

# WEST AVENUE GAZETTE

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Secretary: Marty Martin  
Treasurer: Earle Morrison

## CALENDAR

<b>Memorial Day Barbeque -- Monday, May 28, 2007 -- 5:00 - 9:00 pm</b>
<b>Independence Day Barbeque -- Wednesday, July 4, 2007 -- 5:00 - 9:00 pm</b>
<b>Labor Day Barbeque -- Monday, September 3, 2007 -- 5:00 - 9:00 pm</b>

### Mayor's Message

It sure feels like summer has arrived! We will officially kick-off the grilling season during our annual Memorial Day Barbeque on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. For those of you who are new to this beloved WAIA tradition, bring your lounge chair, a refreshing beverage, something to throw on the BBQ for yourself and a dish to share with all. The Association provides the grill, condiments, paper goods, and the open space to play in the street. The 1100 block of West Avenue will be closed between 4:00 - 9:00 pm so that Stork Alley's youngest residents may perform feats of skill with bicycles and skateboards and generally enjoy the opportunity to safely run free on our street without the threat of vehicle traffic. Thus, please be sure to move your vehicle from the 1100 block of West Avenue prior to the event.

I'd also like to reintroduce members to our newly redesigned WAIA website. Marty and Thea Martin are graciously providing their webmaster skills, and we look forward to using the Association website as a constant and current source of communication and information for WAIA members. Please check out the website at <http://www.westave.org/> to find our Calendar of Events, recent Gazettes and other useful information. If you have any information you would like to have included in the Gazette or posted on the website, please e-mail me at [mayor@westave.org](mailto:mayor@westave.org).

Finally, if you have not yet renewed your WAIA membership for this year, please take a moment to fill out the Membership form at the end of this Gazette or posted on the website and provide your annual dues to our Treasurer, Earle Morrison. Your dues are what drive our wonderful events each year, so please take a moment to renew your membership.

See you on the street!

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### Important Dates

Fan Parking Decals will be on-sale at the Stonewall Jackson School located at 1520 W. Main Street (Corner of W. Main St and N. Lombardy St.) from 4:00 - 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. An application may be downloaded from the city's website at <http://www.ci.richmond.va.us/departments/finance/docs/FanParkingPermitApplication.pdf>.

Periodically the city cleans the side streets of Birch and Boyd. There is a side street cleaning scheduled for late July to early August. If you plan to park your car anywhere in the Fan for an extended period of time, please check with the city. The public works department's website for street cleaning is <http://www.richmondgov.com/departments/publicworks/streetcleaning.aspx>.

### **Safety**

The warm weather not only brings out the flora and fauna, but unfortunately, it also tends to coincide with an increase in delinquent behavior. Please report any graffiti crime to Detective Debbie Allen at 646-1406. Report unruly parties on Friday and Saturday nights from 9:00 pm to 3:00 am to the Fan District Association's party patrol hotline at 317-2840. Call 911 for emergencies. Less urgent concerns may be directed to the Richmond Police at 646-5100.

There was a reported mugging on Boyd Street earlier this month as well as a vehicle break-in in the alley between West Avenue and Park Avenue. There was also a report of a shooting/robbery near the VCU campus last week. Please remember we are a city neighborhood. You should exercise caution, remain aware, and not leave anything of interest visible in your vehicle. There are additional safety suggestions noted on the last pages of the WAIA telephone directory.

At a recent Fan District Association meeting, the Richmond Fire Department stressed the importance of posting your home address number on alley fences and gates. By posting your address, RFD can save precious minutes when responding to emergencies requiring alley access by quickly identifying the home in need.

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### **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 for annual dues in the amount of \$20.00 made payable to WAIA.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone/E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail or hand deliver to:

Earle Morrison  
1302 Park Avenue