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All the good things that came out of the tour would not have been possible had it not been for the unselfish and essential contribution of one group: The owners of the tour's homes. Without the homes, there can be no tour. We proudly salute them:

- (1) William L. Durham for the *Dixon-Moore House*, 407 Summit Street. Makes you forget the Rainbow Newsstand used to be here.
- (2) Mosley and Helen Waite for the *Dodson-Wilson House*, 633 Summit Street. The Patty-Pan House, a television star reflecting the best of the old and the new.
- (3) Randy and Lea Loftis for the *Warren House*, 621 Jersey Avenue. Understated elegance.
- (4) Mark and Cindy Lively for the *Nicholas Mitchell House*, 1417 Brookstown Avenue. Another example of what West End is about: blending the future with the past.
- (5) John and Wanda Merschel for the *Wall House*, 158 Piedmont Avenue, homes of Sherrie Weeks and Kay Rogers. Massive improvement in less than a year. Too bad more people did not see these remarkable apartments before the Merschels bought them and rehabilitated them.
- (6) Mike Stack for the *Butterfly House*, also known as the *Lott-Woodall House*, 1012 West End Boulevard. NewsChannel 12's favorite complete with tools and building materials from Santa.

(7) Reidar Wallin and Susan Hutson for the *Vaughn-Fletcher House*, 1123 West Fourth Street. Grover Cleveland was president of the United States when this home was built (1894). This house played the role of "Butterfly House" at the first West End Tour of Holiday Homes in the 1970's. People stood in line in below-freezing weather to get inside. Only a few of the downstairs rooms were open. It had no kitchen. Today it looks great with its large, modern kitchen and new bathrooms. This home is more evidence that "you can do a lot..."

Olympic Fourth

It is difficult to remember any other neighborhood event during the past year. One that was particularly good was the annual July 4 celebration. Remember? Massimo Ceccotti, Head of the Italian Olympic delegation, attended our party. He even brought along an Italian television crew.

Just in Time

A day-long rain storm on October 9 threatened to disrupt the event Robin Voiers had been organizing for months. She had planned to dedicate a sculpture at Grace Court, honoring Barbara Smitherman. The ceremony was to begin at 5:30 p.m. At 4:30 p.m. it was raining. By 5:00 p.m. it stopped! The sun came out and a gracious crowd came with it, including Egbert Davis who gave a brief and wonderful speech. The City was well represented by our alderman, Nancy Pleasants, and the recreation director, Nick Jamison. The sculpture by Heath King was unveiled and a good time was had by all, especially those who attended the buffet at the Twin City Club.

Road Wars (continued)


West End, especially on the southern flank, faces major disruption in the months ahead. The relocation of Ye Olde Interstate 40 is upon us. *The West End* would like to give a special salute to Ardmore resident Patti Ladd. In November the NC Department

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of Transportation announced plans to turn Crafton Street into a dead-end street by replacing the I-40 bridge that goes over Crafton Street with a mound of dirt. Listing all the reasons this is a bad idea would take up far too space. Ms. Ladd responded to the proposal by doing a remarkable job of mobilizing people and encouraging them to voice their concerns to the DOT.

A public hearing was held on December 5. Despite the fact that it was a very cold and rainy night, over 100 people showed up...most of which had been visited by Patti Ladd who obtained several hundred signatures on a petition protesting the proposal to close Crafton Street. Over 24 people signed up to speak. Many people felt that the meeting could've ended after Patti Ladd's speech since she said most of what needed to be said in a ten minute presentation that would've put most orators to shame.

Less than a week after the meeting, the DOT announced that they were abandoning the proposal to close Crafton Street in response to the public outcry. Some positive things came out of the meeting. It was universally acknowledged that there's too much traffic on West End Boulevard and that the cars need to be slowed down. Unfortunately there's no easy answer to this problem. Local transportation officials were put on notice that this is an issue many people have very strong feelings about. It was also agreed that the Ardmore and West End neighborhood associations need to work together on issues such as traffic and crime control. Stay tuned.

Christmas in July, uh, February

According to *The Muppet Christmas Carol* starring Michael Caine, "It's Christmas, all year!" To prove this point, the West End Association decided last year to have its Christmas party on Saturday, 15 February 1997. The exact time and place are TBA, "to be announced."

February Meeting

February is usually the time for West End elections, i.e. officers and board members. Think about it. Call President Jim Vaughan, 721-3586 (w) or 724-4579 (h), if you have any suggestions. The next board meeting is at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, 4 February 1997.



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The next neighborhood association meeting!

Thanks to Missy and Jim Vaughan for hosting our last meeting. Our next meeting is at **7:30 p.m. Tuesday, FEBRUARY 4, 1997**, at a sight to be announced.

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