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## Historic Jackson Ward Association, Inc. Abstract of HJWA Strategic Plan 2007-2012

**Submitted by: Charles Finley, President - HJWA**

Since May, the Board of Directors, with the assistance of Doug Pick, an experienced facilitator from Capital One, has been working to develop a strategic plan for the association to provide direction for the years 2007 through 2012. The process to complete the plan is ongoing and a copy of the complete plan with detailed projects and strategies will be posted on the association's web site in the near future. The following is a synopsis of the plan.

The Board developed the following draft vision statement for the neighborhood:

The Historic Jackson Ward neighborhood will be the preferred place to live, work and play as a neighborhood that is safe, attractive, and alive with cultural and historic resources available to residents of and visitors to the City of Richmond.

The Board decided the following mission statement adopted by the association in its bylaws in February 2006 continues to be valid:

The mission of the Historic

Jackson Ward Association, Inc. shall be to unite, protect, and advance the interests of the neighborhood in order to realize its potential and improve the quality of life in the neighborhood and community.

During the planning process, the Board developed the following goals that we believe will lead us toward the vision and accomplish the mission of the association:

1. To increase the membership of the association and the level of participation of the residents of the community
2. To increase community awareness of the association's activities
3. To enhance relationships/communications with city government
4. To improve/increase relationships with key stakeholders and groups that may impact the community.
5. To address quality of life issues that affect the community including, but not limited to blight removal, negligent landlords, safety, and community beautification.

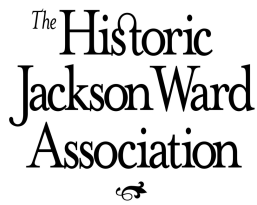
6. To provide social and cultural activities for residents and visitors to the neighborhood.

After identifying the overall goals of the plan, the Board identified the following objectives that we believe will lead us to the accomplishment of the vision, mission and goals of the association:

**Improve or enhance relationships with key external groups to advance the interests and potential of the neighborhood.** These external groups include (but are not limited to): VCU, our City Lights partners, the City of Richmond, the Richmond Police Department, the Historic Jackson Ward Business Association, corporate entities, and private developers. Relationship managers have been identified to directly interact with corporations following initial contact from the association.

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## Abstract of HJWA Strategic Plan 2007-2012 cont'd



**Address and improve the physical and aesthetic aspects of the neighborhood.** The efforts to meet this objective include (but are not limited to): acquiring and installing appropriate signage to identify the neighborhood, continuation of neighborhood clean-ups, and improving the curb-side appeal of the neighborhood.

**Increase and enhance the neighborhood stakeholders' (citizens and businesses) participation and energy.** The efforts to meet this objective include (but are not limited to): improving upon communication with stakeholders, increasing membership in the association, conducting celebrations and cultural activities, and establishing a welcoming committee.

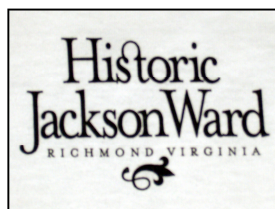
With each objective, various strategies have been developed and most Board members have agreed to serve as a point-of-contact for one or more of the objectives. Activities will need to be planned to implement each of the strategies the Board has developed and the Board will be soliciting residents for assistance with meeting the objectives as the plan is implemented. Funding will need to be identified and secured to fully accomplish each of the objectives.

*The Board would appreciate input and consensus from the members of the association with regard to the vision, mission, goals and objectives stated above and will seek cooperation and assistance with carrying out activities that will be developed to meet those aspects of the plan. Activities and due dates will be developed as the plan matures.*



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# **Richmond Downtown Master Plan**

**SAVE THE DATE  
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DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2007  
The Renaissance Conference Center  
107 W. Broad St  
6:30 p.m.**

During the week of July 20-26 Richmond held a variety of meetings to begin forming the Richmond Downtown Master Plan. Many Jackson Ward residents attended and it is important to attend the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting to ensure that your voice is heard. This article is an overview of the outcomes from the July Planning Sessions with the planners and the community. The information was taken directly from Brooke Hardin via email.

