

WEST AVENUE GAZETTE

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Mayor: Greg Suskind
Vice-Mayor: Marty Martin

Secretary: Robert Smith
Treasurer: Earle Morrison

CALENDAR

Santa's Visits West Avenue – Sunday, December 21st at 1:30 pm

Mayor's Message

I'm happy to report that Santa Claus will be paying a visit to West Avenue again this year. Santa is expected to parade down West at approximately 1:30 pm and will stop to deliver gifts to our youngest residents at the corner of West and Birch. Santa has asked that WAIA members provide any thoughtful gifts ideas to his helpers, Thea and Marty Martin (1135 West Avenue), from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm prior to his visit. Earle Morrison will also be on hand to re-new any memberships. If you have questions regarding the status of your membership please contact Earle Morrison at 358-2747 or earle1210@verizon.net.

Happy Holidays from the WAIA and we look forward to seeing everyone out there.

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West Avenue Goes Green

We had a gathering on West Avenue on Sunday, December 7th at Midday (noon) to offer decorative greens and greenery to our neighbors. Fortunately several of our neighbors were generous with their time and gathered greenery in the countryside prior to that date. Mike Hoke made a large haul and filled the back of his truck with beautiful foliage of many varieties. Lili and Sean O'Brien and George and Jean Longest spent the day at Sean's aunt's country home in Louisa and contributed a variety of greenery to the cause. Andrea and Rob Erda made a trip to Westover and gathered much needed magnolia, poet's laurel, and nandina berries. Marty Martin generously served the best bloody marys ever to the group that gathered to take home greenery to decorate their homes.

As we were planning to decorate the lampposts with greens and ribbons and more greens were needed, Mike Hoke made a second run, for which we are most grateful. Lili and George made handsome sprays of evergreens with elegant green bows for the lampposts on the middle block and Rob Erda hung them assisted by Dan Snyder. Thanks to all who participated in the "greening". It is our hope that next year we will have more participants gathering greenery, and more neighbors participating who will benefit by having a variety of greenery to decorate with. We are planning next year to have some refreshments as well as the amazing bloody marys. If you are interested in participating in this activity next year, please get in touch with Jean Longest 873-5036 and let her know. Also, thanks to each and every one of the gatherers for your hard work and to all mentioned in this article for their participation.

In the Spirit of Green

You can ship your old Christmas lights to: HolidayLED's.com, Attn: Recycling Program, 120 W. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1403, Jackson, MI 49201

The company will send you a coupon for 10% off its LED lights, which use 80% less energy and last ten years or more.

Directory

Final editing of the directory is underway and the directory will then be off to the printers. If you have not returned your directory questionnaire, please do so before the end of the year. There will not be another directory published for 2 more years, so please help us make it as accurate as possible!

Thank you!

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