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.richmonadv.gov 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
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 ensure 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

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 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!

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!!!
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 nonprofits, 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)
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.
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 Leroi) 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. Let’s also remember to give thanks and praise for jobs well done.
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. Your 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!*
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.
Look What’s Happening in our Town
Check out www.hjwa.org to keep current on city events, community meetings and City news

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 be held at the Richmond Raceway Complex, from September 25-October 5, 2008. Music, Games, Rides, Food and More! For more information contact 804-569-3200 or visit www.statefair.com/2008. 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 to purchase tickets 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 the streets and renew old friendships. Free admission. For more information call (804) 788-6466 or visit www.venturerichmond.com.

THE 2008 ITALIAN STREET FESTIVAL Saturday Oct 4 11am – 8 pm & Sunday Oct 11am - 6 pm 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 entertainment/cultural venue that is beneficial to all involved. RICHMOND FOLK FESTIVAL Friday - Sunday, Oct. 10-12 Downtown Richmond’s Riverfront from 2nd to 7th Streets, including Brown’s Island and historic Tredegar. The free event embraces the heritage and traditions of Americans. Legendary masters and the next generation of dynamic young artists will celebrate the musical soul and cultural roots of America on many stages of continuous music and dance. World-class artisans, countless varieties of ethnic foods and a Family Area produced by the Children’s Museum of Richmond ensures there is something for every taste and every age. For more information call (804) 788-6466 or visit www.richmondfolkfestival.org. RICHMOND HIGHLAND GAMES & CELTIC FESTIVAL, Oct. 25 & Oct 26th Richmond Raceway Complex. The Thirteenth Annual Richmond Highland Games & Celtic Festival features two days of ‘Music. Food. Large Men Throwing Stuff.’ Competition abounds with the best athletes from around the world in the North American Highland Games Championship, along with Dance, Fiddle and Harp Competitions. Celebrate Celtic heritage with a Parade of Clans and Societies, pipe bands, living history encampments, Dogs of the British Isles Parade, and genealogical information. Enjoy traditional music and Celtic rock on two entertainment stages, shopping with over 60 authentic vendors and authentic food and drink. Dogs are welcome (Proof of current rabies vaccination 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 & BURLIEGH One Voice Chorus Saturday, November 15 7 PM - Greater Richmond Convention Center, 403 N. 3rd St. Richmond. Concert will feature Beethoven’s Choral Fantasy with chorus orchestra and solo pianist. Special guest artist is world class concert pianist Awadagin Pratt. www.onevoicechorus.org for 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 arranged in botanical themes throughout Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, 1800 Lakeside Ave.
**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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**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.
Dedicated to the development and preservation of our neighborhood

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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.

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 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