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The Holiday Door Decorating Committee of the West End announces the first annual West End Winter Holiday Door Decorating Contest. The Committee hopes that the Winter Holiday Door Decorating Contest will highlight the West End Holiday Homes Tour as well as make the West End an even more attractive place to visit during the holidays. The Committee will present prizes in the categories of traditional and contemporary. First prize in each category will be \$100, and second prize will be \$75. Please submit the entry form below by December 5. Judging will take place between December 6 and 10 by the Committee. The Committee will only consider those houses that have submitted their application forms by the deadline. Winners will be notified during the West End Holiday Home Tour.

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# The West Ender

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December 2006



## Historic West End Holiday Homes Tour This Month

Come join your neighbors for the Homes Tour on Sunday, December 10 from 1 to 5. You can buy advance tickets for \$10 at the following locations: Alex's Cafe, City Beverage, Elizabeth's at Hanes Park, Fourth Street Filling Station, Jewell Interiors, Lighthouse Restaurant, Mock Orange Bikes, Snob Consignment Shop, West End Cafe, and Zevely House Restaurant. Or you can purchase tickets for \$12 at the Cicero Tise House on the day of the Tour. Tickets will be available on that day beginning at noon, check or cash only. For more information, call (336) 692-8453 or visit [www.thewestend.tripod.com](http://www.thewestend.tripod.com).

The West End Association in December will meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm at  
*The Cicero Tise House*  
952 West Fourth Street  
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**President's Message**

November in the West End conjures up images of fall foliage; crisp, frosty mornings; and a cityscape newly revealed to us once again as the trees in Grace Court part company with their leaves. Without the buffer of our treed canopy, the downtown skyline seems more apparent to us, and closer to us, as indeed it's becoming. Have you been by the West End Village lately? (Don't resent their use of the name, we have no patent on it, and London beat us to it long ago!) There's furniture peeking out of some of those condo windows, very urban looking furniture I'd say. Yes, the city has indeed come to the West End and will soon provide homes for empty nesters and urbanites who once had only one choice if they desired to live downtown: the historic homes of the West End. This development brings to our neighborhood a decided contrast between the old and the new. The End of West End Civilization is at hand, folks, or at least some would have us think. Is it a good thing to have a new and vibrantly young neighbor move in next door? "There goes the neighborhood" some would claim, but others might say, "here comes the city - and isn't it about time?" I for one think that the West End is more than up to the challenge and stands to prosper by the exorable advance of modern urban life and all that comes with it: "mixed-use" development, private and public investments and infrastructure improvements, retail, shops, restaurants, clubs, and entertainment spots. In other words, the return of the very thing that once made the West End attractive, or so I am told. (I here tell there was actually a *movie theatre* in walking distance - imagine that!) Sure, along with the obvious good comes traffic congestion, noise, crowds, and parking structures that may hold little architectural merit. It's city building, folks, warts, all, and it came uninvited but not unanticipated. I suspect most of us will stay put, snug and secure in the knowledge of the growing values of our property and the spectrum of amenities that we'll soon benefit from. Will we be good neighbors or act like country mice who resent the coming of the city mice? How do you define quality of life? Those living in historic houses should have a keen appreciation of history, especially when it's repeating itself!

Steven Joiner

**Member Meeting Briefs**

Eight houses, two apartments, and one business are being show-cased for 2006 Holiday Home Tour on Sunday, December 10. Special recognition needs to be given to Chairperson Stephanie Abdon, and Susan Campbell, volunteer coordinator, for all of their hard work and extra effort.

Kathleen Ramich was on hand to discuss the feasibility and sustainability of ArtsFest. Because of the success and popularity of the previous two events, the folks on hand overwhelmingly said yes to supporting continued events. Late September was suggested as a tentative date for this bi-annual event.

Rick Pender and District Commander Bill Cobb discussed the Spring Street Community Impact Area initiative, a resident-based approach to address community safety in the Crystal Towers area of West End. The residents in the area will work within a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design model to impact potential causes of crime. Stan Hill, a W.E.A. Board Member and resident of Spring Street, hosted a cookout on Saturday October 28 to announce and kick off the strategy. More than twenty neighbors attended the cookout and four teams were assembled to pick up trash. Councilperson Wanda Merschel and Michelle McCullough from the Historic Resources Commission were on hand to help with the cleanup.

The Tise Mansion is going through renovations that will limit the floor space available for accommodating larger groups. The W.E.A. will be looking for a new location for resident meetings.

Rick Pender  
Secretary

**Remember that the Historical Resources Commission meets the first Wednesday of each month at 4:00 P.M., at Bryce A. Stuart Municipal Building, Third Floor Conference Room, 100 East First Street, Winston-Salem.**

**Also, please remember, the Board meetings are open to West End members and are held the third Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. 1224 Glade Street.**

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