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From local, to state to national offices, we, the citizens of Virginia have an important job to complete this November 4th. Locally, we are responsible to elect a school board member, city council member and the mayor of our fine city.

Just what are the mayor's, city council members' and school board members' responsibilities to us, the citizens of Richmond?

Let's start with the Mayor and according to the Richmond City website, "The Mayor serves a full-time, four-year term overseeing the executive management of the City's departments and agencies. The Mayor acts as a chief executive officer (CEO) with responsibilities that include submitting the annual budget to City Council, selecting a Chief Administrative Officer, issuing regulations, and making recommendations on revenue and funding transfer matters. Under Richmond's Mayor-Council form of government, the Mayor is elected at large by a majority of voters in at least five of the City's nine council districts and as such, he represents the entire city.

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), who reports to the Mayor, is directly responsible for the City's day-to-day municipal operations. The CAO is appointed with the approval of City Council".

Now to City Council and posted on the same www.richmondgov.com site, the following information was found: "Richmond, Virginia is divided into nine council districts. Citizens in each of the nine districts elect one Council representative to serve a two-year term. The mission of Richmond City Council is to represent citizens in creating and amending local laws, providing government policy and oversight, and approving the city budget.

Richmond City Council elects from among its members one person to serve as Council President and one to serve as Council Vice President. The Council President is responsible for leading the Council sessions, acting as a liaison between Council and administration, the City's executive branch, and for providing overall direction and leadership for the legislative body.

Richmond City Council works through public hearings and a standing committee structure to gather and organize the relevant data necessary to create policies that advance its priorities. The standing committees are Finance; Public Safety; Land Use, Housing and Transportation; Health and Human Services; Governmental Operations; and Organizational Development. Each standing committee meets once a month in City Hall.

Richmond City Council meets in regular session on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6 pm in the Richmond City Council Chambers, 2nd floor, Richmond City Hall, 900 E. Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. For more information, please call 804-646-7955". Please check the city website for guidelines for citizen participation.

It is the mission of the Richmond School Board "to provide our students with high quality educational experiences so that our public schools are the choice of all Richmonders; to ensure



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that parents, families, and the community-at-large are involved in the activities of students; to ensure that students: master the essential skills of reading, writing, mathematics, and reasoning, grow creatively, culturally and physically in order to become life-long learners; and learn to appreciate cultural diversity, become responsible citizens, and lead productive lives”.

The School Board meets at 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month in the Council Chamber Room on the 2nd floor of City Hall, located at 301 North Ninth Street; and at 6:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at selected schools. There is a public information period at each school board meeting and it is important that you check the webpage, <http://www.richmond.k12.va.us/schoolboardnew/index.htm> for guidelines for citizen participation.

Richmond Mayoral Candidates:

Paul Goldman,
Robert Grey, Jr.,
Dwight C. Jones
William J. "Bill" Pantele
Lawrence E. Williams, Sr.

**Richmond City Council Candidates –
2nd District**

Tyron K. Bey
Patrick D. Kjellberg
Charles R. Samuels

**Richmond City School Board Candidates –
2nd District**

Alice O. "Lisa" Dawson
Kimberly B. "Kim" Grey

State Representation on the National Level -

Two former governors are competing for the chance to succeed John Warner, the distinguished, five-term Republican senator from Virginia. The term of office for a US Senator is 6 years and each state is entitled to 2 Senators.

There is one senate seat open because presently, Democrat Jim Webb is serving as our Senator from Virginia and he has 5 years left to his 6 year term. It is the job of the US Senators from Virginia to represent Virginia's interests in the Senate in Washington, D.C. and to propose and vote on new national laws. A US Senator also votes on confirming federal judges and U.S. Supreme Court Justices.

Virginia US Senate Candidates -

James S. "Jim" Gilmore III	Republican
Glenda Gail Parker	Independent Green Candidate
William B. Redpath	Libertarian
Mark R. Warner	Democrat

The **United States Presidential Election of 2008**, scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2008, will be the 56th consecutive four-year United States presidential election and will select the President of the United States and Vice President of the United States. As of this writing the only presidential candidate to choose a vice president is Democrat Barack Obama and he announced that his vice presidential running mate is Senator Joseph Biden of Delaware. **The presidential nominees are John McCain, the senior United States Senator from Arizona, for the Republican Party and Barack Obama, the junior United States Senator from Illinois, for the Democratic Party. The 2008 election is particularly notable because it is the first time in U.S. history that two sitting senators will run against each other for president and because it will be the first time an African American will be a presidential nominee for a major party.** The Libertarian Party has nominated former Congressman Bob Barr, the Constitution Party has nominated pastor and radio talk show host Chuck Baldwin, and the Green Party has nominated former Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney. Ralph Nader declined to seek the Green Party nomination and is running as an independent candidate.



