

The Ward Historic Jackson Ward Association

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P e t i t i o n f o r R e s t r i c t e d P a r k i n g i n H i s t o r i c J a c k s o n W a r d

Dear Jackson Ward Resident, Property Owner or Business Owner,

The Historic Jackson Ward Association is planning to petition the City of Richmond to create a Restricted Parking District in Jackson Ward. City code allows neighborhood associations to ask that this district be created.

The final decision on this matter is left to you, the Residents and Property Owners to determine if you want to be included in the

mit that will enable you to park in the restricted zones for an unlimited period of time. The specifics of the restrictions approved by the Historic Jackson Ward Association are listed on page seven. Please note that the district will be created by City Council, which can make minor changes to the ordinance to comply with the City Code.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email the Project Coordinator John Meara – at john@meara.org.

NOTE: The proposal is modeled after the Fan District and Carver District Restricted Parking ordinances currently in effect. The full text of the Fan District ordinance is located **on the City's website at** <http://www.richmondgov.com/Parking/FanDistrict.aspx>; the Carver District ordinance is available at <http://www.richmondgov.com/Parking/CarverDistrict.aspx>

- John Meara, Board Member

district.

Your signature indicates your agreement with the creation of a Jackson Ward Restricted Parking District and your desire for your block to be included in the District. If a majority of residents on your block face approve this proposal, your block face will be included in the proposed Residential Restricted Parking District. Ten contiguous blocks are required for inclusion. If the submitted request is adopted by City Council, the City will install Restricted Permit Parking signs on those streets that have approved the petition and asked to be included.

When this occurs, you will be able to purchase, for a nominal fee, a residential parking per-



Typical Daytime Parking on East Clay Street

The Icon on Leigh Street

After years of lying in wait, the Leigh Street Armory seems poised for a new life. The Black History Museum and Cultural Center (BHMCC) is intent on returning to the Armory; its home until a fire **destroyed the structure in the 1970's.**

Currently owned by the City, the Armory was built in 1895 for the all Black First Virginia Volunteer militia and was the first of only three such buildings constructed in America. The Armory has served as a social club, USO center for during WWII, and a public school; establishing its significance within the Jackson Ward and larger African-American community. This significance has led to multiple development plans, which did not incorporate **Jackson Ward's rich history, being nixed.**



The Leigh Street Armory, 122 West Leigh Street

The BHMCC's move will not be easy. The

Armory needs a complete restoration and the Museum plans on adding to the current structure. The final product will be 15,000-16,000 square feet. The Museum is in the early stages of a fundraising campaign led by Stacy Burrs, the President of their Board of Trustees. Mr. Burrs is no stranger to project management; he served on management team for the Virginia Performing Arts Foundation or Center Stage. Additionally, Mr. Burrs commissioned a Capital Campaign Feasibility **Study by the international fundraising consulting company, CCS. After "purging" the community, CCS gave Mr. Burrs and his fellow Trustees the green light to move forward.** The current plans call for an opening date for the Museum on Leigh Street some time in 2014. Just in time for the sesquicentennial of the end of the Civil War and Emancipation.

The BHMCC had been discussing the possibility of moving to the Armory for some time. According to Mr. Burrs, however, it was not until 2 years ago that the configuration of the Board of Trustees became conducive to moving forward. Mr. Burrs **stated the discussion arose in 2006 and "conceptually it seemed ok but it did not fit into the plan of the organization at that time."**

When asked if the Armory was picked because of its historical significance Mr. Burrs responded, "Absolutely... the Armory is a powerfully significant, iconic building... one of the most, if not the most historically significant buildings of the African American experience in Richmond." It was hard to not feel Mr. Burrs felt personally responsible for the Armory's revitalization.

Undoubtedly, the BHMCC's interest in the Armory is a step in right direction for the continued revitalization in Jackson Ward. The Museum's move may serve as a catalyst for future projects in the area. Mr. Burrs predicts the Armory's renewal will "put other Jackson Ward properties in play." Another notable project that will coincide with the Armory is the proposed renovation of Abney Clay Park. As a Jackson Ward resident, having passed the Armory nearly every day for the past 7 years, I applaud the BHMCC's decision to move. I look forward to the day I will be able to take my son for a game of catch in Abner Clay Park and then marvel at the exhibits held inside the castle at 122 W Leigh Street.

