpass: Currently, the proposal is to have a two lane street with bike lanes (which takes away street-front parking) and sidewalks. Budget issues gives this project a 2010 completion date.

W. 6th Street Drainage improvements: The street drainage, water main and sewer line project along W. 6th and affecting parts of Madison, Jefferson and Adams is almost finished! From March 10-14 street paving. The next few weeks the last remaining details will be done.

The West End thanks **Dale Tressler, S.R. Public Works** for his excellent communications and attention to detail. Dale made sure that we had the special brick colored ADA plates on the new corners and also the historic sized 2X2 sidewalk squares. The end result for these details is a cohesive, polished West End streetscape.

S. R. Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan

The city of Santa Rosa will be holding public workshops to get your thoughts and suggestions. In this round of workshops, the community will give feedback on a list of projects and to review Task Reports. The same workshop will be conducted at three different times and locations:

Wednesday March 26, 2008:

SR City Hall 100 S.R. Ave. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday March 26, 2008: Transit Operations Bldg. 45 Stony Point Rd. Room 109 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday March 27, 2008: Council on Aging 30 Kawana Springs Rd. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

www.bikewalksantarosa.org for more info.

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