### **Foundations of the Richmond Downtown Master Plan**

During the work-in-progress presentation on July 26, 2007 at Plant Zero, Dover, Kohl and Partners shared a list of six foundations of the Richmond Downtown Master Plan. These foundations are reflective of items that were consistently mentioned by the community during the public participation events of the week of July 20-26. An initial list of thoughts and potential implementation measures associated with each of the foundations is outlined below. **Please consider your thoughts on these items over the coming weeks as we prepare to continue the discussion on the Richmond Downtown Master Plan on September 27, 2007.**

#### **Traditional City**

Pedestrians and transit riders thrive in traditional cities. Downtown Richmond has the street network and much of the historic architecture in place to support a rebirth of traditional modes of transportation.

Encourage these alternative modes of transportation by restoring the two-way traffic pattern, re-introducing a trolley system, and reconsidering parking requirements for urban buildings.

#### **River**

The James River is Richmond's "great, wet Central Park." Allow residents and visitors to fully enjoy this unique natural feature by creating a series of clear connections to the riverfront. Develop a comprehensive system of natural open space along the river and create green connections between city parks and the riverfront. Promote recreational activity along the river, such as waterfront festivals and kayaking. Preserve views to the river by limiting building heights and protecting important viewsheds.

#### **Urban Architecture**

We can learn many lessons from Richmond's historic urban architecture. Require all new construction within the Downtown to respect and reinforce its urban location, meeting the sidewalk and fronting the street with windows and primary entrances. Promote ground-floor, street facing retail where appropriate, and ensure that parking garages are lined with street-front buildings. Cater to the pedestrian, and create a lively, human-scale frontage that encourages walking.

**Variety and Choice** Urban environments provide variety and choice. Cities are naturally mixed-use, mixed-income, and multi-modal. Promote Richmond's competitive advantage by further diversifying land uses, building types and sizes, and providing a full range of transportation options. Allow opportunities for those at all income levels, supporting programs for those of lesser means and education.

**Green** Great parks and sustainable in-

frastructure make cities livable. Attract new residents and visitors to Downtown with an integrated system of urban parks. Celebrate Richmond's existing park system, and increase public access to these parks by providing reliable maintenance. Initiate an ambitious street tree campaign. Incorporate sustainable design into all new buildings and infrastructure projects in order to create a fully "green" city.

**History** Richmond's past is one of its most valuable assets for the future. Celebrate and promote Richmond's history with an aggressive historic preservation program and a coordinated system of history trails, museums, and interpretive sites. Focus not only "historic" events but also reveal the day-to-day story of the city, for example by exposing the cobblestones beneath Downtown's asphalt streets.

**For more information contact Brooke Hardin, City of Richmond Telephone: (804) 646-6310 E-mail: [Brooke.Hardin@richmondgov.com](mailto:Brooke.Hardin@richmondgov.com)**

**Please also visit the City's webpage over the coming weeks for ongoing updates about the process <http://www.richmondgov.com/departments/communityDev/DownTownMasterPlan.aspx>**



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## Councilman Bill Pantele

In my first meeting with Rachel Flynn, the City's new Director of Community Development, we spent three hours driving around the entire 2nd District, looking at what was good and what was not so good. Obviously, the 2nd District encompasses a lot of variety, which means that there was much information imparted that day.

My primary theme for her was that the City needed to do two things most urgently. The first item was the need for a major update of the City's downtown master plan. In my opinion, the number of special use permits and rezoning coming to the Planning Commission and to Council was a prime indicator that our land use plan was out of sync with the rapid transition of downtown Richmond and its special neighborhoods. That circumstance inhibits development, because developers have to labor through a difficult, expensive and time consuming process, and it presents a burden on the neighborhoods as well as the fact that they work their way through individual projects over and over. The plan needs to reflect where we want things to go as a matter of policy, and the exceptions should be rare and truly exceptions, and not the rule.

The second theme was the need for the City to significantly upgrade its code enforcement process. All of us at one time or another have been frustrated about dealing with a problem property. For my part, I have too many times entered a prop-

erty into the City's Citizen Request System for various violations, only to receive a response that the problem would be inspected months later. That is just not good enough, and for us to continue the huge strides that have been made in recent years, there has to be a better and more effective mechanism. I and my City Council colleagues have pushed for spot blight resources, and for the budgeted amounts to be used and not just carried over from year to year.

The really good news is that there are signs of progress on both of those fronts. Just recently, the City embarked on a \$500,000 master plan process led by Ms. Flynn and a team of tremendous experts with a sterling track record. Many pre-meetings and site visits were held leading up to the weekend visioning sessions at Plant Zero. Of particular pride to me personally was that Jackson Ward was there in force, with several HJWA members and leaders there for the duration adding their voices for the improvement of downtown and of Jackson Ward. That kind of civic engagement says a lot about the new Jackson Ward, which is as strong of a neighborhood as I have the privilege to work with.

