

WEST AVENUE GAZETTE

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Mayor: Ed White
Vice-Mayor: Greg Suskind

Secretary: Marty Martin
Treasurer: Earle Morrison

CALENDAR

Labor Day Barbeque -- Monday, September 3, 2007 -- 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
WAIA Fall Membership Meeting -- Monday, October 15, 2007 -- 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm – St. James
Halloween -- Ghouls and Goblins Parade -- October 31, 2007 -- 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
WAIA Alley Clean-Up -- Saturday, November 10, 2007 -- 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
WAIA Fall Cocktail Party -- Saturday, November 10, 2007 – 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Mayor's Message

I cannot believe that Labor Day is upon us. The summer has passed much too quickly. To celebrate Labor Day, we are planning to break out the grills for our final WAIA barbeque of the summer season. Please join your neighbors on Monday, September 3rd at 5:00 p.m. to celebrate Labor Day in style. As always, please bring one of your delicious side dishes to share with your neighbors, your lounge chair, a refreshing beverage, and something to throw on the barbeque for yourself. WAIA will provide the grills, condiments, paper goods, and the open space to play in the street. The 1100 block of West Avenue will be closed between 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm, so please be sure to move your vehicle from the 1100 block of West Avenue prior to the event.

With the fall season just around the corner, WAIA is shifting its attention to its fall event schedule. Please take a look at the events listed above in Gazette Calendar and be sure to save the dates. We will hold our Fall Membership Meeting on October 15th, our Halloween festivities on October 31st, and our Fall Alley Clean-Up and Fall Cocktail Party on November 10th. As we get closer to each event, we will be sure to pass along additional details.

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 WAIA 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.

Happy Labor Day!!

E.T.W.

Welcome to Stork Alley

Congratulations to Jennifer Schooley and Scott Wayne on the birth of their daughter, Monaco Siriana! Congratulations also to Krystle Kemp and Gabriel Riccioppo on the birth of their daughter, Zooney! It is wonderful to add two little girls to our ranks, and we look forward to seeing Coco's brother, Jack, showing these young ladies the endless festivities that take place on our sidewalks!

Crime

One of our longtime neighbors recently reported an act of vandalism on her home. Unfortunately, it seems that a vandal threw a stone through her living room window. We have also received multiple reports of graffiti recently on both Park Avenue and West Avenue. Please remain vigilant and report any crime or suspicious activity to the Richmond Police Department by calling 911 for emergencies and 646-5100 for less urgent concerns. Also, please keep in mind that college students are returning to VCU for the new school year. If you notice any "Welcome Back" celebrations getting out of hand, or any VCU students behaving badly, please do not hesitate to contact the VCU Police at 828-1234.

Adopt a Tree Program

The 2007 City of Richmond Adopt-a-Tree program is in progress. For a donation of \$50.00, the City will arrange to have a new 8-12 foot tree planted in your empty tree box. This is an exceptional value as the tree itself costs between \$250-\$350 and the "Tregator" irrigation bag system that accompanies the tree costs approximately \$25. This year's planting schedule will take place between November 15, 2007 and February 28, 2008. Applications for the program are due by October 1, 2007. If you are interested in participating in the program, please complete the required application as soon as possible. Also, please encourage your neighbors/absentee landlords to fund a tree if they have an empty tree box currently gathering trash or weeds. Here is the link to the City's Urban Forestry web page for additional information: <http://www.richmondgov.com/departments/publicworks/urbanforestry.aspx>.

Dog Etiquette

We have recently received multiple complaints regarding dog owners who have allowed their pets to relieve themselves in neighbors' walkways, private parking areas, and gardens. As a reminder, dog owners are required by the City to have their pets on a leash and clean up after them. Please keep this in mind when you are walking our four-legged friends and avoid allowing your pet on the private property of others.

Membership Form

Fall 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