- Jay Beckstoffer

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Friends and Neighbors:

The winter and Christmas seasons are rapidly approaching. I hope you have had a great Fall and if you had one, your favorite football team was successful. As we move into the new season, we will continue to alert you to events happening in the neighborhood and to have you participate in those events. Unfortunately there are just a few of us who regularly attend meetings such as the Mayor's Participation and Communications Team (MPACT) where I serve as co-chair for Sector 413, 2nd District Meetings held by Councilman Charles Samuels, and even neighborhood association meetings. All too often, decisions affecting our entire neighborhood are made by 10-15 people. That should not be the case. Please try to attend our meetings although they may not be held at a convenient time. If you would like to see us meet at a more convenient time and place, please let us know by sending an e-mail to us at historicjacksonwardassociation@gmail.com and if there is sufficient interest, we will see if we can agree on something that meets the majority of residents' wishes. It was amazing to us that we distributed an e-mail (Internet) survey some time ago and of the many residents in our e-mail distribution list, only 28 people responded. We may try it again sometime. Remember, both homeowners and renters are eligible to participate in the association's activities. Right now, dues are only \$10.00 per year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make our National Night Out event at Abner Clay Park back in August a success including our friends at Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church, Ebenezer Baptist Church, the Delta Epsilon Mu Pre-Med Fraternity from VCU, and the Richmond Police Department. I'd like to give a special thanks to Lt. Hamlet Hood who attended every planning committee meeting and made sure things we needed were taken care of (street closings, parade escort, etc.). Our friends from the Richmond Public Library, the Black History Museum and Cultural Center, the Adult Career Development Center, the Department of Social Services, the VCU Police Department, and the Maggie Walker Historic Site were all on hand to make our event a success. Mayor Dwight Jones chose to launch his motorcade from our event which he called a model of cooperation for neighborhood events.

Many people ask who Abner Clay was. Mr. Clay's daughter, Joyce Clay Dennis, provided me some information which I will post on our web site but, in short, Mr. Clay was a prominent business and civic leader in Jackson Ward for more than 50 years until his death in 1978. Mr. Clay and his wife, Margaret lived at 418 W. Clay St. approximately 35 years and helped organize the Central Improvement Association (a precursor of our current organization) in 1964 "dedicated to the idea that our neighborhood can be kept as a desirable place for us to live and can be made more attractive." Again, we will post more information and a couple of relevant newspaper articles from the 1980's on our website soon.

Finally, we have had an uptick in crime lately. Please be vigilant and don't hesitate to call the police if you see anything suspicious. You can call the non-emergency number (804-646-5100) or, of course, 911 if there is an emergency. Be safe!

- Charles Finley, President

The Historic Jackson Ward Association

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Association Meetings
Every 3rd Tuesday at 6pm
Club 533
3rd Street and Jackson Street
Richmond VA

LOCAL BUSINESS REVIEW
TENAJ HOME CARE

Business Feature: Each Newsletter we like to feature businesses in Jackson Ward. This month we are featuring two Day Care Programs that are owned and operated by residents of Jackson Ward. One is an In-Home Day Care and one is Center Based.

Determining what type of child care your family needs can take time and research; looking at the age and needs of your child and at things such as lifestyle, budget and location. Families have to look at the hours they need and whether they need full or part-time care. All families want what is best for their children and will want to know if the child care provider is licensed, talk to references, know the policies and interview the provider.



Tenaj Home Care 513 North, 1st Street

I interviewed two Day Care Providers, Janet Armstead who provides in-home care through Tenaj Home Care and Melissa Terranova who provides center based care through a A Blooming Child, Petite Academy.

IN HOME CHILD CARE: TENAJ HOME CARE

513 North 1st Street, 23219

804-644-4555

Janet, why did you decide to open a child care center? About 10 years ago, I was recovering from surgery and my niece needed child care for her infant. I said I would do it until I returned to work. I liked it so much that I decided to start my own business to help others who needed a sitter. I love working with the children. They call me Nana.

