

# Westerwood News

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## Quarterly Meeting Gets WNA Off to Strong Start for 2003

Seventy neighbors braved cold, rainy weather to attend the Westerwood Neighborhood Association's first meeting of 2003 on January 30.

In addition to electing board members, the group heard a presentation on Greensboro's Stream Restoration Program, led by neighbor Jack Jezorek and David Phlegar of the City's Stormwater Management Division.

Dubbed "StreamGreen," the program began in 1991 in our neighborhood through the diligent efforts of Jezorek and the local chapter of the Audubon Society. It has been such a success that it has now extended city-wide.

Over the years, the City's channelization and mowing policies had turned many streams into urban stormwater runoff conduits that were unsightly and largely inhospitable to wildlife. The StreamGreen program seeks to restore streams to their natural, wildlife-

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## WNA Elects New Board Members

Four neighbors were elected to the WNA Board of Directors at the recent Association meeting on January 30. Rhonda Hensley, Marci Peace, Ann Pletcher, and Marsh Prause were nominated for the four open positions.

Because only four people were nominated for the four openings, formal voting by ballot was not required under WNA bylaws, and the 70 neighbors attending the meeting voted unanimously to elect the nominees by acclamation.

These four board members will serve two-year terms and join three other board members elected in January 2002.

Board members whose terms expire in February 2004 are Laura Linder, Todd Rotruck, and Emilie Sandin. Board members whose terms expire in February 2005 are Rhonda Hensley, Marci Peace, Ann Pletcher, and Marsh Prause.

Ben Andrews, who served as a board member from 2000-2002, did not run for reelection. Thanks to Ben for his service to the neighborhood.

Under WNA bylaws, the Board of Directors supervises Association committees, is a liaison with third-parties and local government concerning neighborhood issues, and serves as the Association's primary decision-making body.

In addition to the seven elected board members, committee chairs also serve on the board. Chairs will be selected at upcoming committee meetings. If you'd like to get involved with neighborhood issues, please call any board member.

## Get Involved - Join a Committee

A strong neighborhood association requires the participation of many dedicated people. Here's your chance to make a difference in the future of our neighborhood. One of the best things about our neighborhood association is how open and inclusive it is - anyone can participate.

The WNA Board of Directors met on February 13 and authorized seven committees. In addition to the five permanent committees of Beautification, Newsletter, Social/Programs, Webpage, and Zoning, the board voted to continue the Park Renewal and Crime Prevention committees.

Each committee will hold its first meeting between March 6-15. If you're interested in serving on a committee, call the committee contact person listed here by March 5. Each committee will schedule its own meeting.

Beautification: Emilie Sandin, 274-4424

Crime Prevention: Todd Rotruck,  
274-4479

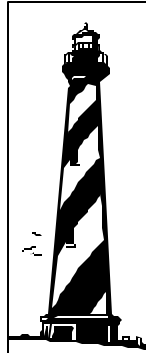
Newsletter: Janine Griffin, 378-6846

Park Renewal: Michael Frierson,  
275-4224

Social/Programs: Rebecca Northius,  
275-6934

Webpage: Marsh Prause, 272-3553

Zoning: Rhonda Hensley, 373-9160



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# Quarterly Meeting

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friendly condition with a return of trees and other vegetation to no-mow "buffer zones."

In the last 10 years, neighborhood volunteers have helped the City by planting hundreds of trees and shrubs in the no-mow zone of Buffalo Creek adjacent to our neighborhood. In 2002, the WNA arranged with the City for several hundred more trees, including canopy trees, for planting in spring 2003.

These efforts were coordinated with the WNA Park Renewal Plan to ensure that open areas are maintained for recreation. Trees planted this spring will help insulate our neighborhood from the sights and sounds of Benjamin Parkway and Duke Power lines. They will also encourage wildlife to return to the stream and park. Anyone who has seen the graceful blue heron soaring over Buffalo Creek can appreciate the impact the program has already had.

Other important announcements at the meeting included a discussion of the Park Renewal Project and an updated master plan. Based on comments from neighbors, the westernmost parking area was eliminated from the plan and the picnic shelter relocated to an area near the existing restrooms. A small circular planter was added to the center of the Fairmont/Mimosa intersection to serve as a traffic-calming device.

The WNA's application to the City for additional funding is almost complete. If you haven't already, join your neighbors in making your own tax-deductible contribution to the park program. Call Park Renewal chair Michael Frierson at 275-4224 for details. View the park masterplan at the WNA website [www.geocities.com/gswesterwood](http://www.geocities.com/gswesterwood).

Neighbors also were informed that WNA representatives recently met with the developers of a townhome project at the corner of Guilford and Crestland. The developer is committed to making the nine units now under construction appear more like individual homes than an apartment complex. Each townhome will have its own street number, mailbox or slot, and entry walkway. WNA representatives also will work with the developer for approval of individual trash receptacles instead of a shared dumpster.

During the new business portion of the meeting, a neighbor raised the question of the City's revised guidelines for historic districts. Another neighbor moved that the WNA board "form a committee to look into the new historic guidelines when and if they are approved by the City Council and then publish the highlights in the Westerwood News." The motion was seconded and approved by a clear majority of those in attendance by a show of hands.

At its meeting on February 13, the WNA Board discussed this motion, but unanimously voted to refrain from taking action pending approval of the proposed revised guidelines by the City's Historic Preservation Committee.

At the close of the meeting, Kim Madden presented a group gift to my wife and me in honor of the upcoming birth of our first child. Theresa and I were very moved by the gift and want to express our sincere appreciation to the large group of neighbors who contributed and to the even larger group who have wished us well and supported us as we begin our journey into parenthood. We feel extremely fortunate to know that our son will be born into such a caring, generous neighborhood. Thank you all.

--Marsh Prause, President



Don will produce an 8 1/2" x 11" original drawing suitable for framing for \$125. He will donate \$50 of his fee to the WNA.

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# WNA Board Elects Officers

At its February 13 meeting, the WNA Board of Directors met to select officers for the year.

Marsh Prause will be president, Todd Rotruck vice president, Marci Peace treasurer, and Emilie Sandin secretary.

## WNA Board of Directors

Marsh Prause, president  
516 Woodlawn Avenue, 272-3553

Todd Rotruck, vice president  
213 Wilson Street, 274-4479

Marci Peace, treasurer  
500 Woodlawn Avenue, 274-9252

Emilie Sandin, secretary  
419 Crestland Avenue, 274-4424

Rhonda Hensley  
903 Fairmont Street, 373-9160

Laura Linder  
500 East Lake Drive, 558-7702

Ann Pletcher  
405 Hillcrest Avenue, 275-6200

Current Committee Chairs/Contacts:  
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## There's No Place Like Your Home

Capture the beauty of your unique Westerwood home with a drawing by Don Morgan, one of our own resident artists.