Vicki Mollenauer – Volunteer Extraordinaire

National Night Out, Neighborhood Clean-Ups, the HJWA Website... Who is responsible for these wonderful features of Historic Jackson Ward? Five, Six, Ten Volunteers? No... it is our one and

only volunteer extraordinaire, Vicki Mollenauer. From setting dates, getting permits, organizing workers, soliciting donations, buying materials and sending those magnificent thank-yous, Vicki has been heading these events, since 2004. I for one am so very thankful that Vicki not only organizes and publicizes these outings, but she physically works them from start to finish to insure the rest of us have a great time and all our needs are met. (I know I sure appreciate the bottled water during the clean-up days) I guess you could say 3 times a year she runs a three month marathon! Vicki updates our hjwa.org site consistently and timely and in fact, other associations and city organizations mention how they enjoy searching the site for the latest updates and happenings. Her pictorial essays make the site neighborly and personal, just like our community feels. Vicki really is a self-taught web guru who loves to “figure things out”. So the next time you see Vicki “walking the Ward”, give her a wink and a nod of thanks for all she gives to our community.

Submitted by Marilyn

store at 316 N. 2nd Street and let them know how much we appreciate their generous service to our community.



New Earth Building – Bert Terranova and Ryan Wenger

who own New Earth Building Company have generously given us the use of their company shed in Carver to store all of our Clean Up Day supplies, including wheelbarrows, weed eaters, picker-uppers, and bags. Recently, they also agreed to free up even more space so that we could store the newly purchased, rather large coolers we needed for major events such as National Night Out. They willingly grant us access to our supplies whenever asked and have also given a key to Liza Steele so that she can accommodate neighbors' needs when they want to borrow any of these supplies. If you need a local contractor, feel free to give them a call at (804) 652-7864. Thanks Bert and Ryan for all you do for Historic Jackson Ward and for helping our neighborhood go green!



Choe's Market - For many years, Mr. Choe at Choe's Market has been donating drinks and food to various Historic Jackson Ward functions. Beginning three years ago, he and his wife started donating all of

the hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, drinks, and ice we needed for National Night Out as well. Now, Mr. Choe has relocated to his Ashland store, but the new managers of Choe's Market here on 2nd Street, Jae S. Lee and his wife, Kwang S. Kim, have continued in his tradition and graciously donated all that we needed for this year's National Night Out as well. Please be sure to visit their



JoAnn Braxton-Lee

- This newsletter got off the ground because of the foresight, creativity and perseverance of JoAnn Braxton Lee. For the Inaugural Year, JoAnn was the layout editor and creative force behind The Ward. After birthing this newsletter and guiding it through its first year, JoAnn has stepped down as Layout Editor. We certainly are thankful for JoAnn's volunteer time and creativity. Thanks to JoAnn, all residents and businesses of HJW have an outlet to get the news about our community. When you see JoAnn in the neighborhood, make sure you give her a shout out of thanks!!!



BROAD APPÉTIT FOOD FESTIVAL A SPRING HIT ON BROAD STREET

The first Broad Appétit Festival in Richmond was held on Sunday, May 18th from noon – 5pm and offered art, mini-dishes of food, entertainment and yes, even bugs to eat.

Broad Street looked magnificent and by 12:30 pm the streets were teeming with people. Folks were not daunted by the rain, they came equipped with raincoats and umbrellas, and enjoyed eating, shopping and taking in the entertainment. The Richmond blogging community had great things to say about the event. Jason Guard, whose blog is called *Caramelized Opinions*, summed up Broad Appétit like this: “Cha-ching. It was like a cross between a gourmet State Fair and playing Top Chef Judge for Richmond’s most popular eateries.” The *Richmond Food Collective* posted the following: “The festival was a great time and certainly an important event for food culture in Richmond. I was glad to be there and, believe it or not, I was having such a good time celebrating food that I almost forgot to eat.” Time magazine covered the event and posted an article

on the bug cuisine in the July 9th issue.



