

WEST AVENUE GAZETTE

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Mayor: Greg Suskind
Vice-Mayor: Marty Martin

Secretary: Robert Smith
Treasurer: Earle Morrison

CALENDAR

West Avenue Yard Sale – Saturday, April 4 th 8:00am-12:00pm
Spring Membership Meeting – Monday, April 13 th 7:30pm-9:00pm St. James' Parkinson Room (basement)
Spring Alley Clean-Up – Saturday, April 18 th 8:00am-12:00pm
Hot Dog Party – Saturday, April 18 th 5:00pm-8:00pm
Spring Cocktail Party – Saturday, April 25 th 6:00pm-8:00pm (place TBA)
69 th Annual Garden Tour – Sunday, April 26 th 1:00pm-5:00pm

Mayor's Message

As we prepare to round the corner into spring, I thought it would be helpful to share the upcoming calendar of events. Spring is a very busy time for the West Avenue Association and planning has already begun for our premier event, the 69th Annual Garden Tour in April. We are excited to have Thea Martin as the Chairperson for the event along with Whitney Snyder as our Co-Chairperson. We would welcome any volunteers and encourage neighbors to both get involved and open their gardens. Please contact Thea or Whitney if you would like to lend a hand.

GDS

2009 WAIA Officer Elections

In accordance with our by-laws, Ed White, our most recent resident former Mayor, is chairing the Nominating Committee to put together WAIA's slate of Officers for the 2009-2010 term. Further, as specified in Article 7 of the by-laws, "Any member of the Association wishing to be considered for the ballot will submit his or her name in writing to the Committee Chair."

Please consider this opportunity for yourself, or prompt your neighbor to get involved in this open process. Written requests for consideration should be addressed to Ed White at 1107 West Avenue, or if you prefer, sent via email to ewhite@hunton.com. The deadline for submitting your nomination, so that your name may be included on the ballot, is April 6, 2009 -- seven days prior to our annual meeting.

New Directory

A new directory has been distributed with this issue of the Gazette. Please help extend a big thank you to Amanda Murphy and Barb McHugh for their efforts in getting the directory edited and published. They have worked very hard to get this issue as correct as possible and we hope that everyone finds this tool to be very useful.

Garden Tour Volunteers

As Greg stated above, the 69th Garden Tour planning is well underway. There are still openings available for volunteers to make the premier event in our neighborhood a success. Now is the time to get involved in the neighborhood and help make this year's tour the best yet. Also, all you garden owners take note of the date and plan to have your garden open for the tour!

Santa's Visit to West Avenue

We wish to send a big thank you out to the North Pole to thank Santa Claus for taking time out of his busy schedule to make a special trip to West Avenue to make the children of the West Avenue neighborhood's day. I understand that Santa changed his plans in order to make this special trip. Each and every child who was able to participate had a wonderful experience; I don't think I've ever seen this much excitement on the street. Again, thank you Santa!

Rat Poison

Everybody knows that it is important to keep the rodent population in control in our neighborhood. In fact, this is why the association was formed in 1941. However, we have had a beloved pet eat some poison and died as a result. If you place poison in the alley, please post a warning sign to let your neighbors know to be careful around where you placed it.

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