

WEST AVENUE GAZETTE

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Mayor: Alan J. "Marty" Martin
Vice-Mayor: Robert Smith

Secretary: Dan Snyder
Treasurer: Earle Morrison

CALENDAR

Memorial Day Cookout – Monday, May 25th 5:00pm-8:00pm
July 4th Cookout – To Be Determined
Memorial Day Cookout – Monday, September 7th 5:00pm-8:00pm

Mayor's Message

Whew! We had another very successful 69th Garden Tour this year! Thea and I have taken a breather, as I'm sure most of you have, and enjoyed our back yard. It's a lot of work to get these gardens ready but then you can sit back enjoy the finished product for the rest of the season. I want to thank everyone involved in this year's tour – the legion of volunteers and I especially want to thank everyone who opened their gardens this year. We had 49 gardens open and estimated crowds exceeding 400 people! The list of this year's winning gardens is attached and the website has been updated with the winners. I took photos of all of the winning gardens, some of the pictures did not come out as well as I would have liked. If you have a better picture of your garden, send it to me so I can post it on the website.

Cookout season starts with Monday the 25th with Memorial Day. Bring out something to grill and a side dish to share. Grills are provided along with plates, utensils, and napkins. Join us while we participate in a time-honored tradition of flaunting the open container laws. July 4th this year is on Saturday; the federal government is observing Friday the 3rd. I know a lot of people travel that weekend and I would hate to cancel this year's cookout. I'm looking for suggestions on which day, Saturday or Sunday, that we should have the cookout.

Marty

New Arrivals

Once again Stork Alley lives up to its name. So let's welcome two new recent arrivals:

Jack Porter to Sarah and Chairs Porter – 1402 Park Avenue
Nicole Victorine Makris to Janet and John Makris– 1504 West Avenue

Parking

No, it's not another April Fool's joke. A suggestion was made at the spring meeting that parking could be improved by having the city mark off parking spots on the street. I spoke with the city's traffic engineer and discussed the suggestion. He was most gracious and offered to assess how many spots would be available on the 1100 block of West Avenue if they were to mark them off. With city, state, and federal regulations concerning the required size of spots, distance from corners, fire hydrants, etc., there would be 21 spots on each side of the street for a total of 42 spots. He suggested that I take a survey of the number of cars that actually manage to park on the street and have taken a number of counts and the results were an average of 51 cars can park on the block. The lowest number was 49, and there were a number of half-spots; the most was 53 cars.

Garden Tour Winners

LARGE BACKYARD

1st 1135 West – Martin
2nd 1147 West – Creekmur
3rd 1412 Park – McLeod

MEDIUM BACKYARD

1st 1125 West – Hottle
2nd 1507 West – Walton
3rd 1304 Park – Lubik

SMALL BACKYARD

1st 1005 West – Roeper
2nd 1410 Park – Hatcher
3rd 1506 West – Herrington & Johnson

FRONTYARD

1st 1004 West – Enoch
2nd 1507 West – Walton
3rd TIE 1140 West – Davenport
1506 West – Herington & Johnson

TREE BOX

1st 1136 West – Longest
2nd 1404 Park – Suskind
3rd 1138 West – Anderson

MOST IMPROVED

1st 1147 West – Creekmur
2nd 1304 Park – Lubik
3rd 1005 West – Roeper

JUDGES CHOICE

Urban Habitat 1502 West – Hopkins & Fottrell
Animal Friendly
Urban Naturalist 1149 West – Seaward
Most Country Feel
Urban Arborist 1523 West – Kohler
Tree Box Renovation for Tree Survival

SWEEPSTAKES

1004 West – Enoch

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:
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