Many craft folks and non-profits, along with the chefs from 25 local restaurants and food businesses lined the center of Broad St between Adams and Monroe. The Historic Jackson Ward Association was one of the supporters of the event and Charles Finley, Marilyn Milio and Roi Boyd manned a table giving away Historic Jackson Ward magnets, pens and brochures. And of course we sold some of our tee shirts.



Attendance was estimated at 7,500 people and many visitors who were not previously aware of the galleries, shops and restaurants downtown were very excited to see the revitalization underway. Tours of some of the condos in Jackson Ward helped bring visitors into our neighborhood; many folks were overheard remarking on the friendliness of the neighborhood.

Broad Appétit demonstrated that it is an event that is here to stay.

(information from Marilyn Milio and post event media kit supplied by echelon event management)

The Ward

The Ward Newsletter is looking for volunteers to write articles about the neighborhood, city events, restaurant reviews, etc. Please contact Marilyn Milio if you would like to be a contributing writer. The next Deadline is November 1, 2008 for the winter issue. Please contact Marilyn at mamilio@comcast.net with your ideas prior to October 15th.



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National Night Out, 2008 in Historic Jackson Ward

Submitted by: Vicki Mollenauer

This year celebrates the 25th Anniversary of "National Night Out" (NNO), a crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). The Jackson Ward community and our City Lights partners are proud to be a part of this national event.

On Tuesday, August 5, 2008, we celebrated National Night Out in Abner Clay Park, and it was a fun event for all who participated. While some neighbors enjoyed horseback riding in the lower field, others danced or displayed their hula-hoop prowess to the tunes of DJ Cox up near the gazebo. Everyone enjoyed



the hamburgers and hot dogs straight off the grill, watermelon, chips and cookies as they reminisced with friends or met new

neighbors. The children enjoyed decorating bags, drawing to their hearts content with sidewalk chalk, participating in the Library program

table activities, blowing bubbles, and playing with punching balls. There was even a duck pond where the children had fun fishing for ducks to win lots of prizes. There were tables of giveaways from HJWA and the police department along with a table from Capital One. The HJWA sold some tees during the evening. We even had a karate demonstration!

One of the highlights of the evening was the Police, Fire, and Rescue brigade complete with flashing lights and a youth marching band. City employees representing the Police, Fire and Richmond Public Schools said a few words about our wonderful neighborhood. To see so many of those individuals who work diligently every day for the safety of our neighborhoods all together mingling and having fun with all of us was a sight to behold.

Many thanks to all who came out to celebrate our neighborhood and the importance of working together to keep it safe; and many thanks also to all those who made the night possible. Without all of the volunteers from Jackson Ward, Capital One, the Richmond Public Library, and ACDC as well as the financial backing of City Lights, this

fun evening would never have materialized.

Each year, our National Night Out celebration here in Historic Jackson Ward gets better and better as neighbors get to know each other and work together. Next year, National Night Out may be moved to October when the weather is cooler. Regardless of the date in 2009, I'm sure Jackson Ward's event will continue to be one of the best celebrations around! Hope to see you there next year!

Make sure you check out the Historic Jackson Ward Association's website, www.hjwa.org to view over 100 pictures from NNO.



Welcome to Chellz Boutique
106 W. Broad St. .
Tues- Sat 10 am-6 pm

SHOP LOCALLY

By: Marilyn Milio

Last holiday season, my husband and I decided to shop locally for all of our holiday presents. We took on this challenge because The Ward ran a holiday advertising piece listing local stores in Jackson Ward and on Broad St. Well folks, the results are in and we did 90% of our shopping in Jackson Ward and on Broad St. We did however make one purchase on Grace St. We walked, saving gas; did not argue about traffic or parking and found the experience pleasant and the shop owners and staff friendly and happy we were shopping their establishment. Gift Certificates, art, scarves, ties, museum art, scented oil, gift baskets, ornaments, shirts and more all purchased within walking distance of 1st. Street. We also were amazed to learn that the following stores have a total of over 300 years of doing business in Jackson Ward— **Moizelles Cleaners 410 N. 1st Street, Dudley Optical 418 N. 1st Street, Shakoors Merchandise 319 N. 2nd Street, Barky's Spirituals 18 E. Broad Street and Waller and Co. Jewelers 19 E. Broad St. Congratulations.** Both Roi and I hope to recreate the same holiday shopping experience this year and challenge our neighbors to enjoy shopping locally too!



