

# WEST AVENUE GAZETTE

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Mayor: Heather Smith  
Vice-Mayor: Ed White

Secretary: Greg Suskind  
Treasurer: Earle Morrison

## CALENDAR

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| <b>Fall Meeting</b><br>Monday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>7:30 pm<br>St. James Episcopal Church, Gibson Hall  | <b>Halloween Festivities</b><br>Tuesday, October 31 <sup>st</sup><br>1100 Block of West Avenue<br>(Details below) |
| <b>Alley Clean up and Fall Cocktail Party</b><br>Saturday, November 11 <sup>th</sup><br>Meet behind 1130 West Avenue starting at 8:00 am for Coffee and Donuts.<br>We will start in the alley between West Avenue and West Franklin Street.<br>Cocktail Party that evening 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Heather & Robert Smith's - 1130 West Avenue |   |
| <b>Special Meeting</b><br>Monday, November 13 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 pm<br>Reverend Randy Hollerith will hold a meeting for the WAIA to discuss St. James's site plans for the parking lot between St. James and Beth Ahabah as well as the Stikeleather house - all interested parties should plan on attending.                        |   |
| <b>Santa is Coming! Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>!</b>  |   |

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

*Phew!* Judging from the Calendar above we've got a very busy schedule this Fall. For the Benefit of all our newer residents I'd like to shed some light on a few of the WAIA traditions.

**Halloween** Well, it's probably one of the biggest gigs of the year. Plan on purchasing plenty of candy. Trick or treating starts early (like 5:00 pm) and the costume judging takes place in the 1100 block of West Avenue at 7:00 pm. Festivities are led by the Grand Goblin (who this year will be played by Robert Smith). The categories for parading and costume judging are broken out like this:

- 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!

There will also be categories for pumpkin carving and home decorations. That judging will begin at 6:00 pm.

**Alley Clean up** WAIA members gather twice a year (Fall and Spring) to clean up the alleys between West Franklin Street and West Avenue and Park Avenue and West Avenue. The alley clean-up is an excellent opportunity to get together with our neighbors and work towards beautifying our neighborhood. Please come out and join us for the Fall alley clean up scheduled for Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. We will kick-off the alley clean up behind 1130 West Avenue at 8:00 am with Coffee and Donuts (the “breakfast of champions”).

**Fall Cocktail Party** After the good, clean fun that is the alley clean-up, WAIA members gather twice a year (Fall and Spring) to enjoy each other’s company, catch up on this past summer’s happenings, and look ahead to the holidays. Of course, it is also an opportunity to enjoy some scrumptious hor d’oeuvres and imbibe some of our favorite beverages. This year, Heather and Robert Smith will host the Fall Cocktail Party on November 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at their home at 1130 West Avenue. Please bring your favorite liquor or wine and an hor d’oeuvre to share. The WAIA will provide the bartender and the mixers. See you there!

### **WAIA NOTES**

**WAIA Webmaster** After six years as WAIA’s webmaster, Elizabeth Roark has decided to hang up the WAIA keyboard. We cannot thank Elizabeth enough for her stellar work as WAIA’s webmaster. Without Elizabeth’s time, energy, talent and commitment, the website would not be the excellent communications tool that it is today. Thank you Elizabeth for a job well done!

With Elizabeth’s retirement, we have an opening for WAIA’s next webmaster. The new hosting site is template driven so a prospective webmaster may update the website from anywhere at any time. No technical knowledge or extra software is needed, and Elizabeth has offered to mentor our next webmaster as she turns over her keyboard. Please let one of the WAIA Officers know if you would be interested in taking on this important responsibility.

**Neighbor Concerns** We have received several calls from our neighbors regarding their concerns over two issues:

**Toys:** It would not be Stork Alley without our pirates, princesses, budding football stars and fearless skateboarders playing on our newly paved sidewalks. However, we have been asked to remind our children (and their parents) to pick up toys from the sidewalk at the end of the day. With the onset of early evenings, there have been several incidents of people tripping on various toys. Thus, it would be most appreciated if playthings could return to front porches, side alleys or inside at the end of a hectic play day. Thanks for your understanding.

**Dogs:** Several of our neighbors report that they have been hearing an increasing number of dogs barking at night. Given our proximity to each other, we would appreciate your efforts in soothing our canine friends during the wee hours. Thanks for your understanding.