

# WEST AVENUE GAZETTE

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Mayor: Ed White  
Vice-Mayor: Greg Suskind

Secretary: Marty Martin  
Treasurer: Earle Morrison

## CALENDAR

WAIA Spring Membership Meeting -- Monday, April 21, 2008 -- 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm <i>St. James's Church ~ 1205 West Franklin Street</i>
WAIA Spring Cocktail Party -- Saturday, April 26, 2008 -- 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm <i>Home of Abbey Moore ~ 1530 Park Avenue</i>
68th Annual West Avenue Garden Tour -- Sunday, April 27, 2008 -- 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

## Mayor's Message

In one week, we will celebrate our 68<sup>th</sup> Annual West Avenue Garden Tour! Thank you to Mimi Herington, Thea Martin and the legion of Garden Tour volunteers for their efforts. This year's Garden Tour is going to be fantastic. We have included a short synopsis of Garden Tour events in this Gazette so that you don't miss out on any of the fun!

Turn in your Garden Tour Sign-up Sheet to Thea Martin at 1135 West Avenue, via fax (353-2731) or email ([bubblequeen@comcast.net](mailto:bubblequeen@comcast.net)). To make it easy for you to sign up, we have included a Garden Tour Sign-up Sheet with this Gazette. Our gardens will be open to the public on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Please open your gardens for everyone to enjoy. Also, please consider opening your garden to be judged by our panel of design and horticultural professionals on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. In their evaluation of gardens, the panel of judges will follow the well-known Gillette criteria published on the WAIA website ([www.westave.org](http://www.westave.org)) under the "Members" tab.

Also, please remember that the 1100 block of West Avenue will be closed from 11:00 am to 6:30 pm on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> so that we may safely enjoy the many Garden Tour street activities planned for that afternoon. Please be sure to move your vehicle from the 1100 block of West Avenue prior to the event.

Our Spring Membership Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at St. James's Church at 7:30 pm. At the meeting, we will elect a new slate of WAIA Officers for 2008-2009, and my term as Mayor will come to an end. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve as Mayor and help steward our Association this past year. Thank you to everyone (there are simply too many of you to name individually) who assisted in making our annual events such successes this past year. Your support and involvement is the foundation of this Association and the reason that our neighborhood is such a special place to live. I know that our Association will be in good hands in the upcoming year with Greg Suskind at the helm, and I urge all of us to remain involved in Association events.

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## 68th Annual West Avenue Garden Tour Events

**Garden Tour Judging:** Garden Judging marks the official kick-off for Garden Tour! On Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, Maggie Morse will escort our appointed judges -- a panel of design and horticultural professionals -- through rear courtyard gardens, sidewalk tree boxes and front gardens that have been opened for judging. Winning gardens will be honored at our Spring Cocktail Party with awards that may be displayed during Garden Tour.

**Spring Cocktail Party:** The Spring Cocktail Party will take place on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the home of Abbey Moore (1530 Park Avenue). This elegant affair will be hosted by Heather and

Marty Conn and Whitney and Dan Snyder. Our Spring Cocktail Party is a festive event and a wonderful opportunity to catch up with neighbors. Of course, it is also an opportunity to enjoy scrumptious hors d'oeuvres, imbibe refreshing beverages and bid on unique treasures during the Silent Auction. Please bring your favorite liquor or wine and an hors d'oeuvre to share. The WAIA will provide the bartender and the mixers.

**WAIA Silent Auction:** This spirited event takes place during the Spring Cocktail Party, and proceeds from the auction provide a meaningful bump in the WAIA Treasury -- supporting events such as the Garden Tour and our summer barbeques. If you are interested in contributing an item to the Silent Auction, please contact a member of the Auction Committee: **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).

**Garden Tour Entertainment:** The "opening ceremony" for Garden Tour 2008 is the traditional Children's Parade. Our youngest Stork Alley residents (and their pets!) are invited to parade up West Avenue at noon and distribute Garden Tour award flags to winners. After the parade, there will be a great variety of entertainment in the 1100 block of West Avenue throughout the afternoon including a clown that is adept at balloon animals, a ventriloquist, and face painting artists. There will be an ice cream truck and other surprises too!

We are also delighted to report the return of a West Avenue Garden Tour favorite tradition -- the U.S. Navy's Fleet Forces Band Jazz Ensemble will 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. The band will begin playing at 2:00 pm. Be sure to bring your lawn chair and enjoy the performance. After the performance, we will host these fine sailors for lunch at Jean Longest's home. 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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