

WEST AVENUE GAZETTE

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Mayor: Ed White
Vice-Mayor: Greg Suskind

Secretary: Marty Martin
Treasurer: Earle Morrison

CALENDAR

WAIA Garage Sale -- Saturday, April 12, 2008 -- 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
WAIA Spring Alley Clean-Up -- Saturday, April 19, 2008 -- 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
WAIA Hot Dog Party -- Saturday April 19, 2008 -- 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
WAIA Spring Membership Meeting -- Monday, April 21, 2008 -- 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm St. James'
WAIA Spring Cocktail Party -- Saturday, April 26, 2008 -- 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Home of Abbey Moore -- 1530 Park Avenue
68th Annual West Avenue Garden Tour -- Sunday, April 27, 2008 -- 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Mayor's Message

Spring is in the air! Mimi Herrington and Thea Martin, our West Avenue Garden Tour Chairpersons, have been working very hard with their impressive group of volunteers to coordinate our 68th Annual West Avenue Garden Tour. Our premier annual event, and all of its related events, are fast approaching, so please make sure to keep the above Calendar handy as we head into April.

On April 21st we will hold our Spring Membership Meeting at which we will elect a new slate of WAIA Officers. If you have any interest in submitting a nominee to fill an officer's position, please see the note on the nomination process in this Gazette.

Also, please remember to renew your WAIA membership this spring. We have included a Membership Form at the end of this Gazette or you may obtain a Membership Form on our website at www.WestAve.org. Your membership dues are what drive our wonderful events each year, so please take a moment to renew your membership.

Finally, we want to welcome FIVE (two sets of twins!) new members to Stork Alley! Congratulations to Inka and Thomas Lubik on the births of Susanna and Natasha on February 13, 2008! Congratulations to Tiffany Chan and Taylor Barrette on the birth of Abigale on February 14, 2008. And, congratulations to Andrea and Rob Erda on the births of Cornelia Ann and Henry Bruce on March 11, 2008! Welcome to the neighborhood! Our sidewalks await your tricycles!!

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2008 WAIA Officer Elections

In accordance with our by-laws, Heather Smith, our most recent resident former Mayor, is chairing the Nominating Committee to put together WAIA's slate of officers for the 2008-2009 term. Further, as specified in Article 7 of the by-laws, "Any member of the Association wishing to be considered for the ballot will submit his or her name in writing to the Committee Chair."

Please consider this opportunity for yourself, or prompt your neighbor to get involved in this open process. Written requests for consideration should be addressed to Heather at 1130 West Avenue, or if you prefer, sent via email to hsmith@investdavenport.com. The deadline for submitting your nomination, so that your name may be included on the ballot, is April 14, 2008 - seven days prior to our annual meeting.

2008 WAIA Yard Sale

This year's Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 12th. Dave Johnson is coordinating this annual event, and he will be promoting the big sale in the Richmond Times-Dispatch prior to the Yard Sale. With this promotion, there should be plenty of avid shoppers ready to take your treasures off your hands. Of course, if for some reason your treasures remain at the conclusion of the sale, Dave has also booked a Salvation Army truck to be available on West Avenue at noon on April 12th to pick up unwanted/unsold items that our residents wish to donate. Please do not hesitate to contact Dave if you have any questions regarding the Yard Sale at 523-1178.

WAIA Silent Auction

Once again this year, WAIA will host a Silent Auction at our Spring Cocktail Party. This is always a fun event, and proceeds from the auction provide a meaningful bump in the WAIA Treasury so that we may support events such as the Garden Tour and our summer barbeques.

Heather Smith, Amy Cabaniss, Cheryl Hatcher and Mary Davenport have formed a committee to coordinate this year's Silent Auction, and they are looking for items that may be included in the bidding. If you have an item that you can donate to the auction or service or skill that you may perform for your neighbors, please contact our Silent Auction committee members and donate the goods or services as soon as possible. Thanks for your support and may the bidding wars begin!!

Special Temporary Parking Permits

Recently, Liz Fessenden reminded us about a City of Richmond program that enables Fan residents to obtain temporary parking permits for special occasions (e.g. moving, construction, family reunion, birthday party, bridge night, household help, meeting). Some of our neighbors are certainly aware of this program, but for the rest, here is how it works. Simply go to the Fan District Association website (www.fandistrict.org), click on the "Fan Parking" link, scroll down to "Special Temporary Parking Permit Application" and click. Up will come the application which you may fill out, sign, and send (fax or scan/e-mail) to Sgt. Martha Robertson, RPD. Please keep in mind that you will need to include the make, model and tag number of the vehicle for which the permit will be used. This is a very helpful program. Thanks for the reminder Liz!

Membership Form

Spring is here and it is time to renew your membership to the West Avenue Improvement Association. The Garden Tour, summer holiday barbeques, Halloween festivities, Santa's visit, and all the other wonderful events that WAIA members enjoy each year are funded largely by your membership dollars. Please send your neighborhood association a message of support by joining or renewing your membership today.

Yes, I want to support and be a member of the WAIA. Enclosed is cash or a check (made payable to WAIA) for annual dues in the amount of \$20.00.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone/E-Mail: _____

Please mail or hand deliver to:
Earle Morrison
1302 Park Avenue