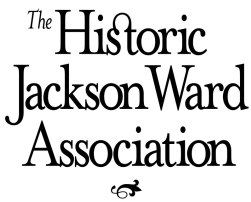
More good news was the City Administration, again under the leadership of Ms. Flynn and Arthur Dahlberg, the Building Commissioner, introducing and pushing 6 pieces of legislation to exercise spot blight authority on

some terribly blighted properties around 2nd and Broad. Truth is, in past times there would have been rancor over an aggressive use of these powers, but today the neighborhood is determined to take the next step. As a result of that clear community support, the City was able to facilitate the sale of those properties to Douglas Jemal development interests, and I am hearing that plans are already moving along apace to have those buildings improved - an occupied - by next Spring.

Progress in these areas depends in part on your efforts, and I am glad to say that Jackson Ward is working for a better City.

Thank you for that, and please feel free to share your thoughts and comments with me at any time, or if my office (646-5632) can be of assistance to you.

Bill Pantele  
2nd District  
City Councilman



# National Night Out 2007

## A Strong Healthy Jackson Ward Community

Submitted by: Vicki Mollenauer

Jackson Ward's 2007 National Night out was held on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> and was a huge success! Despite the intense temperatures, hundreds of people came out to mingle with their neighbors, make new friends, eat, dance, and show their support for our police and fire units. Children and adults alike showed their artistic talents with sidewalk chalk, their agility with hoola-hoops, and their amazing dance talents to the remarkable tunes of our DJ, John Cox. There was plenty of food for everyone, and the watermelon was a big hit! There were tables hosted by the American Red Cross, Adult Career Development Center, Technology Resource Connections and HJWA selling t-shirts, and Lt. Drew had plenty of

fun give-a-ways for the children. They really loved the balloons, and they thoroughly enjoyed the program presented by Letitia and Liz from the Main Branch of the Richmond Public Library too. It was fun to see so many folks take to the dance floor and the children especially enjoyed dancing with Fireman "Captain" Epps from our local firehouse.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who made the evening possible, to Choe's Market who donated the food and drinks, and to City Lights who sponsored the event.

Editor MM's note: We thank Vicki Mollenauer for her remarkable organizing abilities and

Janet Armistead for her enthusiastic emcee talents. We thank you for such a successful community event. Please check out [www.hjwa.org](http://www.hjwa.org), click on photos and then NNO 2007 for an unbelievable photo essay of the event.



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## Back to Jackson Ward's Tomorrow



Submitted by Demmie Murray

The packed trolley car stopped at the corner of 2 Street and Broad. It rocked from side to side as its belly emptied its passengers out on to the sidewalk. Wearing the latest and brightest of fashions everyone seemed to be in a good mood; laughing and slapping one another on the back. The late, spring night was warm and

breezy; causing a bouquet of dress tails to billow about and sending the gents scrambling into the streets chasing after their derbies and Stetsons. Being the first one to board at 18<sup>th</sup> and Broad, he was the last one off; following the crowd around the corner and down 2 Street. Looking over the heads of the crowd, he could see the rolling blue, green and yellow lights of the marquis on top of the Hippodrome Theatre. This was it, Jackson Ward in all its glory! Busy, moving, humming, dancing, singing just like he remembered. There were some new establishments though, like that fancy dress shop called "Miss Pat's 'til You Drop" across from the 2C; a fancy high rise that had a coffee shop on the first floor and condos that stretched up to the stars. New places, different faces but the soul, the spirit of Jackson Ward had remained the same.

He had a few minutes before the curtain went up so he ducked into "Slaughter's 2000" for a quick drink. He mostly wanted to check the mirror in the restroom to make sure he looked as dapper as he did when he boarded the trolley car 40 minutes ago. Sitting at the bar he drank his "shortie", a creamer pitcher of gin, and looked around for familiar faces; he saw none. He wondered if he would be able to sneak into town and back to New York before anyone recognized him. Not likely though, he'd grown up four blocks from here and stayed in the streets more than the pavement. As he gazed out the window, onto the street, people were entering and leaving the restaurants that lined 2 Street. The trolley car from the "Hotel Fabulous," at the end of the street, stopped in front of the Hippodrome; emptying out another group of bright colors and laughter.

