

WEST AVENUE GAZETTE

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Mayor: Ed White
Vice-Mayor: Greg Suskind

Secretary: Marty Martin
Treasurer: Earle Morrison

CALENDAR

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 1107 West Avenue

Mayor's Message

Halloween

Halloween was ghoulishly delightful this year! The costumes and decorations were fantastic. Every year, I marvel at the creativity of our neighbors. Thanks to everyone for making our annual festival such fun. Special thanks this year to our Grand Goblin Queen, Phaedra Hise, and to our celebrity judges, Dick Fowlkes, Doug Garrou and Bill Pantele. Your wit and charm helped make our costume and decoration contests great fun. And, let's not forget our Sound and Light Mixmaster, Marty Martin, and our venue hosts, Alison Kent and Mike Hoke. Without their efforts, we could not entertain on the grand scale that we have come to expect and enjoy each year. Finally, I want to thank the Richmond Police Department for illuminating our wonderful event this year. Never have our ghouls shone more brightly on the big stage.

Fall Alley Clean-Up and Fall Cocktail Party

Now, onto our other fall activities. Remember to mark your calendars and reserve Saturday, November 10th. Our Alley Clean Up will kick-off behind 1107 West Avenue at 8:00 am with Coffee and Donuts (most assuredly fat-free...). Please bring your favorite broom, gloves and other yard tools and help us spruce up our alleys before winter arrives.

After working hard on Saturday morning, please set aside time that evening to attend our Fall Cocktail Party. The Fall Cocktail Party will be held at the home of Ruthie and Ed White (1107 West Avenue) from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and will be graciously hosted by Lori and Matt Walsworth. Please bring your favorite beverage and a scrumptious hordeurve to share with your neighbors. The WAIA will provide the bartender and the mixers. See you there!

Welcome to Stork Alley

Congratulations to Lili and Sean O'Brien on the birth of their son, Miles Ault! No doubt, Sam is very pleased that his little brother has arrived, and we look forward to Sam introducing Miles to the many sidewalk games and adventures that we enjoy on West Avenue! Welcome Miles!

E.T.W.

Crime

We had a very fruitful discussion with Captain Eric English, Commander of the Richmond Police Department's Third Precinct, at our Fall Meeting. It seems that the number of home robberies in the Fan has decreased this year. However, the Police are seeing a steady increase in automobile break-ins. The police are working very hard to stem this crime wave, but we may certainly assist them in deterring these break-ins. Please exercise caution, remain aware, and do not leave anything of interest visible in your vehicle.

Many of our neighbors have also noted an increase in graffiti the past few weeks. If you are a victim of graffiti, and wish to have the City assist you in removing the graffiti, please call the City's Customer Care Center at 646-0999, or go to www.richmondgov.com and enter the ticket yourself in the Citizens' Request System. The City's Department of Public Works' goal is to remove graffiti within 2-3 days of the report.

As always, 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. You may also contact the Third Precinct directly at 646-1211 or 646-1412. For matters concerning VCU or VCU students, please do not hesitate to contact the VCU Police at 828-1234.

Membership Renewal

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.

Membership Form

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