How are you licensed? I am licensed through the Virginia Department of Social Services.

What ages of children do you provide care for and what are your hours? Most of the children are from 6 weeks old to 3 years. I also have older children during the summer or after school. My hours are flexible but most come from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Some children come from 3-11, depending on their ages.

Do you provide lunch and snacks? Yes .

What types of activities do you provide for the children? I like to provide a family/neighborhood type of feeling for the children. We do indoor and outdoor activities. Outside play we may have a marching band, play in the sprinkler, plant things, go to the playground or eat out. The neighbors love the marching band. I like to teach manners and how to act when they are with others; the things that the parents want them to learn. I also teach them about colors, numbers, alphabet and about the seasons and the weather. I try to do it so they are having fun and being involved while they learn.

Janet Armstead is a member of the Jackson Ward Association, an active member of Sixth Mount Zion Church and the coordinator of 7 Eyes Neighborhood Watch.

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LOCAL BUSINESS REVIEW A BLOOMING CHILD DAY CARE

CENTER BASED CARE: A BLOOMING CHILD, PETITE ACADEMY

300 West Clay Street, 23220

804-344-0072

Melissa, why did you decide to open a child care center? My husband and I moved to Richmond and fell in love with Jackson Ward. I have a Masters in Early Childhood Special Education and when I lived in New York I worked in my mother-in law's day care center. I always thought I would open a child care center. After our first child was born, I began providing day care in my home. A Blooming Child is an extension of my in-home day care program.

How are you licensed? I am licensed through the Virginia Department of Social Services.

What ages of children do you provide care for and what are your hours? Children are from 6 weeks to age 7. The center is divided with the infants in one area. Our hours are 7:30a.m. -6 p.m.

Do you provide lunch and snacks? Parents bring food for their child as there are different dietary needs for the children.

What types of activities do you provide for the children? We go outside once or twice a day, depending on the weather. There is a playground across the street. Inside we have story time, art projects, creative movement, yoga, music time and cooking and science projects. They have fun with numbers, seasons, letters and things pre-schoolers are learning. We are a small center and we have a lot of interaction with the children and their parents.

Melissa Terranova and her husband are members of the Jackson Ward Association and enjoy participating in the Clean-Up Days.

If you would like your Jackson Ward Business to be featured please e-mail Sharon Richardson at srichardson@c2adopt.org

-Sharon Richardson



A Blooming Child, 300 West Clay

F e r a l C a t C o n t r o l



Many of you have seen an increase in the number of cats in Jackson Ward. Many are feral cats, cats that are wild and are not anyone's pets. The Jackson Ward Association has purchased two cat traps that can be used to trap the cats so they can be taken to the SPCA to be neutered and then returned to where they were captured. Many don't want the cats returned, but that is how the program works. Once the cats are neutered they cannot reproduce so in the long run it will cut down the number of feral cats in our area.

If you have feral cats in your yard and would like them trapped you can borrow the traps or call Sharon Richardson at 356-3836. Sharon Richardson is an HJWA member who will assist you in trapping or will trap the cats for you and take them to the SPCA, as time permits.

H I S T O R I C R I C H M O N D F O U N D A T I O N



Historic Richmond Foundation will be introducing its latest publication, *The Church Hill Old & Historic Districts*. HRF partnered with Jack Zehmer, noted historic preservationist, to capture the architectural history of the existing old and historic districts of Church Hill, **St. John's Church, Chimborazo Park, Church Hill North and Shockoe Valley**. From time to time, Zehmer weaves ownership history in the block by block text. The interesting tidbits of information give the reader insight into the people that created these distinctive neighborhoods. Richard Cheek, a phenomenal photographer, highlights the beauty of the architectural details of the building stock with his color photography that nearly jumps off the pages.

