

WEST AVENUE GAZETTE

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Mayor: Greg Suskind
Vice-Mayor: Marty Martin

Secretary: Robert Smith
Treasurer: Earle Morrison

CALENDAR

Labor Day Barbeque – Monday, September 1, 2008 5:00pm-8:00pm
Fall Meeting – Monday, October 20, 2008 7:30pm-9:00pm St. James's Church
Halloween – Friday, October 31, 2008 Trick or Treat starts at 5:00pm, Judging Ceremony 7:00pm
Fall Alley Clean-Up – Saturday, November 8, 2008
Fall Cocktail Party – Saturday, November 8, 2008 6:00pm-8:00pm

Mayor's Message

Well, Labor Day is almost here, and with it, the beginning of the Fall Season. Please join your neighbors Monday, September 1, 2008 for our annual Labor Day Picnic. 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 4:00pm – 9:00pm so please remember to move your vehicle from the 1100 block of West. We're looking forward to seeing everyone there.

As another busy fall season gears up, please mark your calendars and save the date for the planned activities listed at the top of your Gazette. Additional details will follow as we get closer to each event. We encourage 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 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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Crime

The neighborhood has experienced an increased level of criminal activity recently. This includes an attempted break-in in the 1100 block of West that was preceded by a knock on the door as well as several suspicious individuals peering into cars on both sides of West. Please remember to keep your car doors locked and be cautious when answering the door. As a neighborhood we need to watch out for each other as well as ourselves and report any questionable activity. Currently, the 3rd Precinct is transitioning to a new Commander and despite repeated calls we continue to have difficulty getting crime updates for our area. Aside from 911, helpful phone numbers include the 3rd Precinct at 646-1412 and the VCU emergency line at 828-1234.

Parking

Parking permits **expire July 31st**; 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 for information on obtaining permits and a review of recent changes to the parking zones in The Fan.

New Neighbors

If there are any new neighbors that we are not yet aware of, please contact 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 to volunteer.

Membership Form

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