

WEST AVENBOO! GAZETTE

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CALENDAR

WAIA Fall Membership Meeting -- Monday, October 15, 2007 -- 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm – St. James
Halloween -- Ghouls and Goblins Parade -- October 31, 2007 -- 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
WAIA Alley Clean-Up -- Saturday, November 10, 2007 -- 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
WAIA Fall Cocktail Party -- Saturday, November 10, 2007 – 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Mayor's Message

Fall is here and we have a busy schedule of events coming up in October and November! Please take a look at the Calendar above and save these dates. Details on each event are provided below. Have fun and Go Red Sox!!

WAIA Fall Membership Meeting Our Fall Membership Meeting will take place on Monday, October 15th at 7:30 pm at St. James. We will hear from a number of City and VCU officials. Councilman Bill Pantele will discuss a plethora of City initiatives. Sue Ann Messmer, VCU's Chief of Staff, Office of the President and Vice President for External Relations will discuss VCU's ongoing and future development plans and VCU's parking initiatives. We also hope to hear from either Major John Keohane or Lieutenant William Meadows regarding the latest news on crime in our neighborhood. This should be a very informative evening, so please make time to attend the meeting so that we may discuss these important neighborhood issues.

Halloween It's finally here! Buy plenty of candy, and put the finishing touches on your costume! Trick or treating typically begins around 5:00 pm. Our Halloween Judges will begin judging pumpkin carving and home decorations at 6:00 pm, and costume judging will take place in the 1100 block of West Avenue at 7:00 pm. The festivities will be led by the Grand Goblin, and the competitive costume categories for the Ghouls and Goblins Parade are as follows:

- 1.) Tiny Ghouls (ages 3 and under);
- 2.) Little Ghouls (ages 4-7);
- 3.) Ghoulish Kids (ages 8-12);
- 4.) Teen Ghouls (ages 13-19);
- 5.) Monster Ghouls (Adults);
- 6.) Group Ghouls (more than 1 contestant); and
- 7.) Sweepstakes - All the winners from each category!

Please come out and enjoy the Ghoulish delights! And remember, the 1100 block of West Avenue will be closed between 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm, so please be sure to move your vehicle from the 1100 block of West Avenue prior to the festivities.

Alley Clean up Our Fall Alley Clean Up is scheduled this year for Saturday, November 10th. We will kick-off the Alley Clean Up behind 1107 West Avenue at 8:00 am with Coffee

and Donuts (remember, your body is a temple!). Please don't miss this excellent opportunity to get together with our neighbors so that we may work to beautify our neighborhood.

Fall Cocktail Party Our Fall Cocktail Party is scheduled for the evening of Saturday, November 10th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The Fall Cocktail Party will be held at the home of Ruthie and Ed White (1107 West Avenue), and will be graciously hosted by Lori and Matt Walsworth. Please bring your favorite beverage and a scrumptious hordeurve to share with your neighbors. The WAIA will provide the bartender and the mixers. See you there!

E.T.W.

Crime

We have some good news to report on the crime front. Two graffiti vandals, Thomas Berck and Joshua Lingerfelt, were in Court this past Tuesday for vandalism in the 2300 block of West Cary Street. They were sentenced to 90 days and have to clean up their graffiti. Another vandal, Joseph Krueger, was arrested two weeks ago and will be in Court on November 21st. Our compliments to our neighborhood watch efforts and to the Richmond Police Department for making these arrests!

If you are a victim of graffiti, and wish to have the City assist you in removing the graffiti, please call the City's Customer Care Center at 646-0999, or go to www.richmondgov.com and enter the ticket yourself in the Citizens' Request System. The City's Department of Public Works' goal is to remove graffiti within 2-3 days of the report.

As always, please remain vigilant and report any crime or suspicious activity to the Richmond Police Department by calling 911 for emergencies and 646-5100 for less urgent concerns. Also, for matters concerning VCU or VCU students, please do not hesitate to contact the VCU Police at 828-1234.

Fan Party Patrol

The Fan Party Patrol is back in action this year. The Fan Party Patrol is a joint effort of the Fan District Association, VCU and the City of Richmond. If you see a party that is spiraling out of control, please call and seek the assistance of the Fan Party Patrol at 317-2840.

Rats!

Unfortunately, several of our neighbors have reported a rash of rodent sightings in our alleys. It appears that we may be facing an infestation problem. Please keep your eyes open, and remember that we should avoid anything that might invite these creatures into our neighborhood (e.g. open trash, unattended pet food, and other readily available meals). If you wish to report any rodent issues, please do not hesitate to contact the City's Department of Public Health, Environmental Control Division, at 646-3120.