FROM THE PRESIDENT **HISTORIC JACKSON WARD ASSOCIATION**

Friends and Neighbors,

The Historic Jackson Ward Association has come a long way in the past three years from being a struggling Community Development Corporation (CDC) attempting to renovate homes on 1st Street to a vibrant civic association that has contributed much to our neighborhood. We were finally successful in completing our Neighborhoods In Bloom projects in 2006 without losing money and embarking on a voyage to include more of our neighbors in the activities of the association. We have been able to secure significant amounts of grant money to assist us with our work from Capital One and Philip Morris, USA.

As we approach a new year for the association and the third year of our City Lights project with Capital One, I am concerned that we are not reaching our potential as an organization. In January we adopted a five-year strategic plan with specific objectives for the revitalization of our neighborhood. We have been asking you to submit ideas for projects that will help us meet our objectives with little success. Some have volunteered to carry out certain activities that will help us meet those objectives and have not followed-through. We do not have paid staff. We are a fully volunteer organization. As with most volunteer organizations, 10 percent of the members do 90 percent of the work. However, if it were not for the generosity of Capital One, we would not have been able to do much of what we do or have done.

A number of our neighbors have stepped-up to play a significant role in the accomplishment of some of those objectives and others have pitched in to help with our activities. To that end, we have established an extensive e-mail tree and Marilyn Milio has taken responsibility for the publication and distribution of this newsletter "The Ward." She and her crew (mainly her husband Leroy) walk the neighborhood to ensure every residence gets a copy. Vicki Mollenauer has done yeoman's work to coordinate our neighborhood clean-ups and our National Night Out (NNO) celebrations. We have a few others who have made a significant contribution: Bob Wheatley and Larry Forrest, who have done all of the cooking at NNO for the past three years; Bob, for his contribution of his famous breakfast biscuits at our cleanups; Steve Hennessy for working in various capacities with Vicki; Board Member Bill McGee and the staff at the Adult Career Development Center(ACDC); the numerous folks who help serve food at NNO; and, finally, our Sector Lieutenant, Lisa Drew, who always sees that we have what we need from the Richmond Police Department. It is always dangerous to start identifying individuals who deserve recognition and if I missed anyone who believes they should have been recognized, I sincerely apologize and hope you will let me know so I can recognize you in future publications.

To get to the point of this epistle, I want to ask a few questions to all who read this: Are you participating and contributing to the revitalization of our neighborhood? If no, what is keeping you from doing so? What can we do to stimulate your interest in being an active participant in the association? At a minimum, we need you to attend our monthly membership meeting so that we can hear your thoughts and have your vote. Most of the time, we have 10-15 members who are eligible to vote attending our meetings to make decisions for our entire neighborhood. More than 100 people receive notices of our meetings and approximately 40-50 members are eligible to vote. If you cannot attend, you may respond to issues via e-mail or through a board member (listed in this newsletter) and your thoughts will be communicated to the membership.

Can we count on you to step up and participate?

Charles Finley, President

The Path Well Traveled

Construction on the Belvidere Street Gateway (between the I-95 bridge and Clay Street) has begun and will continue through December. This project is intended to “improve pedestrian safety in the area and further enhance the appearance of the Belvidere corridor”, and will also “compliment the adjoining VCU campus improvements”. Expect traffic delays, alternate routes are highly recommended. Alternate routes might mean extra cars on the streets of the Jackson Ward and Carver Communities... Be extra careful and pass this message on to friends and family.



SCOPE OF WORK:

- Concrete Paver crosswalks at the intersections of Belvidere Street at Leigh Street and Belvidere Street at Clay Street
- Construct wheelchair ramps at the intersections
- Provide pavement markings at the intersections
- Construct brick sidewalks on both sides of Belvidere Street between Leigh Street and Clay Street
- Place ornamental trees on the median and mulch the designated area
- Repair and maintain the existing concrete sidewalk on Belvidere Street between the I-95 bridge and the Leigh Street intersection

(Thanks to Carver– Jackson Ward site for the above information. Check out the website www.cjwn.net)

Please remember that as a citizen of the City of Richmond you have the right to a safe environment. To report unsafe construction site conditions, or work being done without the proper permits, contact the Permits and Inspections Office at (804) 646-6955. **Lets also remember to give thanks and praise for jobs well done.**



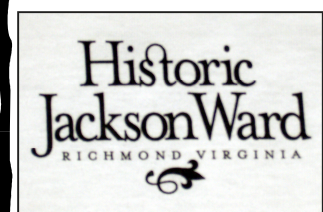
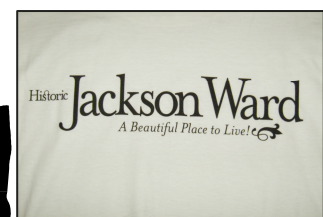
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Lt. Lisa Drew
Sector 413

Sector 413

Hello and thanks again to all of you for your continued assistance and support in Sector 413!! Because of you – we are continuing to see crime decrease and we are very appreciative!!