The street was lit up like day time from one end to the other. It was past 9:00 but business still seemed to be booming; ignoring the lateness of the hour. As long as folk were out and about; businesses remained open to serve them. "Honey Bee's" flower shop on the corner of 2 Street and Jackson still had folk emptying out into the night carrying bundles of roses, orchids and long stems of gladiolas.

The second set had already started at one of the jazz clubs called, the "Hard-Headed Woman." Groups from D.C. and further north came down regularly for a chance at meeting one of the many entertainment producers and celebrities that made regular visits to the Ward. Those kind of folk frequented Jackson Ward for the ambience, hospitality and hot, fried fish from the "Croaker Spot" or one of the other eating establishments whose front doors opened on to the Deuce; that's what some folk called 2 Street. But tonight the Hippodrome was the place to be. He joined the line of folk anxious to get inside for the 10:00 show. Everybody was excited about settling into their seats to hear this cat named Bill McGee. His group had just returned from its third European tour promoting his latest album. The brother was hot, he had done alright. It seemed like once he became involved with the Historic Jackson Ward Association; his career had just taken off ...the strangest thing. The Association had reserved seats, up front and in the mix where it seemed they always were.

The line moved slowly but, patiently. The mood was light, festive and full of energy. This would not be their last stop of the evening; plans would continue on into the night at the after parties that usually lasted until sun up. Just before entering the darkness of the theatre he heard a voice call out to him, "Bill, Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, wait up man!" Busted!

**Check out [www.hjwa.org](http://www.hjwa.org) for more installments of Demmie Murray's Jackson Ward.**



## Tears and Cheers



The residents of Jackson Ward were overwhelmed with mixed emotions when we received the news that Lt. Ladin was leaving as our neighborhood police guru, aka Sector Lieutenant. Conflicting emotions because the reason for his departure - promotion to Captain of the 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct. We congratulate him and know that the 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct will reap the benefits from his leadership and community policing policies. Reflections from some of Captain Ladin's friends. Roi Boyd says, "Captain Ladin is a hands on police officer. He is what community policing is all about". Councilman Bill Pantele wrote what so many are feeling, "Gary Ladin has done a great job for Jackson Ward as Sector Lieutenant. The level of personal attention and care that he brought to the job has been tremendous. So, it is with mixed emotions that we congratulate him on a very deserved promotion to Captain but regret that we will be losing him to another area as a result. But we know that in

Capt. Ladin we have a friend forever, and the City will be well served under his leadership in his new post."

"Lt. Ladin was a great help when the Madison street corridor was overrun by the crack community last summer. Lt. Ladin always responded to our queries in a fast manner and provided solutions. He has a kind and gentle presence but is very persistent", says Ward resident Jackson Slipek. Ms. Vicki Mollenauer relates her feelings with a personal story. "Gary Ladin is the most attentive officer I have ever met. How many lieutenants would take the time to respond to the most miniscule of crimes personally? When my tomato bushes were stolen (roots and all), he emailed me a couple of times to reassure me that his officers were keeping an eye on my house. He followed that up a few days later with another email saying, "I have an extra tomato bush in my yard that I thought about bringing over and planting in your yard, but I was afraid you might shoot me." It came as no surprise to me that he would think of doing something so kind because after all, that's who Captain Ladin is"

Our Thanks to Captain Gary Ladin.



## Congratulations to Lt. Lisa Drew

We welcome Lt. Lisa Drew as Historic Jackson Ward's new Sector 413 Lieutenant. She was recently promoted from Sergeant and Lt. Drew has already made her presence known to the neighbors by attending an HJWA meeting, policing the August First Fridays and participating in National Night Out where she was greeted warmly by adults and children. Lt. Drew encouraged residents to contact her with any questions. She can be reached by email at

[lisa.drew@RichmondGov.com](mailto:lisa.drew@RichmondGov.com).



## BioTech Hosts Jackson Ward Meet and Greet Reception

The Virginia Biotechnology Research Park recently held a “Meet and Greet Reception” in the atrium of BioTech 7, the headquarters of the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), for members of the Historical Jackson Ward community, which borders the Park to the west.

