

# Upper Washington Avenue Neighborhood Association Meeting

## Tuesday, April 17, 2006

7:00 PM at the Montessori Magnet School, 65 Tremont St.

*President: Joseph Cunniff - Croswell St Vice President: John Walsh - Rosemont St Treasurer: Bernice Aviza - Tremont St  
Recording Secretary Pamela Robich-Wright - Tremont St Newsletters: Karen Cunniff - Croswell St*

### President's Message

#### 2007 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

We have all received our new assessments in the mail and probably share mixed emotions. It's great our homes are worth as much as the city estimates, yet there is a strange feeling of pending doom. One might rightfully expect increased taxes as a result of all of this.

The change we saw in our assessment is due to two things. Number one, our assessment went from being 71% of our home's full market value to 100% of the market value. Number two, the city adjusted what they thought the market value of our homes, generally in the upward direction.

Our assessment does not directly determine what our taxes will be. City, County, School, and Library budgets do, because the tax rate (tax per \$1,000 of assessed value) is based on how much those entities plan on spending.

Of course, if your assessment is too high, your share of the tax burden will be too high. You can challenge your assessment, but time is running out. Forms and instructions are available on the city's website and will be available at Tuesday's NA meeting.

Please plan on joining us for this informative evening.

Joe Cunniff – 438 2397 - [jcunniff@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jcunniff@nycap.rr.com)

### Newsletter Volunteers

#### WE NEED YOU!!!

We need volunteers to distribute newsletters. Please consider taking a role in the NA by distributing flyers to your block. Many hands make light work, and you get to see your neighbors. Flyers are distributed to volunteers the week prior to the meeting so that volunteers can get them to their neighbors the weekend prior to the meeting. We are looking for one 'captain' per block. Please call Karen at 438-2397 to help!

### Meeting Agenda

Guest Speaker  
Keith McDonald, Commissioner  
City of Albany  
Department of Assessment & Taxation

**Family membership is STILL just  
\$5.00  
Renew for 2007**

DON'T UWANA BE A MEMBER?

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Send application with check by mail to:  
Ms. Bernice Aviza  
8 Tremont St.  
Albany, NY 12206  
or bring it to the next meeting.

Current, paid membership is required to vote at UWANA meetings. One vote per household.

Our thanks to the following who served as officers at UWANA for many years:

Virginia Traver, Treasurer  
Mary Gordon, Newletters  
Karen Cunniff, Vice President  
Terri Bronner, Recording Secretary

