

Don't Miss !!!

How can we support education?

Meeting on Thursday,
May 5th at 7 PM at
Redeemer Presbyterian
Church on Miller St.

**Speakers from
Creative Corridors -I-40
And**

**Sewer Repair
Department**

7 PM, Thursday, May 12
Redeemer Presbyterian

Open Board meetings
2nd Thursday of each
month Redeemer Church

July 4th celebration at
Miller Park
begins at 11:30 AM

**ANA Night at the Ball
park** August 7th, 5 PM

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Kristin Eckart—

As you may have heard, our county school board has discussed closing Brunson Elementary School and merging it with Cook Elementary. A committee of current and potential Brunson parents and school board members is meeting regularly to discuss the issue, and it now appears likely that the group will recommend rebuilding Brunson somewhere near or possibly on its current campus. Since some Ardmore children go to Brunson, this provides an opportunity to advocate for a new option for Ardmore: **A single high-performing public elementary school that ALL Ardmore children can attend.** Such a school would be an asset for all of Ardmore as a great school serves our children, maintains stability and supports home values.

Ardmore had a neighborhood elementary school until 1984, when enrollment and the building's age led to the closing of the facility, which is now Redeemer. Students were transferred to other schools. After a redistricting effort in the 1990s, Ardmore was carved up among four elementary schools and two elementary school "zones." Today, **Ardmore is divided among three schools:** Bolton Elementary on Bolton Street (Zone 7); Moore Elementary on Knollwood Street (Zone 7); and Brunson on Hawthorne (Zone 6). Children who live on opposite sides of Miller Street don't go to school together. Why? The center line on Miller Street divides zones 6 and 7. **In fact, 670 children from Ardmore attend 21 different schools in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County system.**

It's good to have choices; it would be great if Ardmore children had the choice of attending the same elementary school. If Ardmore homes, apartments and condos were given the same residential attendance area, our neighborhood could have one excellent school, diverse in socioeconomics, race and ethnicity, that everyone could support. **If We Want an "Ardmore School", Now is the Time** We need to know how many Ardmore parents and other residents support the idea of one public school for Ardmore, and suggestions on how it could work. please e-mail Ardmore@Ardmore.ws or find us on Facebook at Neighborhood School for Ardmore.

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July 4th Pot Luck... Adults had a wonderful time last year lingering over good conversation and food, the children enjoyed races and all enjoyed music. Please join us again for independencz day celebration. Begins 11:30 AM.

What do old sewer systems and I-40 have in common?

They both need repair, bringing opportunity and challenge. The opportunity is that as I-40 bridges are replaced we have the chance to rebuild structures that are artistic as well as functional. The challenge is that if not well coordinated, the traffic problems could be frustrating and pose a safety hazard.

Please come to the ANA meeting on 7 PM, Thursday, May 12 at Redeemer Presbyterian church to be inspired by the possibilities and hear speakers from the Creative Corridors Coalition (CCC) and engineers from the Utilities department.

Revitalizing the Peter's Creek Corridor with "RUCA"*Reggie Delahanty*

In 2010 the City Council approved a Phase II round of funding for the city's Revitalizing Urban Commercial Areas Program. The initiative provides financial assistance for building rehabilitation and site improvements to select area businesses and public infrastructure upgrades in previously identified eligible zones. This round of funding is being allocated from \$2.5 million returned through the clawback provisions of the Dell desktop computer factory incentives. The Peters Creek Community Initiative, with the collaboration of the Ardmore Neighborhood Association, submitted a proposal in March 2011 on behalf of 32 interested businesses located within the Peters Creek Community Activity Center. This zone, which is a gateway to downtown Winston-Salem, sits along the corridor between Ardmore and West Salem and is walking distance to a large percentage of Ardmore residents who rely on its stores for basic goods and services. News was recently received that the proposal was tentatively selected for funding but it still needs to go before the City Council for vote. Since this is a competition between all the proposals received and with up to \$40,000 per business at stake including a major renovation of the West Salem Shopping Center, your support is certainly needed. Please write in favor of the Peter's Creek proposal to Councilman Dan Besse at danbesse@danbesse.org. The City Council's Finance Committee will discuss RUCA again at its May meeting with final action likely to occur at the May 16th, 7PM Council meeting. We hope to have many supporters present! More information will be sent out as soon as we are notified.

