

## The Holiday House Tour

The House Tour was a great success! Over 1,000 people toured the beautifully decorated homes and businesses. A special thanks to all who helped in any way. More in the next newsletter.

## Buildings of the Month

### Jersey Avenue House Made Way for Summit Apartments

The house at 618 Jersey Avenue appears older stylistically than the other houses on the street, there's a good reason. The house originally stood on the west side of Summit Street just north of Sixth Street, where it had been built ca. 1900 for William J. Liipfert, an employee of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. The Liipfert family occupied the house through 1916, but by 1918 the city directory listed the house as vacant. In 1920 the house was not listed on Summit Street at all, for the meantime it had been moved down the hill to its present location on Jersey Avenue, thus making room for the new construction on Summit Street. The first tax listing for the Jersey Avenue property was in 1920, with William F. L. Wolff as owner. Although Wolff was still listed at this location in the 1928 city directory, tax records and other directories indicate that the house was subsequently used for many years as rental property.

The Liipfert House is a late Victorian dwelling with both one-and-a-half and two story sections. Typical of the period, it has an irregular massing, pyramidal roof with front and side wood-shingled gables, carved sunburst panels in the gable ends, a gabled dormer, a projecting front bay, and a wrap-around porch with decorative detailing. Although the house was sheathed with asbestos shingles and formstone during the mid-twentieth century, physical evidence reveals that the original

weatherboarding remains intact beneath these materials.

After the Liipfert House was moved to Jersey Avenue, the Summit Street property was purchased in 1925 by George W. Coan, Jr. He was president of the Morris Plan Industrial Bank and of the prominent Twin City Club. The following year the Summit Apartments were under construction. The building remains one of the most handsome apartments erected during Winston-Salem's 1920s boom period. The three-story brick structure is detailed with casement windows and French doors, balconies and bay windows, a classical cornice with stepped parapet, and a variety of Colonial Revival refinements.

Laura A. W. Phillips

## WEST END ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Bill & Dottie Wise. The House Tour and the YMCA were the primary topics of discussion at the meeting. The meeting was adjourned early to allow board members to follow the election returns.

### Next West End Association Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 8, 1991  
(Second Tuesday due to holiday)  
Bill Sugg and Carol Wells' Home  
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7:30 p.m.

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## Zoning Ordinance Update

Rewriting the City/County Zoning Ordinance is a project now two years old, still very active, and probably a year from final draft copy. That's almost three times the projected schedule; it is shocking, incredible and about on track with other cities where this job has been done well. Every word is being carefully chosen by a committee representing a great cross-section of interests. After some personnel changes, this group has come together to work in a fashion totally unique to Winston-Salem thanks to the leadership of chairman Paul Shepard. Certainly there are verbal wars and special interest pressures but respect has never left the room. Everyone can take pride in what's been done. Overall, the task has been moved from the consultants outline (which was close to a fraud) to a 500 page working draft produced by the City Planning Staff, to the Paul Shepard Committee of Citizens, developers, builders, environmentalists, farmers, lawyers and businesses; 12 people who are working together on a project which will serve Winston-Salem, Kernersville and Forsyth County residents for years to come. There will be community information meetings prior to formal public hearings but don't look for them until late summer or fall of 1991.

Bill Wise

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Don't forget about the annual West End members meeting and board member elections coming up in February. The meeting is scheduled for February 5, 1991 and the YWCA. All residents of the West End are invited. More details will follow in January's newsletter.

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