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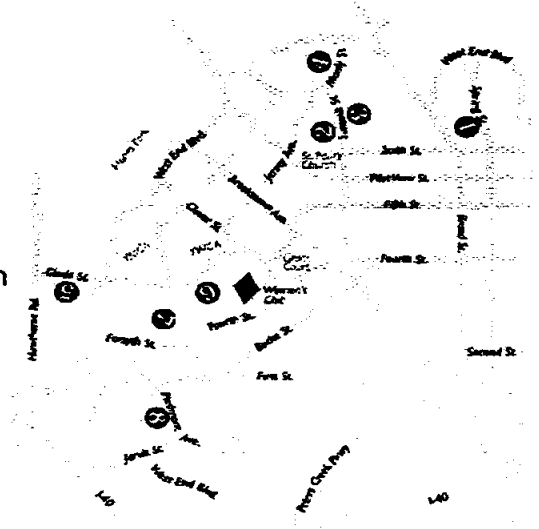
## WEST END HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

Sunday, December 6, 1998 - 12:00 to 5:00 PM  
 Advance Tickets: \$8 Day of: \$10  
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Don't miss this year's splendid examples of renovation and restoration! Many of the homes have undergone recent renovation and redecoration. The Butterfly House will be professionally decorated for Christmas by several designers from the Interior Design Society. Home furnishings for this house will be provided by Woodhill Exclusives and other local West End businesses.

Advance tickets available at: *The Corner Antiques* (749 Summit St.), *Creative Heart Gallery* (207 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St.), *Extraordinary Goods* (1000 Brookstown Ave.), *G. Carlyle Salon* (119 Reynolda Village), *The Horse's Mouth* (424 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St.), *Ollie's Bakery* (300 S. Marshall St.), *Possibilities* (157 S. Stratford Rd.), *Snob Consignments* (465 West End Blvd.), *West End Cafe* (926 West 4<sup>th</sup> St.), *West End Smoothies* (1003 Brookstown Ave.), *West End Video* (434 West End Blvd.), *Woodhill Exclusives Ltd.* (1148 Burke St.)

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The final meeting for the Holiday Home Tour will take place on **November 30, 7:00 PM** at the **YWCA**.

## NOTES FROM NOVEMBER MEETING

Twenty-three people attended the November meeting held at Billye Keith Jones home. Winston-Salem police officer Ralph Mason was also present. Thanks to Billye Keith for the use of her home. One of the faces in the crowd was Benjamin Francis Burrows, the new son of Laura and Allan Burrows.

A thanks to Bill & Robin Voiers for their tireless efforts in addressing parking problems and helping implement a solution for Summit Street area. The City Public Safety Board and Board of Alderman approved permit parking for the Summit Street area. Initially, there will be 2 hour parking in a limited area businesses. This will probably change once the City evaluates usage in those areas.

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The location of the Historic District signs was voted on and approved. At present, 21 locations in the West End have been selected for placement of these signs. This will greatly enhance our neighborhood, both in character and recognition as a neighborhood on the National Historic Register. A map of the sign locations is available on request. **The following pertains to this project:** "At the November 4, 1998 meeting of the Winston-Salem Historic District Commission, an application for the installation of the signage was approved by the Commission without conditions. Notification for the pending application was accidentally omitted from the newsletter that preceded the November meeting. As such, the Commission will hold a public session as a part of the regular December 02, 1998 meeting for any parties wishing to speak on the application. Based on public comment, the Commission may review the previous approval for the application." *From Robbie King - Historic District Commission*

Nick Kefal was chosen to fill the open position on the Metro YMCA Board.

West End Association President Jim Vaughan distributed copies of the letter the Association is sending to YMCA President Brian Cormier. This letter addresses questions and concerns the Association has regarding the proposed YMCA Aquatic Center in the West End. A copy of this letter is available at our website - <http://www.slkp.com/westend/> or from contact Jim at 724-4579.

**CrimeTIP Information Line 607-7260**

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS**

The following two (2) applications for West End will be reviewed by the Commission at the December 02, 1998 meeting:

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
520 Summit Street  
Installation of exterior spotlight for illumination of rear, west stained glass window.  
Mr. John Markle, Properties Manager

Pegram-Apperson House  
622 Summit Street  
Removal of asbestos shingles; Front porch repairs; New construction of rear deck, picket fence, and misc rear fenestration modifications; and, Landscaping  
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**Crichton-Atkinson House - ca. 1924**

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Behind the house is a stucco garage with pyramidal roof which appears contemporary with the house. This is a beautiful house that the YMCA has purchased, let fall into disrepair, and plan to demolish along with the houses on either side to build a parking lot.

**Comments on the subject:** I thought the YMCA was supposed to help the community. Tearing down these houses will hurt the character of our historic district in a dramatic way. The YMCA needs to have a bit more vision, and try not to continually erode our neighborhood. I was told that the YMCA originally said their membership would not be over 1500, it has been as high as 8000. We already have to put up with excessive traffic and parking problems. Helping the parking problem is good, distorting the neighborhood to accomplish this is very bad. We have all made a major commitment and investment of time and money in this neighborhood; it is simply wrong for powerful organizations to push us around, diminishing our property values, by their continued negative impact on the historical character of our neighborhood. There is no good reason for the YMCA to demolish 3 contributing structures in our historic district to put in more hideous parking. Keep in mind this is how historic districts lose their historic status. We have seen one house torn down last year with another on 5<sup>th</sup> Street to follow soon. This slow destruction of homes could eventually jeopardize our historic status. Let the YMCA know what you think about their plans to demolish this and other homes in our neighborhood. *From David Elam*

The next West End Association meeting will be **Tuesday, December 1 from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM at the Brunson Elementary School cafeteria.** These meetings are open to the public.

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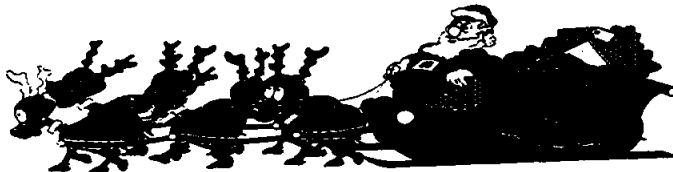
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**Hawthorne Curve:** Last month we had a letter from a reader regarding the construction on the Hawthorne Curve and the possible impact the higher elevation will have on the noise level in the neighborhood. We do not believe that the neighborhood association was contacted by the DOT prior to the construction. Lisa Elam contacted them last year about putting up sound barriers in the Sunset Street area. She was told that a sound barrier would send the noise to the neighborhood on the other side of the highway, but trees were a possibility. In any case, the DOT is using the area for equipment storage, and any improvements would have to wait until after construction is complete.

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