In the 2nd Quarter of 2008 we had a 44% decrease in violent crime and an 8% decrease in property crime. I attribute this success to the hard work of the men and women who patrol Sector 413 as well as the great partnerships within the community – Thank You!!

In July we had a 25% decrease in property crime but we had an increase in violent crime, 10 violent crimes in July 2007 and 11 in July 2008. 7 of the 11 violent crimes were robberies so we began an initiative on August 15th to address this problem. All but one of the robberies occurred between 10pm and 3am so please be careful if you are out and about during these hours and please call us if you see anything suspicious!!

Crime Watch Tips

Because we are experiencing a problem with robberies in our Sector – I am using the same crime tips that I used in my last letter. Please read them and pass them on to your family and friends.

On Foot:

- Choose busy streets and avoid going through vacant lots, alleys, or other deserted areas.
- Try not to walk or jog alone. Take neighbors and friends along for company.
- Get to know the neighborhoods and neighbors where you live and work.
- Carry your purse close to your body, and keep a firm grip on it.

If you are attacked:

- Do not panic
- Consider screaming, making noise, and shouting. This may startle the attacker and enable you to break his hold.

Not all criminals carry weapons, but many do. If confronted by a weapon:

- Remain calm, avoid sudden moves.
- Avoid arguing and be cooperative.
- Follow your instincts. Each situation is unique.

Phone the Police immediately!!!

- Remember description: height, weight, age, race, clothing, and car.

Train your Brain – Have a plan. You must train your brain how to react in an attack situation, otherwise you may draw a blank and resort to panic. You cannot help yourself if you are not thinking clearly. Do not wait until something happens before you decide how you are going to deal with a situation. Everyone's plan will be different because everyone has different capabilities and limitations. Remember that your plan may have to be modified depending on the situation.

Good News

We recently completed Sector Training for 413 Officers and Supervisors. We have set a goal to reduce crime in our Sector by 18% in the 3rd Quarter (28% reduction in violent crime and 17% reduction in property crime.) We will not be able to do this without your help so please call us if you see anything suspicious!



**JACKSON WARD
LANDMARK WILL BE
RENOVATED TO
PROVIDE
SENIOR HOUSING**

By: 2ND DISTRICT
COUNCILMAN
BILL PANTELE

The City of Richmond, in partnership with developers Hanson Company LLC and Alexander and Alexander, announced last month that the historic Jackson Ward landmark at 21 East Leigh Street is being renovated and turned into an independent living residential complex for Jackson Ward senior citizens who wish to continue living in the neighborhood.

The history of this property dates back to the 1800's, with more than a century of use as a public education facility. The main building at 21 East Leigh Street was one of the first three public schools built by the city and opened in 1872 as Leigh School. In the twentieth century, it became Armstrong High School (1909), Booker T. Washington Elementary School (1922), and finally Benjamin Graves Junior High School (1956). The city purchased the property in the 1970's and leased it to the Richmond Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc. until it was vacated in 2003.

The abandoned property continued to deteriorate until 2006, when the city sold it to the Hanson Company and Alexander and Alexander. The developers unveiled their plan for the property at a renovation kick-off ceremony on July 11. They will invest about \$4 million to develop B.T. Washington Plaza, named after the elementary

school that previously occupied the property. The finished project will include 20 one-bedroom apartments and 8 two-bedroom apartments that will be leased to senior citizens living in Jackson Ward.

Redevelopment of this historic site is a significant achievement for Jackson Ward. The restoration of this abandoned building will transform the immediate area by preserving a Richmond landmark while giving seniors another residential independent living option. Construction of the B.T. Washington Plaza apartments will allow long time residents of Jackson Ward who are no longer able to own their own homes to continue to reside in the neighborhood.