The Church Hill Old & Historic Districts is a fascinating study of when the neighborhoods developed, why they evolved and who the stakeholders were. The Chimborazo Park District features the park with sweeping views of the river that was created in 1874 by the City. It was the site of Chimborazo Hospital, the largest Confederate Hospital. Church Hill North has a wonderful varied collection of Greek Revival, Queen Anne, Gothic Revival and Colonial Revival homes. By the time of the Civil War, Church Hill North was one of **Richmond's largest middle-class neighborhoods**. The development of this district contrasts with the grand and imposing **homes of its neighboring district, St. John's Church**. Shockoe Valley is known for its massive commercial buildings since it was an important commercial center in the 18th and 19th century. But it also has notable significant homes dating back to 1784 when it was a residential area.

HRF was fortunate to have Jack Zehmer's expertise and passion along with Richard Cheek's spectacular color photos to tell the stories of the people and the buildings in **Richmond's oldest neighborhoods**. *The Church Hill Old & Historic Districts* will be available for purchase in October, 2011 for \$39.99 + tax. If you would like an addition, please contact 804.643.7404 or check our blog for more book details at www.historicrichmond.com.



P A R K I N G R E S T R I C T I O N S O U T L I N E

Background: The primary reason for the establishment of a Jackson Ward Restricted Parking District is to allow Jackson ward residents and patrons of Jackson Ward businesses to have adequate and convenient parking in our neighborhood. This district would also discourage the use of Jackson Ward as a satellite parking area for workers in Downtown Richmond (e.g. at MCV, J. Sargent Reynolds Community College, etc.) who park all day in the Jackson Ward neighborhood then walk or bus to work to avoid paying for parking closer to work. The agreed-upon guidelines are flexible enough that they should not discourage restaurant patrons, shoppers, and visitors from frequenting the Jackson Ward neighborhood.

THE HISTORIC JACKSON WARD ASSOCIATION VOTED ON AND APPROVED THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES FOR A JACKSON WARD RESTRICTED PARKING DISTRICT:

- * There will be two-hour parking limit on designated blocks.
- * Parking restrictions apply Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM. (Like in the Fan and Carver, this means that evening visitors and guests without a permit can park starting at 8:00 PM without fear of being ticketed. Overnight visitors and guests without a permit can park unticketed until 9:00 AM the following morning.)
- * Restrictions do not apply on weekends.
- * Residents and their guests with a Jackson Ward District Restricted Parking Decal, Visitors Pass, or Courtesy Permit are not subject to any restrictions.
- * **A resident's block face will be included in the Jackson Ward Restricted Parking District only if a majority of the households in his/her block face approves the petition and requests inclusion in the District.**

THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF PARKING PERMITS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO EACH HOUSEHOLD:

Jackson Ward Parking Permit:

- ◆ Allows unlimited parking in Restricted Parking District
- ◆ Limited to three per household
- ◆ Permit Fee for each is \$25 per year
- ◆ Expires each year on December 31

Jackson Ward Courtesy Permit:

- ◆ Expires 10 days from date of issuance, i.e., is a short-stay, single-use option
- ◆ Courtesy Permit Fee is \$10 each
- ◆ Can be purchased by anyone with a valid Jackson Ward Parking Permit

Jackson Ward Visitor's Pass:

- ◆ Visitor's Pass Fee is \$35 each and is non-replaceable
- ◆ Limited to two per household
- ◆ Expires at the same time as the Restricted Parking Permit (December 31)
- ◆ Can be purchased by a resident property owner with an annual Parking Permit, but must be purchased at the same time



RESTRICTED PARKING PETITION

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Address of household (include unit number if applicable) _____

Number of Household Vehicles _____

Residential Type (single family, multi-family, apartment complex) _____

Number of Units if Applicable _____

Check the Applicable box: Own Lease

Witnessed By: _____

Printed name _____ Phone Number _____

The following data is for City Administrative Code data analysis purposes only:

Block ID Code _____ Block Face Code _____ Parcel Number _____

Complete and mail petition to - HJWA Parking P.O. Box 26137, Richmond VA 23260

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THE HIPPODROME!!

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres , Cash Bar
DJ entertainment



December 12, 2011

5:30pm to 8:00pm

528N. 2nd Street

Free for members and a guest.

**Non-members can Sign Up for membership
\$10.00 at the door.**

***Adults Only**