“We have over 2,000 scientists, researchers, engineers, technicians and support staff working in more than 55 different bioscience organizations,” commented Nicky Colomb, director of marketing for the BioTech Park. “We wanted to show our neighboring community all the exciting things that are taking place right next door.” The Park is currently home to a unique mix of more than 55 technology companies, research institutes affiliated with the VCU Medical Center and major state and national medical laboratories. Including the new \$350 million Philip Morris USA Center for Research and Technology, the Park encompasses 1.2 million square feet of space in nine buildings and employs more than 2,000 industry professionals.

Three Jackson Ward restaurants, Anniebell’s Chicken and Waffles, Hidden Treasure, and Tropical Soul, catered and sponsored the event. The food was delicious and enjoyed by all.

During the event, both Robert Skunda, president and CEO of the Park, and Pat Daily, PhD, assistant executive director of administration and management for UNOS, welcomed over 55 Jackson Ward resi-

dents and business owners. After welcoming participants, Mr. Skunda encouraged community members to circulate around various booths and talk to the scientists about their work.

Among the exhibiting companies were:

**BioTrack, LLC:** A biotechnology company that develops and commercializes bio-medical products for promising R&D projects at Virginia Commonwealth University and the VCU Medical Center.

**Virginia Department of Forensic Science:** A Virginia state laboratory that applies life-science technologies and other methods and practices to criminal investigation. Virginia was the first state to use DNA evidence in criminal prosecution and maintains the largest DNA database of any state. Since Virginia developed its DNA database of convicted felons, the state has recorded more “cold hits” than any other state, helping to solve crimes that previously went unsolved.

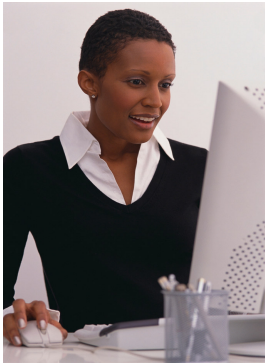
**Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine:** Colocated with the state laboratory, the Institute provides continuing forensic education and training for scientists and law enforcement officers.

**Infilco Degremont Inc., North American Research & Development Center:** Tests portable water and wastewater treatment modules for municipal, industrial and commercial applications for the world’s leading water treatment engineering company.

**Virginia Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services:** A Virginia state laboratory that is one of the most advanced in the nation for public health and safety. It is designed to handle all of Virginia’s testing needs and is part of a federal laboratory network certified by the Centers for Disease Control, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration, among others.







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Que Pasa Festival of Virginia 2007 serves as Virginia's kick-off to Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 – October 15). It is sponsored by the Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and State Farm Insurance. **Date/Hours: Saturday, September 15, 2007 (12:00 PM-8:00 PM) Adults \$8, Kids Free**

**The Virginia Garden Festival**  
Lewis Ginter Botanical  
1800 Lakeside Ave  
Richmond, VA 23228

The Virginia Garden Festival will be held in conjunction with the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden Fall Plant Sale. There will be crafts, plants and food. **Date/Hours: Saturday, September 22, 2007 (9:00 AM-4:00 PM)**

**Richmond Italian Street Festival**  
Church Hill  
25th & E. Broad Streets  
Richmond, VA 23223

VIVA! ITALIA Richmond's Original Italian Street Festival. **Date/Hours: Saturday, September 29, 2007 - Sunday, September 30, 2007 (11:00 AM-9:00 PM)**



**October 5, 6, 7, 2007**

The hands of time are turned back to

the past when 2nd Street was the heart and soul of Richmond's African-American community. Each year, approximately 45,000 people come to Richmond's historic Jackson Ward to hear live music on two stages, enjoy children's activities, taste delicious food, shop in the marketplace and dance in the streets. Admission Free and open to the public.

**Richmond Oktoberfest**

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**Art Works**  
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Every year Art Works host The Day After Thanksgiving Art Affair. In the spirit of the holidays we are open for 12 hours on Friday. **Date/Hours: Friday, November 23, 2007 (10:00 AM-10:00 PM) Friday, November 28, 2008 (10:00 AM-10:00 PM) Free**



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## HATS OFF TO...



Historic Jackson Ward's very own illustrious resident and Association Chair, Charles W. Finley has been named the 2007 Virginia Recipient of the Dr. John M. Davis Distinguished Educational Achievement Award presented by the Southern Association of Colleges and Scholars (SACS). This is quite an honor that has been given to Charles and the following is an excerpt of the announcement from the SACS newsletter.

