

WEST AVENUE GAZETTE

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Mayor: Greg Suskind
Vice-Mayor: Marty Martin

Secretary: Robert Smith
Treasurer: Earle Morrison

CALENDAR

Memorial Day Barbeque – Monday, May 26, 2008 5:00pm-8:00pm
Independence Day Barbeque – Friday, July 4, 2008 5:00pm-8:00pm
Labor Day Barbeque - Monday, September 1, 2008 5:00pm-8:00pm

Mayor's Message

Congratulations and job well done on another great Garden Tour. Despite some rain, many people turned out for our 68th annual rite of Spring to enjoy the charm and beauty of our gardens. Thanks to this year's Co-Chair's Mimi Herington and Thea Martin. Together with an army of volunteers, they orchestrated a successful Garden Tour and continued our time honored tradition. Special thanks to all of you who were involved in helping to make this year's Garden Tour successful.

Saturday morning began with our Garden Tour Judges facing the difficult task of assessing gardens as neighbors put in place their finishing touches. Liz Fessenden kindly hosted a luxurious lunch for the judges. On Saturday evening the WAIA Spring Cocktail Party took place. Abby Moore graciously opened his home and the party was hosted by Heather and Marty Conn and Whitney and Dan Snyder. This year's party was well attended and the silent auction successfully raised \$1,500 for our Association. Thank you to all who donated items for the auction. Funds raised by the auction largely support many of the activities we enjoy as an Association.

Remember, May 26th, Memorial Day, marks the beginning of our annual barbeque series. We're looking forward to seeing everyone out there as we welcome warmer weather and some good food and drink.

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Neighborhood in the Spotlight

Please be aware that on May the 7th between the hours of 7-11AM the Martin Agency along with Metro Productions has been granted permission by the city to film a B.F. Goodrich ad in the extreme west end of the alley between West and Park Avenues. There will be 2 policemen present to direct and hopefully prevent too much disruption of traffic.

Garden Tour Winners

Again, many thanks to all of you who graciously opened your garden for the tour this year, we had a record number of gardens open (45). From the overall look of the gardens, we encourage more of you to open yours next year for judging as well. Now that the work is over, we can enjoy them the rest of the season. There are pictures of the winners posted on the website www.westave.org; below is a list of this year's winners:

LARGE BACKYARD

1st 1147 West – Creekmur
2nd 1135 West – Martin
3rd 1149 West – Seward

MEDIUM BACKYARD

1st 1410 Park – Hatcher
2nd 1107 West – White
3rd 1507 West – Walton

SMALL BACKYARD

1st 1004 West – Enoch

2nd 1418 Park – Roof & Maceyka

3rd 1005 West – Roeper

SWEEPSTAKES

(Multifamily)

1524 West – Laurel Hill House

FRONTYARD

1st 1500 West – Snyder

2nd TIE 1506 West – Herington

1128 West - Walsworth

TREE BOX

1st 1105 West – Banning

2nd 1135 West – Martin

3rd 1506 West – Herington

MOST IMPROVED

1139 West – Ashcraft

JUDGES CHOICE

(Alley Garden)

1136 West – Longest

Silent Auction Donors

The WAIA again wishes to thank all those who participated in this year's silent auction. We would especially like to thank all those who donated items. It is their support that makes this possible and we encourage our residents to support them as well. Below is a list of all this year's donors:

1. Tie from Peter Blair – Dick Fowlkes
2. Goochland horseback ride – Greg Suskind
3. Dinner for 2 at Bistro 27 – Chef Carlos Silva
4. 4 Tervis Tumblers w/WAIA Crest – Party Plus (Leslie Englander)
5. Ladies golf bag – Mimi Herington and Dave Johnson
6. Fishing on the Chesapeake Bay – Mike Hoke & Alison Kent
7. Gift Certificate from Si Restaurant – Si
8. 16" Necklace by Gretchen Comly – Mary Davenport
9. Page Bond Gallery Space – Page Bond
10. Five course tasting menu for four – Julep's – Amy Cabaniss
11. Flowering Hanging Baskets – Mustard Seed Farms – Jennifer Mazza
12. Gift Certificate from DeLux Diner & Lounge – DeLux
13. Crystal Chandelier Cleaning – Crystal Designs – Ken Roper
14. Ice Bar – Infuzion Lounge – Paul Blacker
15. Girl's & Boy's Size 3 Smocked Coveralls – Linn Kreckman
16. Orchid – Chadwick & Sons
17. Haircut & Highlight – Visions Salon
18. Signed copy of Genius in the Garden: Charles F. Gillette and Landscaping Architecture in Virginia – George Longest
19. 30-minute massage – Art of Massage
20. Fleece baby blanket – Liz Fessenden
21. Latin Ballet Tickets – Liz Fessenden
22. Guided tour of Western Yorktown Refinery – Marty & Thea Martin

We would also like to thank Maury Place on Monument, Richmond's newest bed and breakfast, for the sponsorship of this year's Garden Tour brochure.

New WAIA Officers

The WAIA has a new set of officers for the 2008-2009 year. Please lend them your support and encouragement:

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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