

# WEST AVENUE GAZETTE

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[www.westave.org](http://www.westave.org)

Mayor: Greg Suskind  
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Secretary: Robert Smith  
Treasurer: Earle Morrison

## CALENDAR

Labor Day Barbeque – Monday, September 1, 2008 5:00pm-8:00pm

### Mayor's Message

It's hard to believe we are approaching the middle of the summer. I hope everyone had an enjoyable 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend and we look forward to our next barbeque scheduled for Monday, September 1, 2008. Please plan to join your neighbors as we gather for some good food and company. As usual, the Association will provide grills, drinks, plates and utensils. So, please bring a comfortable chair, something to grill and something to share with the neighborhood. We will close the street from 4:00 – 9:00 pm so please remember to move your vehicle from the 1100 block of West. We're looking forward to seeing everyone there.

As we move through the year we look forward to any suggestions from the membership regarding improvements and safety so our neighborhood will continue to be a special place. Members are also encouraged to use [www.westave.org](http://www.westave.org) as an invaluable resource; it includes news, history, contact information and much more. Check it out.

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to join the WAIA using the membership form included in the Gazette.

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### Parking

Parking permits **expire July 31<sup>st</sup>**; for information on renewing parking permits for the Fan District please contact the City of Richmond at 804-646-5700 or log on to:

[www.ci.richmond.va.us/departments/finance/fandistrict.aspx](http://www.ci.richmond.va.us/departments/finance/fandistrict.aspx)

for information on obtaining permits and a review of recent changes to the parking zones in The Fan.

### Membership and Street Etiquette

I know many of you have experienced the same reaction when someone asks where you live in Richmond and you tell them "The Fan". Most say, "Wow, where in The Fan?" When you tell them West Avenue the usual response is, "I just LOVE that street; you're so lucky!" This wonderful reputation of ours did not happen overnight and we all need to work together to maintain it. From street picnics, garden tours, alley cleanups, Halloween and general neighborhood identity, the WAIA works to maintain this positive image. Please support our organization by joining or renewing your membership. Membership forms and dues can be mailed or delivered to our WAIA Treasurer, Earle Morrison.

On that note, the Board has recently received a variety of comments regarding clutter and cleanliness on the front and rear yards and sidewalk areas of residents. Please remember that, because we live in close proximity to our neighbors, making every effort to keep our sidewalks clear of toys and clutter and our yards as clean as possible benefits us all by promoting goodwill amongst our neighbors and adding value to our neighborhood. Maintaining our neighborhood image is not just for Garden Tour, but a year round activity.

## **Welcome to Our New Neighbors**

We would like to welcome our recent new additions to the neighborhood:

1416 Park Ave. – Eileen McDermott and Harvey Orttenberg  
1101 West Ave. – Brian and Lori Kreckman with child Evan  
1145 West Ave. – Erin and Justin Poe with children Alex and Ian  
1505 West Ave. – Tracy and Tom Stallings  
1508 West Ave. – Anne Waleski

If there are any new neighbors that we are not yet aware of, please contact [martymartin@comcast.net](mailto:martymartin@comcast.net) so we can get you a welcome packet.

## **2008 WAIA Directory**

Most of you are aware that the WAIA produces a directory of our residents that includes telephone numbers and email addresses. It is time to generate the 2008 edition and we are seeking volunteers to generate, distribute, and compile the directory questionnaires. Please contact [martymartin@comcast.net](mailto:martymartin@comcast.net) to volunteer.

## **Crime**

As of the printing of this Gazette we have been unable to attain the 3<sup>rd</sup> precinct's crime update. We will continue to try and get this out to you as soon as we can. Several occurrences of car theft, bicycle theft, and smash and grab episodes have happened. Let's all remember that we live in an urban environment; please keep items such as GPS, cell phones, IPODS, change etc. out of view to lessen the temptation. Also, remember to lock your front and back doors, and to shut your door when you come in. There have been incidents in the past where someone stole a purse or other item after they were left at the front door while the person stepped away to something else.

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