For more information on RUCA or the Peters Creek Community Initiative email Reggie Delahanty at delaj03@yahoo.com or go to (<http://www.cityofws.org/Home/Departments/DevelopmentOffice/CommunityRestoration/Articles/RUCAProgram>)

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Planning our Next Ardmore Home & Garden Tour -Patti Heath

Ardmore's Centennial Heritage & Home Tour held on September 25, 2010 was a great success, showcasing vintage Ardmore homes and celebrating our first 100 years. Thanks to all of our homeowners, volunteers, sponsors, and guests for contributing to such a wonderful day! Building on that enthusiasm, we have already started planning for our next tour in Spring 2012 (exact date TBD). This will be a home and garden tour, celebrating the potential that exists in both our Ardmore homes and properties. We will showcase not only classic, historic homes, but homes of any age if they exhibit excellence in renovation, restoration or landscaping.

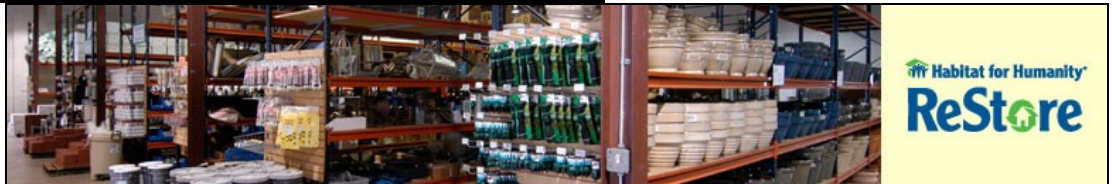
We are currently organizing the planning team for the 2012 tour and beginning the home selection process. If you would like to show off your home and/or garden on this tour, nominate a neighbor's home, volunteer, or just get more information, please contact **Patti Heath** (heathkp@bellsouth.net). To be considered as a home tour site, please contact Patti no later than May 15, 2011.

Post Officez -The ANA wishes to express our sincere thanks to our elected officials for maintaining our Postal Services! Representative Dale Folwell brought all the necessary people together to understand the issue and find a solution. Through his work, and with the support of Councilman Dan Besse, Representative Foxx, and Post Master Toni Gorman, we were able to get a contract postal unit that will be in the Ace Hardware in the Cloverdale Shopping Center in June. Now we must do our part by using the service!

Have your say! -Attend the Tuesday, April 26, 2 pm or 7pm meeting to kick-off of the process of updating the Legacy Comprehensive City Plan. At the Milton Rhodes Center for the Arts. By 2030, demographers predict that the county population will have grown by 120,000 people. The Legacy 2030 update is intended to help our community plan now for this influx of people.

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Zoning - Maintaining the Balance

We love the convenience of goods and services within walking distance yet one of our challenges is to protect historic character when our neighbors need to grow.

The ANA currently is working with Forsyth Tech, Bolton campus on parking lot challenges; a neighborhood friendly solution has been found and we have enjoyed working with them.

They will document the following with the city:

- They have no plans to build and will limit their, or future owners, building to 2 stories (it could have gone to 5 by current zoning);
- The property will be limited to school or government;
- They will limit impervious surface of no more than 75%.

They are investigating the possibility of their environmental or horticulture departments using this project to study methods of quality and quantity storm water controls. We will keep you informed.

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“Well, this isn’t a typical post for me—instead of profiling some new local business, I wanted to profile Winston neighborhoods. Well, actually I can really only profile my own (Ardmore). You see, yesterday I was walking through Ardmore and saw this little cardboard cut out heart with the words “learn to love” on it. I thought that it was just such a great little piece of random neighborhood art, and it really inspired me to want to share the love with all the other great neighborhoods in Winston...-

Let me tell you about Ardmore. If you live in Ardmore, then you know it’s awesome! When my spouse and I were driving around Winston looking for places to live, we knew what we wanted,

but it was kind of hard to put into words. We wanted to be near great walking spaces, we wanted to be convenient to basically everything (yeah, we’re too lazy to drive or walk very far), and we wanted a place that had some life! You know, sometimes you drive through a neighborhood and it’s like the apocalypse has happened....where the heck is everyone? I mean their yard looks great...but, where are they? And this is not during the week....even on Saturdays it’s like land of the zombies (well, even zombies would at least be out lurching around).

So, when we drove through Ardmore, we knew we had found our Winston home. People were out walking their kids, dogs, you name it! The houses were all built in the same era, but people get creative in Ardmore and the houses are beautiful and all a little different in their own way! Now, we’re on the Miller Park end of Ardmore, so there are great walking trails, I can also walk to Cafe Roche (umm...can you say bonus?) or PB’s or the dry cleaners....rock on. I love my neighbors—they are all different—different ages, professions, lifestyles—my street even throws an annual block party which is awesome. So all this is to say, we’re loving our little part of Winston. Cheers!”

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