Developers Kelvin Hanson and Alex Alexander are to be commended for their dedication to the Jackson Ward community and their willingness to invest in this historic property. It was great to see a number of Jackson Ward residents at the kick-off ceremony, including Historic Jackson Ward Association President Charles Finley and Neverette Eggleston, Jr., a former Booker T. Washington Elementary student.

The Booker T. Washington Plaza project is a prime example of the positive results that can be accomplished when the city government works together with private investors, community leaders, and residents to improve old and historic neighborhoods. I look forward to continuing to work with everyone in Jackson Ward to make the neighborhood even better in the years to come !

Council President Bill Pantele can be contacted at Bill.pantele@richmondgov.com or 804-646-6531.

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HJWA General Membership

Meetings – Open to all
533 Club Corner of 3rd and Jackson
6 pm - Always the 3rd Tuesday of the
Month

September 16th

October 21st

November 18th

First Fridays Artwalk

Monthly Event Broad Street,
Jackson Ward, Monroe Ward
Sept. 5, Oct 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5
www.firstfridaysrichmond.com

LEWIS GINTER BOTANICAL GARDEN FALL PLANT SALE

Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.,

Sept. 20, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

1800 Lakeside Ave.

THE STATE FAIR OF VIRGINIA will
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Complex, from **September 25-October
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WHY DON'T YOU ROCK MY SOUL: A CELEBRATION OF VIRGINIA MUSIC

Thursday, September 25, 2008

The Library of Virginia, 800 E. Broad St.,
Richmond 7PM - One Voice Chorus
Ensemble, Pre-concert reception – hors
d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic
beverages at 6PM. Free Parking at
The Library of Virginia. Tickets
\$10.00 Call LVA at 804-692-3900
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2nd STREET FESTIVAL

Friday, Oct. 3 6 - 9 p.m.

Saturday, Oct 4 noon – 10 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 5 1 - 5 p.m.

Each year approximately 45,000 people
come to Richmond's historic Jackson
Ward to hear live music on four stages,
enjoy children's activities, taste delicious
food, shop in the marketplace, dance in
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THE 2008 ITALIAN STREET

**FESTIVAL Saturday Oct 4 11am – 8
pm & Sunday Oct 11am -6pm**

25th St. & Broad St, Churchill

The mission of the Richmond Italian
Street Festival is to promote the Italian
culture to Central Virginia; to unify the
Italian Community and provide an enter-
tainment/cultural venue that is beneficial
to all involved.

RICHMOND FOLK FESTIVAL

Friday - Sunday, Oct. 10-12

Downtown Richmond's Riverfront from
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www.richmondfolkfestival.org.

RICHMOND HIGHLAND GAMES & CELTIC FESTIVAL, Oct. 25 & Oct

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Games & Celtic Festival features two
days of 'Music. Food. Large Men Throw-
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Championship, along with Dance, Fiddle
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Societies, pipe bands, living history
encampments, Dogs of the British Isles
Parade, and genealogical information.
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with over 60 authentic vendors and
authentic food and drink. Dogs are wel-
come (Proof of current rabies vaccina-
tion is required.)

www.richmondceltic.com

PERMANENT COLLECTION

By Thomas Gibbons,

Nov. 7, 8, 14, 15 8 pm

Nov 9 & 16 4 pm

presented by VUU University Players,
directed by Roi Boyd -

Belgian Theatre

1500 Lombardy St

HOLIDAY SHOPPERS FAIR

Library of Virginia

800 E. Broad St

Friday, Nov 7 & Saturday, Nov 8

9:00 AM-5:00 PM

FREE EVENT

14th Annual Holiday Shoppers Fair,
which brings together Richmond's
eclectic museum shops and offers a
one-stop experience for shopping
before the holiday season. Limited,
free parking for this event in the
Library's underground deck, which is
accessible from either Eighth or Ninth
streets.

BRINGING OUT THE BEST— BEETHOVEN, BRAHMS & BURLEIGH

One Voice Chorus

Saturday, November 15 7PM -

Greater Richmond Convention Cen-
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Choral Fantasy with chorus orchestra
and solo pianist. Special guest artist
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ticket information

GARDENFEST OF LIGHTS

GRAND ILLUMINATION: Friday,
Nov 28 at 5:30 p.m. •GardenFest for
Fidos: Thursday, Jan 8

Friday, Nov 28, 2008 – Monday, Jan
12, 2009 Nightly 5 – 10 p.m. (except
December 24, 25, and January 1).

Dress for the weather. Ticketed
Event . A holiday tradition! The show
features more than a half million lights
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Garden,
1800 Lakeside Ave.