"Mr. Finley retired from the Virginia Department of Education (DOE) in 2004 where he served most recently as Assistant Superintendent of Educational Accountability. For nine years he was the DOE representative on the Virginia SACS/CASI Council. With more than 30 years of service in public education, Mr. Finley retired as one of the highest ranking and respected officials in the department. He continues to work with the DOE in a part-time capacity in the Office of Policy and Communications. Mr. Finley has been actively involved in civic affairs in the City of Richmond, has held numerous offices and won awards for his work in the city. He attended the Shenandoah Conservatory of Music and received a bachelors and masters degree from Virginia State College (now University). In addition he completed post graduate study in administration and supervision from Virginia Commonwealth University. He began his career in education teaching at the elementary level and serving as the band and choir director at the high school level". Congratulations Mr. Charles W. Finley. Your neighbors and friends are very proud of you and thank you for your tireless commitment to our community.



### **Martha has moved on to Greener Pastures literally!**

Martha Suber Principal of The Adult Career Development Center for the past four years has returned to her home state of South Carolina. She has literally moved on to greener pastures. Her family home near Newberry South Carolina is in the middle of a huge farm where there are horses and other farm animals grazing peacefully in the pasture. Martha will assume the role of Administrator in charge of the High School, at a K-12 school in her home town of Whitmire, South Carolina.

During her tenure at ACDC, Martha has been at the forefront of Alternative School program innovation, working with The City Lights partners, including Capital One, and The Historic Jackson Ward Association to make the Adult Career Development Center an active partner in the revitalization of Jackson Ward. Martha developed with the financial assistance of Capital One a work study program, where outstanding students can get hands on experience working as volunteers in the community and school. She was recently one of only six principals in the State of Virginia to receive the FCCLA outstanding administrators' award. Martha's free spirit and sense of humor will be missed by all. We wish her happy trails and great times as she returns home.

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## Important Phone Numbers

### Building Permits/Inspections

The Bureau of Permits and Inspections issues building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and other construction permits. Contact the office at (804) 646-6955

### Community Assisted Public Safety (CAPS)

Report blighted property. The CAPS form is downloadable at [www.hjwa.org](http://www.hjwa.org) (804) 646-CAPS (2277)

### Domestic Violence

If an emergency situation exists call the police at 911. The police non-emergency number is (804) 646-5100. To contact the [YWCA](#) Women's Advocacy Program, call (804) 643-0888. The [National Domestic Violence](#) Hotline is 1-800-SAFE (7233)

### Drainage

Contact the Department of Public Works for drainage problems on public property (ditches, streets, roadsides) at (804) 646-0999

### Employment/City of Richmond

The Job Information Hot Line is (804)646-5900 and is updated weekly. Applications are available online.

### Fire & Emergency Services

Department of Fire and Emergency Services is located at 550 E. Marshall St., Suite 202, Richmond, Virginia 23219. The department responds to fires, river rescues, hazardous waste spills and other emergencies. (804) 646-6663

### Garbage Collection (City Property)

The Department of Public Works will remove all junk, trash, or debris on City-owned property. (804) 646-0999 to make a removal request.

### Mayor's Office

900 E. Broad St., Room 201, Richmond, VA 23219 (804) 646.7970

### Police Department

Richmond Police Department is located at 200 West Grace Street, Richmond, Virginia 23220. (804) 646-0400 Non-emergency (804) 646-5100

### Pest Control

To help control mosquitoes, rodents, and other pests, contact the Department of Public Health Department, Environmental Control, at (804) 646-3120

### Public Utilities

Customer service representatives are available to answer questions from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at (804) 644-3000

### Real Estate Services

The City's Real Estate Services Office is located in Room 1105, City Hall. The department is responsible for the buying, selling and leasing of all property owned or acquired by the City of Richmond. The Office is also responsible for the sale of tax delinquent property. (804) 646-4350

### Senior Citizens Self-Defense Class

Senior citizens Self-Defense classes offer seniors information about how they can protect themselves. Topics include self-defense techniques, home security, and communicating emergencies to police. Sessions are composed of one three-hour class each week for 13 weeks. Contact the Police Training Academy at (804) 646-6117.

### Voter Registration

Room 105—City Hall - (804) 646-5950  
[VoterRegistration@richmondgov.com](mailto:VoterRegistration@richmondgov.com)