

# WEST AVENUE GAZETTE

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Mayor: Ed White  
Vice-Mayor: Greg Suskind

Secretary: Marty Martin  
Treasurer: Earle Morrison

## CALENDAR

WAIA Yard Sale -- Saturday, April 12, 2008 -- 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
WAIA Spring Alley Clean-Up -- Saturday, April 19, 2008 -- 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
WAIA Hot Dog Party -- Saturday April 19, 2008 -- 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
WAIA Spring Membership Meeting -- Monday, April 21, 2008 -- 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm St. James'
WAIA Spring Cocktail Party -- Saturday, April 26, 2008 -- 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Home of Abbey Moore -- 1530 Park Avenue
68th Annual West Avenue Garden Tour -- Sunday, April 27, 2008 -- 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

## Mayor's Message

Our gardens are starting to bloom, and I am starting to see our neighbors emerge from their winter hibernation for impromptu gatherings on our porches and sidewalks. I love springtime in our neighborhood! We have a full schedule of spring events that are discussed more thoroughly below. Please read on and be sure to take part in these wonderful events. Finally, please join me in welcoming Tracy and Tom Stallings to our neighborhood. Tracy and Tom recently moved into 1505 West Avenue.

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## 2008 WAIA Officer Elections

Please do not forget to submit WAIA officer nominations for 2008 - 2009 to Heather Smith. Written requests for consideration should be addressed to Heather at 1130 West Avenue or sent via email to [hsmith@investdavenport.com](mailto:hsmith@investdavenport.com). The deadline for submitting your nomination is April 14, 2008.

## WAIA Yard Sale

This year's Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2008 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Dave Johnson (Tel: 523-1178) is coordinating the event, and he is promoting the big sale in the Richmond Times-Dispatch. Dave has also booked a Salvation Army truck to be available on West Avenue at noon on April 12<sup>th</sup> to pick up unwanted/unsold items that our residents wish to donate. As in past years, the WAIA is asking that members who participate in the sale contribute 5% or \$5.00 of their sale proceeds to the WAIA to help cover Yard Sale promotion costs. Dave will be on hand to collect your contributions.

## Spring Alley Clean-Up and Hot Dog Party

Our annual Spring Alley Clean-Up and Hot Dog Party will take place on April 19, 2008. D. Walton is coordinating the Alley Clean-Up and he promises once again to award our "MVS" ("Most Valuable Sweeper") with the much heralded Golden Broom Award! Your early morning cup of coffee and the sugar rush of Krispy Kreme doughnuts will be available behind 1507 West Avenue at 7:45 am, and the city disposal truck will meet us at 8:00 am in the alley behind 1530 Park Avenue / 1529 West Avenue (heading east). Earle Morrison will offer his own special brands of liquid refreshments thereafter. Bring gloves and your favorite yard battle gear – rakes, shovels, brooms and that special oversized dustpan all work well. And, of course, after all of your hard work Saturday morning, please plan on joining us for the Hot Dog Party that evening behind Earle Morrison's home at 5:00 pm. If you haven't had one of Earle's famous dogs, you don't know what you're missing!

### WAIA Silent Auction

Please remember to donate items that may be included in this year's WAIA Silent Auction being held during our 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. Please contact the Auction Committee made up of **Heather Smith** (Tel: 402-7157; hsmith@investdavenport.com), **Amy Cabaniss** (Tel: 335-8064; amycabo@aol.com), **Cheryl Hatcher** (Tel: 697-2925; chatcher@investdavenport.com) and **Mary Davenport** (Tel: 562-4326; mary.davenport@joynerfineproperties.com) and donate your items today!

### 68th Annual West Avenue Garden Tour Sign-Up

Our annual Garden Tour is a wonderful event and what makes it so festive are the many gardens that are open to the public each year. Please consider opening your garden so that this year's Garden Tour will be a success! You may turn in your Garden Tour Sign-up Sheet to Thea Martin at 1135 West Avenue. You may also return your form to Thea via fax (353-2731) or e-mail (bubblequeen@comcast.net). To make it easy for you to sign up, we have included a Garden Tour Sign-up Sheet with this Gazette. If you wish, you may also take part in the judging that will take place on Saturday, April 26, 2008. For those gardeners that wish to review our judging criteria, please review the well-known Gillette criteria, used by our judges, on the WAIA website (www.westave.org) under the "Members" tab.

### The U.S. Navy's Fleet Forces Band Jazz Ensemble is Coming to West Avenue!

We are pleased to report that we have booked the U.S. Navy's Fleet Forces Band Jazz Ensemble to play at this year's Garden Tour! The Jazz Ensemble represents the Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, and provides dynamic and energizing shows to military and civilian audiences. Comprised of some of the finest jazz and pop musicians in the fleet, this Big Band combines the best of jazz and popular music into high quality entertainment for audiences of all ages. We are very excited that the Jazz Ensemble has accepted our invitation to perform, and we plan on hosting these fine sailors for lunch at Jean Longest's home on the day of the Garden Tour. Jean is looking for volunteers to assist her, and we would greatly appreciate it if you could support these sailors by cooking a dish and/or assisting Jean at the luncheon. Please contact Jean at 873-5036 or jean.longest@longandfoster.com. GO NAVY!!

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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 (made payable to WAIA) for annual dues in the amount of \$20.00.

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

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

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

Please mail or hand deliver to:  
Earle Morrison  
1302 Park Avenue

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