The Historic
Jackson Ward
Association



Service to Law Enforcement Award

Congratulations HJWA President Charles Finley on receiving the 2008 Service to Law Enforcement Award. Lt. Lisa Drew said in nominating him, "Mr. Charles Finley and the Historic Jackson Ward Association are to be congratulated for their outstanding efforts in making their neighborhood and The City of Richmond a better place to live and work. Mr. Charles Finley and The Historic Jackson Ward Association promote citizen and Police partnerships and make our jobs in Sector 413 much easier. The entire association has been wonderful to work with. Due to the leadership of Mr. Charles Finley – The Historic Jackson Ward Association continues to make their neighborhood and The City of Richmond a better place to both live and work. Their dedication to The Richmond Police Department and assistance in making this City safer should not go unnoticed." This is a wonderful recognition and kudos to HJWA President, Mr. Charles Finley.



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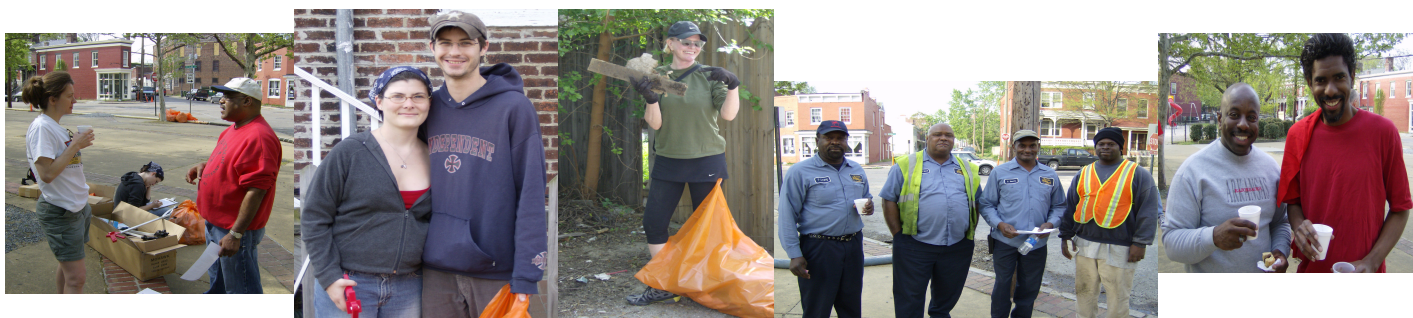
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Clean-Up Day Coming in October

By: Vicki Mollenauer

Come join us for our next Historic Jackson Ward Clean-Up Day to be held on Saturday, October 11, 2008. We will meet in Abner Clay Park at the corner of Brook Rd. and Clay St. at 8:00 am ready to pick up trash from the sidewalks, streets and alleys of our neighborhood. We'll start with coffee and light refreshments, and water will be provided throughout the event which usually ends by about 11:30 am. If you already have a red Clean-Up Day t-shirt, please wear it, and if you are new to this event, we will have a free t-shirt to give you. Picker-uppers and gloves will be provided if you need them, but if you already have your own, please bring them along. Clean-Up Days are scheduled each April and October, and are always lots of fun.

The Historic Jackson Ward Association

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Dedicated to the development and preservation of our neighborhood

Newsletter Published Quarterly
Editor - Marilyn Milio

Do you have a story you would like to put in the newsletter?
Do you want your business advertised in The Ward?

Deadlines for Winter 2008 Issue:

Articles November 1, 2008

Ads November 1, 2008

Contact Marilyn at 643-1680 for more information

We accept inserts from Non Profit Organizations. Please supply the inserts. 1000 Newsletters distributed. Call Marilyn for more details.

Have some exciting news that you would like to share with your neighbors?
Interested in submitting an article for publication consideration? Send the details to mamilio@comcast.net subject line, The Ward.

HJWA Board Members

Charles Finley, President

Leighton Powell, Vice President

Demmie Murray, Secretary

Cassandra Blakeney, Board Member

Tripp Longest, Board Member

William McGee, Board Member

Marilyn Milio, Board Member

Julius Richardson, Board Member

Board Vacancies Exist

Contact any Board Member if interested

Thank you to Capital One for financial assistance with *The Ward*.

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 (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](http://www.ywca.org) Women's Advocacy Program, call (804) 643-0888. The [National Domestic Violence](http://www.nationaldomesticviolence.org) 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

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