

WEST AVENUE GAZETTE

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Mayor: Heather Smith
Vice-Mayor: Ed White

Secretary: Greg Suskind
Treasurer: Earle Morrison

CALENDAR

<p>WAIA Spring Membership Meeting Monday, April 23, 2007 -- 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm – St. James'</p>
<p>WAIA Yard Sale Saturday, April 14, 2007 -- 8:00 am - 12:00 pm</p>
<p>WAIA Alley Clean-Up Saturday, April 21, 2007 – 8:00 am – 12:00 pm</p>
<p>WAIA Hot Dog Party Saturday, April 21, 2007 – 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm</p>
<p>WAIA Spring Cocktail Party Saturday, April 28, 2007 – 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm -- Hosted by Jennifer & Jeff Eisenhard At Jean & George Longest's home, 1136 West Avenue</p>
<p>67th West Avenue Annual Garden Tour Sunday, April 29, 2007 -- 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm</p>

2007 WAIA Officer Elections

In accordance with our by-laws, as the most recent resident former Mayor, I have the honor of chairing the Nominating Committee for the Association's slate of officers for the 2007-2008 term. Further, as specified in Article 7 of those same 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. Among the changes to our by-laws was the one year term for officers, instead of the previous two year commitments. Written requests for consideration should be addressed to me at 1507 West Avenue, or if you prefer, sent via email to duront.walton@scv.virginia.gov. The deadline for submitting your self nomination, so that your name may be included on the ballot, is seven days prior to our annual meeting, April 16, 2007.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Spring is in the air! And, of course, with spring comes a busy schedule of WAIA events. Dave Kohler and Mimi Herrington, our West Avenue Garden Tour Chairpersons, have been working very hard with their impressive group of volunteers to coordinate our premier annual event. We also have our spring membership meeting coming up at which we will elect a new slate of WAIA Officers, our annual yard sale, spring alley clean-up and hot dog party, and our spring cocktail party graciously hosted this year by Jennifer and Jeff Eisenhard at Jean and George Longest's home. Please be sure to save the schedule posted in this Gazette so you don't miss anything! It is a busy time of year in our neighborhood, and one of my personal favorites- so get involved, participate, and most of all have FUN!!!

67th West Avenue Annual Garden Tour

Come out with the entire family and enjoy a variety of remarkable urban gardens and fun activities at the 67th annual West Avenue Garden Tour. This event showcases award-winning gardens featuring a wide variety of themes as well as activities for the kids. The walled rear gardens, tree boxes, and tiny street-front gardens are judged the day before in categories including Best Container Garden, Best Small Garden and Best Tree Box. The winners sport awards and colorful flags the day of the tour. It is an inspiring spring event, sending visitors home with creative ideas for their own gardens.

WAIA Silent Auction

Once again this year, WAIA will host a Silent Auction at the 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.

Thea Martin is coordinating this year's Silent Auction and is looking for treasures that may be included in the bidding. If you have a goodie that you can donate to the auction or service or skill that you could perform for your neighbors, please contact Thea and donate the goods or services as soon as possible. Thea may be reached at 562-1778 or bubblequeen@comcast.net.

Thanks for your support and may the bidding wars begin!!