

WEST AVENUE GAZETTE

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Mayor: Alan J. "Marty" Martin
Vice-Mayor: Robert Smith

Secretary: Tim Feehan
Treasurer: Earle Morrison

CALENDAR

Labor Day Cookout – Monday, September 7th 5:00pm-9:00pm
Fall Meeting – Monday, October 20th 7:30pm-9:00pm

Mayor's Message

I hope everyone's summer is going well, a lot has been happening on the street since the last Gazette so this Gazette is going to be chocked full of useful information. As most of you are aware, Dan and Whitney Snyder moved this month to Portland, Oregon. This resulted in the loss of both the WAIA Secretary and next year's garden tour chairperson. In compliance with the bylaws, I convened the WAIA board to select a new secretary. The board consists of the current WAIA officers and the council of former mayors (all former mayors in residence). As a result, Tim Feehan was selected to fill Dan's remaining term. Please help me in thanking Tim for his commitment of service to the neighborhood. We are still in search of a garden tour chair and co-chair. If you are interested please contact Thea Martin at (804) 562-1778.

A letter to VCU was prepared by Barbara Hartung, the Fan District Association President, along with The Grace Street Association, and I to address the fan associations' concern with VCU's apparent disregard of the memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed in 1990. This MOU was VCU's agreement to not expand into the historical fan district west of the N. Harrison Street without full disclosure and consent from the fan associations. In addition to the old Ukrops property, they have occupied a building at 1000 W. Franklin St. and purchased and occupied a building at 1014 W. Franklin St. VCU has received the letter and has responded with an agreement to meet and discuss the associations' concerns. A number of dates in the first part of September have been offered, but the final date has not been set. I will keep everyone informed as to the progress of these negotiations. The intent is to get a recommitment from the new VCU President to work with the Fan neighborhoods and to get VCU to participate more in safety and party patrols.

Please plan on attending this year's Labor Day cookout, weather permitting. Bring out your item to put on the grills and a side dish to share. The WAIA provides the grills, paper products, plastic utensils and grill tools. Unfortunately, this year's July 4th cookout was a washout. Hopefully we will be blessed with better weather so we can, once again, blatantly disregard the open container laws.

Marty

New Neighbors

Please welcome our new neighbors:

Laura & Roland Vetter 1132 West Avenue
Susan & Jeffery Cimbalo 1500 West Avenue

Vandalism and Pranks

It's that time of year again! Be ever vigilant and do not hesitate to call 911 if you see suspicious activity. It always seems that around this time of year we get a spike of vandalism and pranks in the neighborhood. We have already had a couple of incidents of articles being removed from front porches and the like. Keep an eye out!

RODENTS!

This is how the WAIA came about; to put a concerted effort in getting rid of the rats! It has been reported that rats have been spotted in backyards and the alleys of the 1100 Block. If you put poison out in the alley, we want to encourage you to mark the area with a sign so pet owners can keep the pets away. We want to get rid of the rats and not hurt any of our neighbor's loved ones.

Membership Form

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